

Sixty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1441**

Introduced by

Representatives Kasper, Bellew, Christensen, Henderson, Koppelman, Louser, D. Ruby,  
Schatz, Steiner

Senators Boehm, Clemens, Paulson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to reports of expenditures made in support of or opposition to legislative  
3 candidates; ~~to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 16.1-08.1-01;~~ and to provide a  
4 penalty.

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

6 ~~**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 16.1-08.1-01 of the North Dakota~~  
7 ~~Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows: —~~

8 ~~7. "Expenditure categories" means the categories into which expenditures must be~~  
9 ~~grouped for reports under this chapter. The expenditure categories are:~~

10 ~~a. Advertising by:~~

11 ~~(1) Radio;~~

12 ~~(2) Mail;~~

13 ~~(3) Television;~~

14 ~~(4) Printed media; and~~

15 ~~(5) Social media;~~

16 ~~b. Campaign loan repayment;~~

17 ~~c. Operations;~~

18 ~~d. Travel; and~~

19 ~~e. Miscellaneous.~~

20 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 16.1-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
21 created and enacted as follows:

**Expenditure reports by multicandidate political committees.**

1. A multicandidate political committee required to file a report under section 16.1-08.1-02.3 shall file expenditure reports under this section with the secretary of state. For each aggregated expenditure of five thousand dollars or more spent in support of or opposition to a member of the legislative assembly or a candidate for the office of state senator or state representative, the multicandidate political committee shall file a report including:
  - a. The ~~aggregated amount expended~~ name of the multicandidate committee;
  - b. The ~~name of the member or candidate supported or opposed~~ complete address of the multicandidate committee;
  - c. The name of the recipient of the expenditure;
  - ~~e.d.~~ Whether the expenditure was made in support of or opposition to ~~the member or~~ a candidate or candidates and the name of the candidate or candidates;
  - e. The amount of the expenditure;
  - ~~d.f.~~ The ~~date~~ cumulative total amount of the ~~expenditure; and~~ expenditures since the beginning of the calendar year which are required to be reported under this section;
  - ~~e.~~ A general description of the items, services, or contributions for which the expenditure was made, including the
  - g. The total of all expenditures made under each applicable expenditure category, and if advertising is an applicable expenditure category, whether the advertising was conducted via radio, mail, television, printed media, or social media; and
  - h. If applicable, whether the advertising expenditures were made in support of or opposition to a candidate or candidates and the name of the candidate or candidates.
2. ~~For purposes of calculating the aggregated expenditure per member of the legislative assembly or candidate for the office of state senator or state representative under subsection 1, expenditures made in support of or opposition to multiple members or candidates must be divided equally by the number of members or candidates supported or opposed, and the resulting amount must be allocated to each of the~~

- 1                   ~~relevant members or candidates. The statement must delineate clearly the amount~~  
2                   ~~expended in support of or opposition to each candidate.~~  
3           3.   Reports under this section must be filed within forty-eight hours after the  
4                   multicandidate political committee makes the expenditure that, when aggregated with  
5                   other expenditures in support of or opposition to the member or candidate, exceeds is  
6                   five thousand dollars or more.