

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**REENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2213**

Introduced by

Senators Schaible, Heckaman, Wardner

Representatives Boschee, Lefor, J. Nelson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 61-24.5-03, 61-24.5-04, 61-24.5-07,  
2 61-24.5-08, and 61-24.5-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the southwest water  
3 authority and district budget tax levies.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-24.5-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **61-24.5-03. Southwest water authority created.**

8 The southwest water authority ~~shall consist~~consists of that part of the state which is  
9 included within the boundaries of Dunn, Stark, Golden Valley, Billings, Slope, Bowman, Adams,  
10 Grant, Hettinger, ~~Morton~~, and Mercer Counties and all of Morton County outside the boundaries  
11 of Mandan.

12 ~~Such~~The authority is a governmental agency, body politic and corporate with the authority  
13 to exercise the powers specified in this chapter, or which reasonably may be ~~reasonably~~  
14 implied.

15 Any county adjoining the authority ~~as herein created, or as hereafter composed,~~ may join  
16 ~~such~~the authority upon application of its board of county commissioners and the approval of  
17 ~~such~~the application by the board of directors of the authority. The board of directors, as a  
18 condition of approval of ~~such~~an application, may require equitable payments ~~as may be~~  
19 equitable to equalize the burden of ~~such~~the county with the obligations paid or assumed by the  
20 other counties in the authority.

21 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-24.5-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
22 amended and reenacted as follows:



1 be held on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and I request that my name be printed upon the  
2 election ballot as provided by law, as a candidate for the office.

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

5 \_\_\_\_\_  
6 Notary Public

7 Upon receipt of the petition, the city auditor shall without fee place the name of the aspirant  
8 on the election ballot as a candidate for the office of director. The candidate or candidates,  
9 depending on whether one or two directors are being elected, receiving the highest number of  
10 votes are elected. The provisions of chapter 40-21 govern the election of directors from the city  
11 of Dickinson ~~or Mandan~~ for the southwest water authority.

12 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-24.5-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **61-24.5-08. Term of office of directors - Oath of office - Bonds.**

15 1. Members of the board of directors of the authority hold office for a term of four years,  
16 until a successor has been duly elected and qualified. If the office of any director  
17 becomes vacant by reason of the failure of any director elected at any election to  
18 qualify or for any other reason, the director's successor must be appointed to fill the  
19 vacancy by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the vacancy  
20 occurs, or by the governing body of the city of Dickinson ~~or Mandan~~, as appropriate. A  
21 director appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of the  
22 director whose office has become vacant, and until a successor has been elected and  
23 qualified.

24 2. Members of the board of directors elected from a county must be elected at the  
25 primary election and assume office on the first Monday in July following their election.  
26 Members of the board of directors elected from the city of Dickinson ~~or Mandan~~ must  
27 be elected at the municipal election and assume office on the first Monday in July  
28 following their election. ~~In 2002 all directors' terms are deemed to have expired, and~~  
29 ~~each county shall elect one director to serve on the board of directors and the city of~~  
30 ~~Dickinson shall elect two directors to serve on the board of directors. In 2002 one~~  
31 ~~director from the city of Dickinson and directors from Adams, Billings, Dunn, Grant,~~

1           ~~Oliver, and Slope Counties must be elected for two-year terms and in 2004 and~~  
2           ~~thereafter must be elected for four-year terms. In 2010 the director from the city of~~  
3           ~~Mandan must be elected to a four-year term.~~ All subsequent directors elected must be  
4           elected for four-year terms.

5           3. Before assuming the duties of the office of director, each director shall take and  
6           subscribe to the oath of office prescribed by law for civil officers. The authority  
7           treasurer must be bonded in an amount as the board may prescribe.

8           **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-24.5-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
9           amended and reenacted as follows:

10          **61-24.5-10. District budget - Tax levy.**

11          For each taxable year through ~~2020~~2030, the authority may levy a tax of not to exceed one  
12          mill annually on each dollar of taxable valuation within the boundaries of the authority for the  
13          payment of administrative expenses of the authority, including per diem, mileage, and other  
14          expenses of directors, expenses of operating the office, engineering, surveying, investigations,  
15          legal, administrative, clerical, and other related expenses of the authority. All moneys collected  
16          pursuant to the levy must be deposited to the credit of the authority and may be disbursed only  
17          as herein provided. The board may invest any funds on hand, not needed for immediate  
18          disbursement or which are held in reserve for future payments, in bonds of the United States,  
19          certificates of deposit guaranteed or insured by the United States or an instrumentality or  
20          agency thereof, and bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the state of North Dakota or any of  
21          its political subdivisions. During the period of time in which the authority may levy one mill  
22          annually as provided herein, any joint water resource board created pursuant to section  
23          61-16.1-11, by or among one or more of the water resource districts in the counties which are  
24          included in the authority, must be limited to one mill under the authority of section 61-16.1-11.