

SENATE BILL NO. 2116

Introduced by

Agriculture Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-29-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to membership of the state board of veterinary medical examiners.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-29-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **43-29-02. State board of veterinary medical examiners - Appointments - Qualifications**
7 **- Terms - Vacancies.**

8 The state board of veterinary medical examiners consists of ~~three~~five members, including
9 three veterinarians, one veterinary technician, and one public member, appointed by the
10 governor for terms of ~~three~~five years each, with their terms of office so arranged that one term,
11 and only one, expires each year, except that the terms of the first appointees may be for shorter
12 periods to permit a staggering of terms. Members of the board shall hold their respective offices
13 until their successors are appointed and qualified. Each veterinarian member must be a
14 reputable, practicing, and licensed veterinarian in North Dakota for five years immediately prior
15 to the appointment, ~~and must be the holder of a diploma or degree granted by a veterinary~~
16 ~~school, or by a college or university recognized by the board.~~ The veterinary technician member
17 must be a reputable, practicing, and licensed veterinary technician in North Dakota for five
18 years immediately prior to the appointment. The public member must be a resident of North
19 Dakota for five years immediately prior to the appointment, and may not be, nor ever have
20 been, a veterinarian, veterinary technician, or the spouse of a veterinarian or veterinary
21 technician, or a person who has ever had any material financial interest in the provision of
22 veterinary services or who has engaged in any activity directly related to the veterinary
23 profession.

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- 1 If any vacancy occurs on the board due to resignation, death, removal from the state, or
- 2 suspension as herein provided, or for any other reason, the governor shall fill such vacancy.
- 3 The governor may, after due notice and hearing, remove any member of the board of
- 4 veterinary examiners for misconduct, incapacity, or neglect of duty.