

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1445  
(Representatives Magrum, Fegley, Nehring, Simons)  
(Senator Heitkamp)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 57-09-01 and 57-09-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to township boards of equalization; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-09-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-09-01. Membership of board - Meeting.**

1. The township board of equalization consists of the members of the board of supervisors of each township, and the township clerk shall act as clerk of ~~said~~the board. The board shall meet ~~within the first fifteen days of~~in April in each year at the usual place of meeting of the township board of supervisors.
2. If the same person performs the duties of assessor for two or more townships or cities, the township clerk may, after consultation with the assessor involved, designate the hour and day in the month of April at which the meeting provided for in subsection 1 must be held for each township board of equalization; provided, that notice of the hour and day must be published in the official newspaper of the political subdivisions involved and posted at the usual place of meeting by the township clerk at least ten days before the meeting.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-09-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-09-06. Assessor's statement and return to auditor.**

The assessor shall add and note the amount of each column in the assessor's assessment books after making the corrections ordered by the township board of equalization. The assessor also shall make in each book a tabular statement showing the footings of the several columns ~~upon~~on the page and shall add and set down under the respective headings the total amount of the several columns. On or before the ~~fourth~~second Monday in ~~April~~May in each year, the assessor shall make returns to the county auditor of the assessment books, and shall deliver the lists and statements of all persons assessed, all of which must be filed and preserved in the office of the county auditor. The returns must be verified by the assessor's affidavit substantially in the following form:

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA    )

) ss.

County of                    )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, assessor of \_\_\_\_\_, swear that the book to which this is attached contains a full list of all property subject to taxation in \_\_\_\_\_ so far as I have been able to ascertain, and that the assessed value set down in the columns opposite the several kinds and descriptions of property in each case is fifty percent of the true and full value of the property, to the best of my knowledge and belief, except where and as corrected by the township board of equalization, and that the footings of the several columns in the book, and the tabular statement returned herewith, are correct, as I verily believe.

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Assessor

Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Auditor of \_\_\_\_\_

County, North Dakota

**SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1445 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 94                      Nays 0                      Absent 0

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 47                      Nays 0                      Absent 0

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President of the Senate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State