

2021 SENATE JUDICIARY

SB 2034

2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Judiciary Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

SB 2034
1/12/2021

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to written advisory opinions regarding ethics.

10:29 AM Chairwoman Larson called the hearing to order.

Senators are present: Myrdal, Luick, Dwyer, Fors, Bakke, Heitkamp, Larson

Discussion Topics:

- Ethics legislation
- Advisory opinions

Representative Klemin, District 47, testified in favor #528, #526. [10:29am]

David Thiele, Executive Director of the Ethics Commission, testified in favor #442. [10:37am]

Senator Myrdal proposes an amendment. [LC 21.0080.02002] [10:47am]

Senator Luick seconded the motion. [10:47am]

Roll Call Vote

Motion Passes 7-0-0

| Senators | Vote |
|---------------------------|------|
| Senator Diane Larson | Y |
| Senator Michael Dwyer | Y |
| Senator JoNell A. Bakke | Y |
| Senator Robert O. Fors | Y |
| Senator Jason G. Heitkamp | Y |
| Senator Larry Luick | Y |
| Senator Janne Myrdal | Y |

Senator Dwyer moves DO PASS AS AMENDED (10:50am)

Senator Heitkamp seconded the motion (10:51am)

Roll Call Vote

Motion passes 7-0-0

Senator Dwyer will carry the bill

| Senators | Vote |
|---------------------------|------|
| Senator Diane Larson | Y |
| Senator Michael Dwyer | Y |
| Senator JoNell A. Bakke | Y |
| Senator Robert O. Fors | Y |
| Senator Jason G. Heitkamp | Y |
| Senator Larry Luick | Y |
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Meeting Adjourned [10:51]

Jamal Omar, Committee Clerk

8/1/12

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Page 2, line 2, replace "or" with "and"

Renumber accordingly

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
SENATE BILL NO. 2034
JANUARY 12, 2021**

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am Lawrence R. Klemin, Representative from District 47 in Bismarck. I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2034, relating to written advisory opinions by the North Dakota Ethics Commission. This bill came from the interim Judiciary Committee during a study of Article XIV of the North Dakota Constitution, an initiated measure relating to ethics for public officials, candidates for elected office, and lobbyists.

This bill was suggested by the Executive Director of the North Dakota Ethics Commission at a meeting of the interim Judiciary Committee. There have been many questions about the scope of Article XIV of the North Dakota Constitution and what conduct may or may not be ethical. The bill provides a procedure for requesting written ethics advisory opinions from the North Dakota Ethics Commission.

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I have an amendment set out below that I ask you to consider. The bill currently provides in subsection 4(b) on page 1, line 20, that penalties may not be imposed for conduct if the material facts are the “same” as the facts presented in an advisory opinion. Upon reflection, to require conduct that is identical to facts in an opinion is too strict a standard. It may be unlikely that the exact same facts will occur. Consequently, there is a need for some flexibility. The proposed amendment would change the standard to “substantially the same”.

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21.0080.02001
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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Klemin
January 11, 2021

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NORTH DAKOTA ETHICS COMMISSION
BEFORE THE
SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
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Meeting called to order, Senators present: Myrdal, Dwyer, Bakke, Heitkamp, Fors, and Larson [2:00]

Discussion Topics:

- Jurisdiction of ethics commission
- Establishment of commission responsibilities

Senator Myrdal motioned to reconsider actions taken [2:01]

Senator Heitkamp seconded the motion to reconsider [2:01]

| Vote to reconsider SB 2034 | Vote |
|----------------------------|------|
| Senator Diane Larson | Y |
| Senator Michael Dwyer | Y |
| Senator JoNell A. Bakke | Y |
| Senator Robert O. Fors | Y |
| Senator Jason G. Heitkamp | Y |
| Senator Larry Luick | A |
| Senator Janne Myrdal | Y |

Motion passed 6-0-1.

Bill will be heard Monday the 18th of January

Meeting adjourned [2:13]

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Chairwoman Larson calls the hearing to order. Present are Chair Larson, Vice Chair Dwyer, Senators Bakke, Fors, Heitkamp, Luick, and Myrdal. [2:27]

Discussion Topics:

- Proposed amendments
- Ethics Commission in the state of North Dakota

Senator Myrdal [2:26] motion to adopt the amendment. [LC 21.0080.02003]

Senator Dwyer [2:29] seconds.

| Senators | Vote |
|---------------------------|------|
| Senator Diane Larson | Y |
| Senator Michael Dwyer | Y |
| Senator JoNell A. Bakke | Y |
| Senator Robert O. Fors | Y |
| Senator Jason G. Heitkamp | Y |
| Senator Larry Luick | Y |
| Senator Janne Myrdal | Y |

Motion passes 7-0-0.

