

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1257**

Introduced by

Representatives Monson, R. Kelsch, Skarphol

Senators Grindberg, Lyson, Oehlke

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the athletic nickname and logo of the university of North Dakota; and  
3 to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **University of North Dakota Sioux nickname and logo.**

- 8 1. Notwithstanding any action or decision of the state board of higher education or the  
9 university of North Dakota or any legal settlement entered between the state board of  
10 higher education and the university of North Dakota and the national collegiate athletic  
11 association, the university of North Dakota may not retire or discontinue the use of the  
12 Sioux nickname and logo unless the state board of higher education receives written  
13 notice from the chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the chairman of the  
14 Spirit Lake Tribe indicating the members of each tribe have voted in a tribal  
15 referendum to revoke the permission granted to the university to use the Sioux  
16 nickname and logo.
- 17 2. No state funds may be used to influence any tribal referendum election held to  
18 consider the issue of revoking permission by the university of North Dakota to use the  
19 Sioux nickname and logo.

20 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.