

2013 ND Legislative Bill Descriptions for Voting Records:

[1319](#) – Major K-12 Education funding bill. Strongly supported throughout the session, including passing unanimously in the Senate. Al Carlson (House Majority Leader) pulled the passed bill back up on the last day of the session for a defeat. The legislature scrambled to recover and lumped most of the funding into other budget bills and finally passed the bill (again) at 4am on the last allowable legislative day.

[1330](#) – State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). EITC is a proven policy which works for low income families. It would not only provide incentives for work to families with modest incomes, it was also an efficient way of returning some of the state's excess income to individuals who toil away for meager wages.

[1332](#) – Voter ID. The law now requires state issued identification of voters at polling places and eliminates the affidavit for those voting absentee.

[1362](#) – Medicaid Expansion. The state accepted Medicaid Expansion created under the Affordable Care Act, allowing for medical coverage of approximately 32,000 North Dakotans who were previously uninsured.

[1369](#) – Department of Labor name change. To more clearly reflect the work the department does in addressing human rights violations in the state, the department was renamed the Department of Labor and Human Rights. After repeated failed legislative attempts to make the change, 2013 proved a success in getting the name change approved.

[1385](#) – Mandatory drug testing of TANF and SNAP recipients. Relying on false stereotypes, the bill was introduced to drug test all applicants for public assistance. Experiences of other states have proven this approach to be ineffective and expensive.

[1421](#) – The Milk Bill. Introduced to make up for lost federal funds to provide snack breaks, including milk, to low income children during school.

[1456](#) – The Heartbeat Bill. This bill prohibits any pregnancy termination after a heartbeat is detected, which may be as early as six weeks.

[2252](#) – Anti-Discrimination Bill. The bill added sexual orientation and gender identity to protected classes of the state housing and employment human rights laws.

[2302](#) – Termed the “Ethical Treatment of Embryos.” This bill put extensive restrictions on In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) that would make IVF treatment expensive and inaccessible in North Dakota.

[2303](#) – Personhood. The statute companion to the passed Personhood constitutional measure ([4009](#)) would extend all rights to a fertilized egg, whether implanted in the womb or not. It is an attempt for an across the board ban on abortion, but has major implications for a host of other medical issues such as IVF, birth control, and end of life decisions.

[2332](#) – Special Education Funding. A bill which would have replaced lost federal funds to family support programs for parents of children with special needs to navigate the special education system.