Senator Myrdal [2:30] motions DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Senator Luick [2:30] seconds.

| Senators | Vote |
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Vote Passes 7-0-0. [2:30]

Senator Dwyer will carry.

Additional written testimony:

Rep. Lawrence Klemin submits testimony #528, and #526 in favor.

David Thiele, ND Ethics Commission Executive Director, submits testimony #442 in favor.

Senator Larson closes the meeting. [2:32]

Jamal Omar, Committee Clerk

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2021 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

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| Relating to written advisory opinions regarding ethics |
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Chairman Kasper opened the hearing at 8:31 a.m.

| Representatives | Roll Call |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Representative Jim Kasper | P |
| Representative Ben Koppelman | P |
| Representative Pamela Anderson | P |
| Representative Jeff A. Hoverson | A |
| Representative Karen Karls | P |
| Representative Scott Louser | P |
| Representative Jeffery J. Magrum | P |
| Representative Mitch Ostlie | P |
| Representative Karen M. Rohr | P |
| Representative Austen Schauer | P |
| Representative Mary Schneider | P |
| Representative Vicky Steiner | P |
| Representative Greg Stemen | P |
| Representative Steve Vetter | P |

Discussion Topics:

- Scope of Article XIV
- Ethical conduct

Rep. Klemin introduced and testified in favor, #8882.

David Thiele, Executive Director, ND Ethics Commission, testified in favor, #8810, #8939.

Chairman Kasper ended at 9:08 a.m.

Carmen Hart, Committee Clerk

**TESTIMONY OF REP. LAWRENCE R. KLEMIN
HOUSE GVA COMMITTEE
SENATE BILL NO. 2034
MARCH 12, 2021**

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Title 115

ETHICS COMMISSION

Article

115-01 Reserved

115-02 Complaints

115-03 Gifts

Chapter

115-03-01 Gifts between lobbyists and public officials

Section

115-03-01-01 Definitions

115-03-01-02 Gift Prohibitions and Penalties

115-03-01-03 Exceptions to gift prohibitions

115-03-01-04. Public or Private Event Notice

115-03-01-01. Definitions

1. "Immediate family" means a parent; sibling; child by blood, adoption, or marriage; spouse; grandparent or grandchild.
2. "Gift" means any item, service, or thing of value not given in exchange for fair market consideration, including gifts of travel or recreation.
3. "Lobby" means:
 - a. Attempts to secure the passage, amendment, or defeat of any legislation by the legislative assembly or the approval or veto of any legislation by the governor of the state.

- b. Attempts to influence decisions made by the legislative management or by an interim committee of the legislative management.
 - c. Attempts to secure passage, amendment, or defeat of any administrative rule or regulation by any department, agency or body of the state's executive branch.
 - d. Attempts to otherwise influence public official action or decision.
- 4. "Lobbyist" means a person who engages in activity that falls within the definition of the term "lobby" as defined in this rule but does not include:
 - a. a legislator.
 - b. A private citizen appearing on the citizen's own behalf.
 - c. An employee, officer, board member, volunteer, or agent of the state or its political subdivisions whether elected or appointed and, whether or not compensated, who is acting in that person's official capacity.
 - d. Invited by the chairman of the legislative management, an interim committee of the legislative management, standing committee of the legislative assembly or an official of any department, agency or body of the state's executive branch to appear before the legislative management, interim committee, or standing committee for the purpose of providing information.
 - e. A person who appears before a legislative committee for the sole purpose of presenting testimony on behalf of a trade or professional organization or a business or industry if the person is introduced to the committee by the lobbyist for the trade or professional organization or the business or industry.
 - f. These rules are not intended to expand the definition of who should be required to be registered as a lobbyist under NDCC 54-05.1-03.

