

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE BILL NO. 2178
(Senators Lee, Dwyer, Hogue)
(Representatives M. Johnson, Klemin, Roers Jones)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 12-48.1-02 and section 12-59-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to eligibility for release programs and parole board compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 12-48.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. The director of the department may authorize participation in outside programs for an offender who has ten years or less remaining on a sentence and has been committed ~~to ten years or less~~ to the legal and physical custody of the department. The parole board, with the approval of the director of the department, may authorize participation in outside programs for offenders who have more than ten years remaining on a sentence and have been committed to the legal and physical custody of the department ~~for more than ten years~~.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 12-59-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12-59-02. Meetings - Compensation - Rules.

The governor shall appoint a member of the parole board to be chairman. The chairman of the parole board shall designate three members of the parole board for each meeting of the parole board. Meetings of the parole board must be held in accordance with rules established by the parole board and must be held as often as required to properly conduct the business of the board, but in any event not less than six times per year. The parole board may only take action upon the concurrence of at least two members who participated in the same meeting. The final decision of at least two parole board members who participated in the same parole board meeting constitutes the decision of the parole board. Members are entitled to be compensated at the same ~~rate of seventy-five dollars per day for each day actually and necessarily spent in the performance of their duties as board members~~ paid to members of the legislative assembly for attendance at interim committee meetings plus the same mileage and expenses as are authorized for state officials and employees. The director of the department of corrections and rehabilitation or the director's designee is the clerk for the parole board.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2178.

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 1 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 81 Nays 11 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2021.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2021.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2021,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State