

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1048
(Representative Toman)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use of distributed ledger technologies and a pilot program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Distributed ledger technologies - Authorization - Pilot program - Report.

The department shall research and develop the use of distributed ledger-enabled platform technologies, such as blockchains, for computer-controlled programs, data transfer and storage, and program regulation to protect against falsification, improve internal data security, and identify external hacking threats. Research must include efforts to protect the privacy of personal identifying information maintained within distributed ledger programs. The department shall select a state agency, upon the request of the state agency, to serve as a pilot program for the implementation and use of distributed ledger-enabled platform technologies. Before June first of each even-numbered year, the chief information officer shall report to the legislative management regarding the implementation of distributed ledger technologies.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1048.

House Vote: Yeas 92 Nays 0 Absent 2

Senate Vote: Yeas 42 Nays 0 Absent 5

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2019.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State