

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 16.1-09-03 and new sections
2 to chapter 54-03 and 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the contents of the
3 statement of interests and conflicts of interest; and to amend and reenact section 54-21-24.1 of
4 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the lease of additional space by state agencies.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 16.1-09-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 The location of real property in which the individual making the statement, and the
9 individual's spouse, have a financial interest, including real property owned by a
10 business in which the individual making the statement, and the individual's spouse,
11 have a financial interest.

12 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
13 and enacted as follows:

14 **Conflict of interest - Prohibition**

15 A member of the legislative assembly may not vote on any legislative measure that provides
16 funding for a state entity that leases real property in which the member has a financial interest.

17 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
18 and enacted as follows:

19 **Conflict of interest - Prohibition**

20 A state entity may not enter a lease for real property in which an elective state officer or an
21 appointive state officer with executive authority over the state entity has a financial interest.

22 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-21-24.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **54-21-24.1. Lease of additional space by state agencies, departments, offices,**
2 **officers, boards, and institutions.**

3 A lease or rental agreement or renewal of the lease or rental agreement for the lease or
4 rental of buildings or portions of buildings for use by state agencies, departments, offices,
5 officers, boards, and institutions, other than institutions under the board of higher education, the
6 adjutant general and department of transportation office and storage space for field engineering
7 and maintenance crews, ~~unless approved~~ may be entered by the director of the office of
8 management and budget subject to a determination of the legal sufficiency of the lease or rental
9 agreement. To ensure economy, efficiency, and cooperation between the state and its political
10 subdivisions, and to limit the number of locations of state offices for the convenience of
11 individuals traveling to the offices, the director shall ~~promulgate~~adopt rules governing the lease
12 or rental of additional buildings or portions of the buildings by state agencies, departments,
13 offices, officers, boards, and institutions other than those under the board of higher education,
14 the adjutant general, and department of transportation office and storage space for field
15 engineering and maintenance crews. The department, agency, or board for which the office
16 space is sought must approve the office space before the director may finalize a contract or
17 lease for the office space. A lease or rental agreement entered under this section must include a
18 list of all owners of the leased property, including each individual with an ownership interest in a
19 business that owns the leased property.