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Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2160

Introduced by

Senators Clemens, Dwyer

Representatives Becker, Jones, Kiefert

1   A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 16.1-07-05 and section

2   16.1-07-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the application process for an absent

3   voter's ballot.

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

5   **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-07-05 of the North Dakota

6   Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7   1.   At any time in an election year, any qualified elector may apply to the county auditor,

8   the auditor or clerk of the city, or the business manager of the school district, as the

9   case may be, by personal delivery, facsimile, electronic mail or otherwise, for an

10   official ballot to be voted at that election. A voter may obtain an application form

11   approved by the secretary of state, for an absent voter's ballot for a general, special,

12   primary, county, city, or school election from the secretary of state, a county or city

13   auditor, a candidate, a political party, or a political committee. The application form

14   ~~must include a space for the applicant to indicate whether the application is for all~~

15   ~~statewide elections in the calendar year or~~must be only for the election ~~that is~~

16   immediately after the date of the application.

17   **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-07-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is

18   amended and reenacted as follows:

19   **16.1-07-07. Delivering application form for ballot.**

20   The officers specified in section 16.1-07-05, upon request, shall mail an application form for

21   an absent voter's ballot to the voter or may deliver the application form to the voter upon a

22   personal application made at the officer's office. The officers also may ~~also~~ make available or

23   distribute the applications, prescribed by the secretary of state, ~~to the public~~for military-overseas

1   <u>ballots</u> without any specific request being made for the applications. <u>All other electors must</u>

2   <u>request an application for an absent voter's ballot.</u>