

HOUSE BILL NO. 1412

Introduced by

Representatives Hanson, Holman, Kempenich

Senator Axness

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-03-01.5 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to legislative redistricting requirements.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-03-01.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-03-01.5. Legislative redistricting requirements.**

7 A legislative redistricting plan based on any census taken after ~~1999~~2019 must meet the
8 following requirements:

- 9 1. The senate must consist of forty-seven members and the house must consist of
10 ninety-four members.
- 11 2. Except as provided in subsection 3, one senator and two representatives must be
12 apportioned to each senatorial district. Representatives ~~may~~must be elected ~~at large~~
13 ~~or~~ from subdistricts.
- 14 3. Multimember senate districts providing for two senators and four representatives are
15 authorized only when a proposed single-member senatorial district includes a federal
16 facility or federal installation, containing over two-thirds of the population of the
17 proposed single-member senatorial district.
- 18 4. ~~Legislative~~Senatorial districts and subdistricts must be compact and of contiguous
19 territory.
- 20 5. ~~Legislative~~Senatorial districts must be as nearly equal in population as is practicable
21 and subdistricts must be as nearly equal in population as is practicable. Population
22 deviation from district to district must be kept at a minimum. The total population
23 variance of all districts, ~~and subdistricts if created,~~ from the average district population
24 may not exceed recognized constitutional limitations.