

HOUSE BILL NO. 1133

Introduced by

Representatives Roers Jones, Hanson, M. Johnson, Mock, O'Brien, Pyle

Senators Bekkedahl, Hogue, Lee, Piepkorn

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-54 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a state artist laureate; to provide a statement of legislative intent; and
3 to provide an appropriation.

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

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

7 **State artist laureate - Appointment - Duties.**

- 8 1. By August first of each odd-numbered year, the governor shall appoint an individual to
9 serve as the state artist laureate for a period of two consecutive years. The individual
10 must be a resident of the state and be recognized in the literary, visual arts, cultural,
11 education, or academic communities as an artist and have a significant record of high
12 quality, published or documented work or service through the arts.
13 2. The state artist laureate shall participate in public engagement across the state.
14 3. Upon completion of a public event, the state artist laureate shall apply for monetary
15 reimbursement from the council on the arts for an amount not to exceed one thousand
16 dollars for each public engagement event, including travel and material costs. The
17 council on the arts may reimburse the state artist laureate up to five thousand dollars
18 each year.

19 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the sixty-seventh legislative
20 assembly that the creation of the state artist laureate position is to replace the state poet
21 laureate as established by the fifty-fourth legislative assembly through Senate Concurrent
22 Resolution No. 4039.

23 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - COUNCIL ON THE ARTS.** There is appropriated out of
24 any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of

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- 1 \$10,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the council on the arts for the purpose
- 2 of reimbursing the state artist laureate for public engagement events, for the biennium
- 3 beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.