

SENATE BILL NO. 2333

Introduced by

Senators Larsen, Meyer, Paulson

Representatives Christensen, Hagert, Stemen

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 54-03-02 and 54-35-16 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to annually reconvened sessions of the legislative assembly.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-03-02. When legislative assembly meets.**

7 1. The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of
8 December following the election of ~~theits~~ members thereof for organizational and
9 orientation purposes and shall thereafter recess after the organizational session until
10 the time provided in subdivision a of subsection 2.

11 2. The legislative assembly shall reconvene annually for a number of days to be
12 determined by the legislative assembly, but the total number of days may not exceed
13 the number of natural days available under the constitution.

14 a. In odd-numbered years, the legislative assembly shall convene at twelve noon on
15 the first Tuesday after the third day in January of the year following the
16 organizational session ~~as provided in subsection 1~~ or at twelve noon on a date
17 selected by the legislative management but not earlier than January second nor
18 later than January eleventh of the year following the organizational session and,
19 ~~following.~~ At the close of business of the regular session, the legislative
20 assembly, shall adjourn recess subject to subdivision b and subsection 3.

21 b. In even-numbered years, the legislative assembly shall reconvene at a time and
22 date selected by the legislative management. The legislative assembly may
23 review and, if necessary, amend the budget and appropriations, and may
24 consider any other matter within the authority of the legislative assembly.

1 Following the close of business, the legislative assembly shall recess subject to
2 subsection 3.

3 3. Notwithstanding a motion to adjourn sine die, the legislative assembly shall reconvene
4 as determined by the legislative management. The number of natural days used may
5 not exceed the number of natural days available under the constitution which have not
6 been ~~previously~~ used previously by that legislative assembly in regular session under
7 subsection 2.

8 4. An interim committee of the legislative management may continue to meet during a
9 legislative session.

10 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **54-35-16. Authority to determine if legislative assembly meets.**

13 The legislative management may issue a call for the legislative assembly to convene after it
14 has adjourned under subsection 2 or 3 of section 54-03-02. The length of a legislative session
15 called under this section may not exceed the number of natural days available under the
16 constitution which have not been used by that legislative assembly. The legislative management
17 may exercise this authority, and the legislative assembly shall meet, regardless of whether the
18 motion to close the regular session of the legislative assembly was to recess to a time certain,
19 adjourn to a time certain, or adjourn sine die.