

**REFERENDUM PETITION
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

We, the undersigned, being qualified electors request Senate Bill No. 2221 passed by the sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly be placed on the ballot as provided by law.

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PETITION TITLE

This referendum seeks to reject Senate Bill 2221 passed by the 2019 Legislative Assembly. This bill exempts from public records the communications between a member of the legislative assembly and any person whether the record is possessed by a member of the legislative assembly or a public officer or employee.

FULL TEXT OF THE MEASURE

IF MATERIAL IS UNDERSCORED, IT IS NEW MATERIAL WHICH IS BEING ADDED. IF MATERIAL IS OVERSTRUCK BY DASHES, THE MATERIAL IS BEING DELETED. IF MATERIAL IS NOT UNDERSCORED OR OVERSTRUCK, THE MATERIAL IS EXISTING LAW THAT IS NOT BEING CHANGED.

SENATE BILL NO. 2221

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 44-04-18.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to exempting records of communications between legislators and public employees from open records laws.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 44-04-18.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

44-04-18.6. Access to legislative records and information.

1. The following records, regardless of form or characteristic, of or relating to the legislative council, the legislative management, the legislative assembly, the house of representatives, the senate, or a member of the legislative assembly are not subject to section 44-04-18 and section 6 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota: ~~a~~

a. ~~A~~ record of a purely personal or private nature; ~~a~~

b. ~~A~~ record that is legislative council work product or is legislative council-client communication; ~~a~~

c. ~~A~~ record that reveals the content of ~~private~~ communications between a member of the legislative assembly and any person; and, ~~except~~

d. ~~Except~~ with respect to a governmental entity determining the proper use of telephone service, a record of telephone usage which identifies the parties or lists the telephone numbers of the parties involved.

2. The exception in subdivision c of subsection 1 applies to records possessed by a member of the legislative assembly or by any other public officer or employee.

3. This section does not apply to any record distributed at a meeting subject to section 44-04-19 and section 5 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PETITION SIGNERS

You are being asked to sign a petition. You must be a qualified elector. This means you are eighteen years old, you have lived in North Dakota thirty days, and you are a United States citizen. All signers shall also legibly print their name, complete residential address or rural route or general delivery address, and the date of signing on the petition. Every qualified elector signing a petition must do so in the presence of the individual circulating the petition.

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State of North Dakota

County of _____
(county where signed)

I, _____, being sworn, say that I am a qualified elector; that I reside at
(circulator)

(address);

that each signature contained on the attached petition was executed in my presence; and that to the best of my knowledge and belief each individual whose signature appears on the attached petition is a qualified elector; and that each signature contained on the attached petition is the genuine signature of the individual whose name it purports to be.

(signature of circulator)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on _____, 20_____, at _____, North Dakota
(city)

(Notary Stamping Device)

(signature of notarial officer)