

HOUSE BILL NO. 1426

Introduced by

Representatives Thoreson, Carlson, DeKrey, Horter

Senators Erbele, Seymour

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 40-01-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to publication of city government proceedings.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 40-01-09.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **40-01-09.1. Publication of city government proceedings - Electorate to decide.**

7 ~~Beginning with the 1996 biennial municipal elections, and every~~ Every four years thereafter, all
8 cities in ~~North Dakota~~ this state, regardless of their form of government, must put on the ballot
9 the question of whether the minutes of ~~its~~ the governing body shall of the city are required to be
10 published in its the city's official newspaper. The governing body may place a statement on the
11 ballot indicating the cost of publishing the minutes to the governing body. If voters approve
12 publication, the governing body shall, within seven days after each of its meetings, give its
13 official newspaper, for publication, the complete minutes, or a complete summary showing the
14 substantive actions taken at the meeting.

15 Roll call votes must be published, but may be indicated as "unanimous" where
16 appropriate. A list of the individual checks written by the city and approved by the governing
17 body, showing the payee and the amount of each check, must be either published, or the
18 itemized list of obligations approved for payment must be posted for a period of at least twelve
19 months on an internet web site designated by the city and the published minutes must identify
20 the web site address at which the list may be viewed and must state that the list is also
21 available in printed form upon request. However, employee salary checks need not be
22 published if the governing body elects to publish an annual salary schedule for each employee.
23 When applicable, these minutes may be labeled as being published subject to the governing

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- 1 body's review and revision. The minutes ~~shall~~ must continue to be published until disapproved
- 2 at a succeeding quadrennial election.