

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1077
(Energy and Natural Resources Committee)
(At the request of the Department of Water Resources)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to water storage contracts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 61-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Water storage contracts.

A federal agency that enters into discussions with an entity relating to a water storage contract from a reservoir partially or wholly located within the state shall provide the department of water resources with a sixty-day notice once the discussions begin. Communications regarding a water storage contract must be copied to the department of water resources. The department of water resources must be provided with an executed copy of a water storage contract.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1077.

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 0 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2023.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2023,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State