

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1119**

Introduced by

Representatives Klemin, Devlin, Dockter, Kasper, K. Koppelman, Louser, Nathe  
Senators Dwyer, Hogue, Vedaa

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-06-09 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to printing initiated measures and constitutional amendments on the ballot.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-06-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **16.1-06-09. Constitutional amendments and initiated and referred measures - Manner**  
7 **of stating question - Fiscal impact statement - Explanation of effect of vote - Order of**  
8 **listing.**

9 1. Constitutional amendments or measures, initiated measures, and referred measures,  
10 duly certified to the county auditor by the secretary of state, or any other question or  
11 measure to be voted on, except the election of public officers at any primary, general,  
12 or special election including officers subject to a recall petition, must, ~~unless otherwise~~  
13 ~~determined by the secretary of state,~~ be stated in full in a legible manner on the ballot.  
14 ~~If the secretary of state concludes the amendment or measure is too long to make it~~  
15 ~~practicable to print in full, the secretary of state in consultation with the attorney~~  
16 ~~general shall cause to be printed a concise summary that must fairly represent the~~  
17 ~~substance of the constitutional amendment or initiated or referred measure. After the~~  
18 ~~foregoing statement, the~~The secretary of state also shall cause to be printed a  
19 statement of the estimated fiscal impact of the constitutional amendment or initiated or  
20 referred measure and a concise statement of the effect of an affirmative or negative  
21 vote on the constitutional amendment or initiated or referred measure. This  
22 explanatory statement must be drafted by the secretary of state in consultation with  
23 the attorney general. The words "Yes" and "No" must be printed on the ballot at the  
24 close of the statement regarding the effect of an affirmative or negative vote, in

1 separate lines with an oval before each statement in which the voter is to indicate how  
2 the voter desires to vote on the question by darkening the oval. If two or more  
3 amendments or questions are to be voted on, they must be printed on the same ballot.

4 2. The measures to be submitted to the electors must be grouped and classified as  
5 constitutional measures, initiated statutes, or referred statutes and must be placed  
6 within ~~such~~the groups or classifications by the secretary of state in the order received,  
7 for the purpose of placing them on the ballot. ~~Measures~~Constitutional amendments  
8 submitted by the legislative assembly must be placed first on the ballot within ~~their~~the  
9 appropriate classification in the order approved by the legislative assembly.

10 ~~Constitutional measures shall~~amendments must be placed first on the ballot, initiated  
11 statutes second, and referred statutes third. After all the measures have been placed  
12 within the appropriate group or classification, all measures must be numbered  
13 consecutively, without regard to the various groups or classifications.