



## North Dakota 2023 End of Legislative Session Report

CAI's Government and Public Affairs team actively advocated on behalf of the [approximately 48,000 North Dakotans living in 20,000 homes in roughly 1,000 community associations across the Peace Garden State](#) during the 2023 state legislative session. CAI's efforts this year focused on amending HB 1310, which creates new rules governing the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in condominiums. Below is a brief overview from the 2023 North Dakota Legislative Assembly:

**HB 1310 AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 47-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to electric vehicle charging station installation in condominiums; and to provide a penalty-** This bill requires condominium associations to allow the installation of an electric vehicle charging station in a limited common element assigned to a unit owner, provided that unit owner agrees to cover the cost of installation, damage to common elements, and agrees to comply with reasonable regulations set forth in the bylaws. Unit owners are also required to have insurance and must indemnify the association from all liability, including reasonable attorney's fees. If a limited common element is not available, then a common element may be chosen, if such an area is feasible. Associations may deny approval when a substitute common area is not feasible, or if there is a bona fide safety concern. Associations that willingly violate the bill are subject to a \$1000 civil penalty plus actual damages.

CAI worked closely with HB 1310's prime sponsor, Representative Josh Boschee (D-NPL-44), after introduction to include the indemnification language, the scenarios under which an association may deny installation without penalty, and language clarifying the difference between a common element and a limited common element. Through advocacy and direct engagement with lawmakers, CAI was able to successfully remove more burdensome penalty language, which would have created considerable financial burden on condominium association members. While the current penalty language is not ideal, it is still an improvement for homeowners over the original language.

**Status: Signed by Governor Burgum 4/28/23. Effective Immediately.**

For more information on CAI's activities and community association legislation in North Dakota, visit <https://www.caionline.org/Advocacy/LegalArena/Laws/Pages/ND.aspx>.



## Your Assistance is Needed

CAI relies on outside resources such as professional lobbying as a vital and integral part of the legislative process. The volunteers who advocate – including homeowner leaders, community managers, and business partners – greatly rely on contributions from management companies and business partners in addition to individuals to continue their important efforts in the legislature. CAI needs your financial support to bolster their advocacy activities in 2023 and beyond. We encourage donations from North Dakota community associations, business partners, and individuals. Please visit [www.caionline.org/lacdonate/](http://www.caionline.org/lacdonate/) and donate to “Issues Advancement Fund” to support our continued efforts.

We need YOUR voice! [Sign up today](#) to become a CAI Advocacy Ambassador and help shape legislation in your state!

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