

SENATE BILL NO. 2349

Introduced by

Senator O'Connell

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-01 of the North Dakota~~
2 ~~Century Code, relating to verification of eligibility of voters.~~ for an Act to provide for a legislative
3 management study of election laws, campaign contribution and expenditure reporting
4 requirements, and reporting of legislative travel and financial interests.

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

6 ~~— **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 16.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~
7 ~~and enacted as follows:~~

8 ~~— **Verification of voter upon filing of written complaint.**~~

9 ~~— Upon receipt of a written complaint alleging an individual has violated subsection 3, 4, or 7~~
10 ~~of section 16.1-01-12, a county auditor or the chief election officer in any local election shall~~
11 ~~investigate the complaint by attempting to obtain satisfactory proof of the individual's eligibility to~~
12 ~~vote in that election. Notwithstanding subsection 4 of section 16.1-02-05, the county auditor or~~
13 ~~other election officer shall determine the residence of the individual for voting purposes by~~
14 ~~personally contacting the individual at the address listed by the individual and verifying the~~
15 ~~individual's eligibility to vote. If the investigation of the county auditor or other election officer~~
16 ~~reveals that the individual resides at any address other than that provided to the election board~~
17 ~~by the individual, the county auditor or other election official shall refer the matter to the state's~~
18 ~~attorney for further investigation to determine if the individual has committed a violation of~~
19 ~~subsection 3, 4, or 7 of section 16.1-01-12 or any other provision of law. A state's attorney~~
20 ~~receiving a referral under this section shall perform the requested investigation and provide a~~
21 ~~written report to the county auditor or other election officer within ninety days which summarizes~~
22 ~~the findings of the investigation and any action taken as a result of the investigation.~~

23 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ELECTION LAWS, CAMPAIGN**
24 **CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES, TRAVEL REPORTING, AND STATEMENTS OF**

1 **INTERESTS.** During the 2011-12 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying
2 election laws, campaign contribution and expenditure reporting requirements, and reporting of
3 legislative travel and financial interests. The legislative management shall report its findings and
4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
5 the sixty-third legislative assembly.