5. "Person" means an individual, partnership, entity, political committee, association, corporation, cooperative corporation, limited liability company or other organization or group of persons.
6. "Private social and educational event" is any social and educational event that is held within the State and attendance is by invitation to State residents and others who are members, employees or affiliated with a sponsoring public or private organization, entity, or association. The event must include an educational component and not be limited to a social event. The lobbyist required to register under NDCC 54-05.1, and public officials may not be the only State residents in attendance.
7. "Public Official" means any elected or appointed official of the state's executive or legislative branch, including members of the ethics commission, members of the governor's cabinet and employees of the legislative branch.
8. "Public social and educational event" is any social and educational event that is held within the State and attendance is open to any State residents and others. The event must include an educational component and not be limited to a social event. The lobbyist required to register under NDCC 54-05.1, and public officials may not be the only State residents in attendance.

115-03-01-02. Gift Prohibitions and Penalties.

1. A lobbyist may not knowingly give, offer, solicit, initiate, or facilitate a gift to a public official in conjunction with any effort by the lobbyist to lobby the public official. A public official may not knowingly accept a gift from a lobbyist offered in conjunction with the lobbyist efforts to lobby the public official.
2. If a prohibited gift is received by a public official the gift will not be considered a violation if:
 - a. The gift is not used and is returned within ten (10) days after receipt of the gift or ten (10) days after learning that the gift is prohibited; or
 - b. The public official pays market value for within ten (10) days after receipt of the gift or ten (10) days after learning that the gift is prohibited.

3. The secretary of state shall assess a civil penalty upon any individual who violates this section. If the gift has a value of five hundred dollars or more, the civil penalty must be two times the value of the gift. If the gift has a value of less than five hundred dollars, the civil penalty must be no less than two times the value of the gift and may be up to one thousand dollars.

115-03-01-03. Exceptions to gift prohibitions. This rule does not preclude or apply to the following:

- a. A gift by a lobbyist who is a member of the public official's immediate family.
- b. Any item given where the public official is paying fair market value for the item.
- c. Purely informational material.
- d. A campaign contribution that is given in accordance with all applicable state laws rules, and regulations governing campaign contributions.
- e. Reimbursement or payment for transportation, lodging costs, and meal costs not to exceed rates as authorized under NDCC 44-08-04 and OMB Fiscal Policy #505 to facilitate attendance to a public or private educational and social event within the State, if the public official meaningfully participates in the event as a speaker or panel participant, presenter, or ceremonial event appropriate to the position, or if attendance is appropriate to the performance of official duties;
- f. Gifts or other things of value shared as a cultural or social norm as part of a public or private social and educational event; and,
- g. Food and beverage served for immediate consumption at any private or public social and educational event.

115-03-01-04. Public or Private Event Notice.

1. Prior to a public or private social and educational event, the sponsor shall file notice with the Ethics Commission providing details regarding the planned event. Notice does not constitute approval of

the event by the Ethics Commission. If the sponsor is concerned with compliance with North Dakota law and these rules, the sponsor may request an advisory opinion from the Ethics Commission.

2. No specific format of notice is required; however, it should include the event date, place, sponsor, educational purpose, estimated attendance and estimated cost per attendee.

2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

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3/25/2021

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| Representative Jeffery J. Magrum | P |
| Representative Mitch Ostlie | P |
| Representative Karen M. Rohr | P |
| Representative Austen Schauer | P |
| Representative Mary Schneider | P |
| Representative Vicky Steiner | P |
| Representative Greg Stemen | P |
| Representative Steve Vetter | P |

Discussion Topics:

- Committee action

Rep. Schauer moved **Do Pass**. **Rep. Stemen** seconded.

| Representatives | Vote |
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| Representative Jim Kasper | Y |
| Representative Ben Koppelman | Y |
| Representative Pamela Anderson | Y |
| Representative Jeff A. Hoverson | Y |
| Representative Karen Karls | Y |
| Representative Scott Louser | Y |
| Representative Jeffery J. Magrum | Y |
| Representative Mitch Ostlie | Y |
| Representative Karen M. Rohr | Y |
| Representative Austen Schauer | Y |
| Representative Mary Schneider | Y |
| Representative Vicky Steiner | Y |
| Representative Greg Stemen | Y |
| Representative Steve Vetter | Y |

Motion passes. 14-0-0. **Rep. Schauer** is the carrier.

Chairman Kasper ended at 10:29 a.m.

Carmen Hart, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2034, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Kasper, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2034 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.