Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2047

Introduced by

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Judiciary Committee

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 9 of section 44-04-17.1 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to the definition of meeting.

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

- 4 SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 9 of section 44-04-17.1 of the North Dakota 5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows: 6 9. "Meeting" means a formal or informal gathering or a work session, whether in 7 person or through any electronic means, of: 8 (1) A quorum of the members of the governing body of a public entity regarding 9 public business; or 10 Less than a quorum of the members of the governing body of a public entity (2) 11 regarding public business, if the members attending one or more of the 12 smaller gatherings collectively constitute a quorum and if the members hold 13 the gathering for the purpose of avoiding the requirements of section 14 44-04-19. 15 "Meeting" does not include: b. 16 A chance or social gathering at which public business is not considered; (1) 17 Emergency operations during a disaster or emergency declared under (2) 18 section 37-17.1-10 or an equivalent ordinance if a quorum of the members 19 of the governing body are present but are not discussing public business as
 - (3) The attendance of members of a governing body at meetings of any national, regional, or state association to which the public entity, the governing body, or individual members belong;

the full governing body or as a task force or working group;

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1	(4)	Training seminars at which no other public business is considered or
2		discussed; and
3	(5)	Administration of examinations by a regulatory board when no other public
4		business is considered or discussed; and
5	<u>(6)</u>	A formal or informal gathering or work session, whether in-person or through
6		electronic means of the judicial branch or a committee or workgroup of the
7		judicial branch.
8	c. No	twithstanding subdivisions a and b, as applied to the legislative assembly,
9	"me	eeting" means any gathering subject to section 14 of article IV of the
10	Co	nstitution of North Dakota.