

Introduced by

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Representatives Becker, Jones, Kiefert

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 16.1-07-05 and section  
2 16.1-07-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the application process for an absent  
3 voter's ballot.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-07-05 of the North Dakota  
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 1. At any time in an election year, any qualified elector may apply to the county auditor,  
8 the auditor or clerk of the city, or the business manager of the school district, as the  
9 case may be, by personal delivery, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise, for an  
10 official ballot to be voted at that election. A voter may obtain an application form  
11 approved by the secretary of state, for an absent voter's ballot for a general, special,  
12 primary, county, city, or school election from the secretary of state, a county or city  
13 auditor, a candidate, a political party, or a political committee. The application form  
14 ~~must include a space for the applicant to indicate whether the application is for all-~~  
15 ~~statewide elections in the calendar year or~~ must be only for the election that is  
16 immediately after the date of the application.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-07-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **16.1-07-07. Delivering application form for ballot.**

20 The officers specified in section 16.1-07-05, upon request, shall mail an application form for  
21 an absent voter's ballot to the voter or may deliver the application form to the voter upon a  
22 personal application made at the officer's office. The officers also may ~~also~~ make available or  
23 distribute the applications, prescribed by the secretary of state, ~~to the public~~ for military-overseas.

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- 1 ballots without any specific request being made for the applications. All other electors must
- 2 request an application for an absent voter's ballot.