

HOUSE BILL NO. 1420

Introduced by

Representatives Boschee, Fegley, Guggisberg, Magrum

Senators Anderson, Dotzenrod, Kannianen

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 16.1-07-05 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to application for absentee ballots.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-07-05 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 1. ~~At any time in an election year~~After March first of an odd-numbered year, any qualified
7 elector may apply to the county auditor, the auditor or clerk of the city, or the business
8 manager of the school district, as the case may be, by personal delivery, facsimile,
9 electronic mail or otherwise, for an official ballot to be voted at ~~that~~any election for
10 which the official provides a ballot, between the date the application is received and
11 the next statewide general election. A voter may obtain an application form approved
12 by the secretary of state, for an absent voter's ballot for a general, special, primary,
13 county, city, or school election from the secretary of state, a county or city auditor, a
14 candidate, a political party, or a political committee. A returned, completed application
15 received by an official under this section is effective until the next statewide general
16 election after the date the application is received. The application form must include a
17 space for the applicant to indicate whether the ~~application is~~applicant is requesting to
18 receive absentee ballots for all statewide elections ~~in the calendar year~~during the
19 effective period or only for the election that is immediately after the date of the
20 application.