

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1080
(Education Committee)
(At the request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 54-24.4-01 and 54-24.4-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the North Dakota library coordinating council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.4-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.4-01. North Dakota library coordinating council - Members - Term. The North Dakota library coordinating council consists of eleven members. The president of the North Dakota library association is an ex officio, voting member of the council. The state librarian is an ex officio nonvoting member of the council. The governor shall appoint nine members to the council, one of whom must represent special libraries, one of whom must represent public higher education institution libraries, one of whom must represent private higher education institution libraries, one of whom must represent school libraries, two of whom must represent public libraries, one of whom must represent disabled, economically disadvantaged, and minority populations, and two citizens at large. All appointed members, except citizens at large, must be practicing librarians. The governor shall take into account reasonable geographic considerations when appointing members of the council. The term of each member is three years. If at any time during a member's term, the member ceases to possess the qualifications required by this section, the member's office is deemed vacant and the governor shall appoint a qualified representative to complete the term of office. No member may be appointed to serve more than two consecutive three-year terms.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 54-24.4-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-24.4-05. North Dakota library coordinating council - Duties. The North Dakota library coordinating council shall:

1. Assist in planning, coordinating, and evaluating the services and programs of libraries in the state.
2. Serve as the state advisory council on libraries as required by Public Law No. 101-254.
3. Approve the distribution of grants to libraries, except for grants distributed under chapter 54-24.2.
4. Facilitate the development of a comprehensive statewide ~~electronic data base~~ online library catalog, ~~generate~~ promote statewide resource sharing, and encourage electronic networking among all types of libraries.
5. ~~Strengthen and support~~ the state library in its role of coordinating ~~the extension and improvement of~~ and enriching library services ~~service~~ in the state.
6. ~~Strengthen and support regional library cooperatives in~~ Support and strengthen library cooperative ventures, including consortia, regional associations, and partnerships, in their role of extending and improving library services in the state.

7. ~~Inform the public and governing bodies of the goals and objectives of the council and of the role of libraries in assuring equitable access to information technology and basic library services.~~ Promote equitable access to information resources and library services to persons throughout the state.
8. ~~Support literacy projects for all ages.~~ Promote the services of libraries and librarians.
9. ~~Facilitate the coordination of statewide library services.~~
10. Take action necessary to carry out chapter 54-24.3 and this chapter.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1080.

House Vote: Yeas 82 Nays 6 Absent 6

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State