

68th Legislative Interim Work Begins; 49 Study Topics Selected

The North Dakota Legislature adjourned on Sunday, April 30 and preserved 5 days of the 80 allowable legislative days. The period in between legislative sessions is called the interim, and shortly new interim committees will begin tackling a myriad of subjects prior to the 69th Legislative Session which begins in January 2025.



During the regular legislative session, 21 interim studies were passed as part of the nearly 600 legislative bills that became law. An additional 28 topics were selected for study by the Legislative Management Committee when they met on May 25 at the State Capitol.

The next step in the process is to name the interim committees, assign legislators to them, and divvy up the study topics to the appropriate committee. The next Legislative Management Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13.

[Members of the Legislative Mgmt Committee](#)
[List of Interim Study Topics Approved](#)



NDTOA remains engaged during interim period

House Bill 1423 requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a model zoning task force to develop model zoning ordinances for counties and townships related to animal feeding operations. Townships have two seats on this task force and **NDTOA President Lee Brandvold and NDTOA Executive Secretary Larry Syverson** will represent township interests as the task force meets.

Senate Bill 2365 is an interim study directed by the Department of Insurance related to township participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. NDTOA is expected to be involved in this study.

The NDDOT Budget, HB 1012, contains many infrastructure funding sources for townships. Direct payments based on certified township mileage and other state level grant opportunities will be made available in the coming months. NDTOA anticipates assisting the NDDOT as they begin to roll out these critical road funds for our townships.

2024 Election watch starts; who's running, and who's out

While North Dakota's Governor made some campaign news recently, many political observers are starting to look at the **even numbered legislative districts** – the ones up for reelection in 2024. Last election cycle voters seated 41 new legislators, and some are anticipating another round of new faces jumping into the arena.

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