

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

### Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly

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**Bismarck, April 10, 2023**

The House convened at 8:00 a.m., with Speaker D. Johnson presiding.

The prayer was offered by Mr. Brad Bales, Manager of KNDR Christian Radio, Bismarck.

The roll was called and all members were present except Representatives Christy, Conmy, Henderson, M. Ruby, Schobinger, and Wagner.

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

#### CONSIDERATION OF VETOED MEASURE

**HB 1273:** AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 16.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the prohibition of ranked-choice and approval voting in elections; and to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 11-09.1-05 and subsection 9 of section 40-05.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to home rule powers.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the enrolled bill, over the Governor's veto, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 71 YEAS, 17 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 6 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bellew; Beltz; Bosch; Brandenburg; Christensen; Cory; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hagert; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Hoverson; Johnson, J.; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Novak; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Prichard; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Boschee; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Finley-DeVille; Hager; Hanson; Ista; Jonas; Mitskog; Mock; Nelson; O'Brien; Roers Jones; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Swiontek

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Conmy; Henderson; Ruby, M.; Schobinger; Wagner

The House overrode the Governor's veto of HB 1273, as enrolled.

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#### COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR DOUG BURGUM

This is to inform you that on April 7, 2023, I have signed the following: HB 1095, HB 1139, HB 1155, HB 1228, HB 1268, HB 1360, HB 1459, HB 1494, HB 1502, HB 1506, and HB 1511.

#### VETO MEASURE

Pursuant to Article V, Section 9 of the North Dakota Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 1463 and return it to the House.

Governing bodies across North Dakota, including the Legislature, are bound by N.D.C.C. 44-04-21, which states "all votes of whatever kind taken at any public meeting ... must be open, public votes, and all nonprocedural votes must be recorded roll call votes, with the votes of each member being made public at the open meeting."

Floor testimony on House Bill 1463 stated the Legislature currently is in violation of this law because not all amendments receive a recorded roll call vote. However, rather than simply

comply with the law, the Legislature has opted to change the law to suit its current practice.

House Bill 1463 would exclude the Legislature from the legal requirement to hold recorded roll call votes on all nonprocedural votes relating to the consideration of an amendment by a legislative committee or the full legislative assembly during a legislative session.

Existing North Dakota law (N.D.C.C. 44-04-21) states that " 'nonprocedural' should be broadly interpreted and includes all votes that pertain to the merits of the matter before the governing body."

House Bill 1463 would allow the Legislature to adopt far-reaching amendments affecting the central policy or fiscal impact of a bill without affording the public the accountability of a recorded roll call vote. If enacted, this bill would deny the public the transparency essential to good governance.

For building public trust and confidence in our system of government, the Legislature should embrace and comply with existing North Dakota open meetings law.

For the reasons stated above, House Bill 1463 is vetoed.

#### **MOTION**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that the Chief Clerk dispense with the reading of the Governor's objections to HB 1463 and that the objections be printed in the Journal in their entirety, which motion prevailed.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF VETOED MEASURE**

**HB 1463:** AN ACT to amend and reenact section 44-04-21 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to legislative voting requirements.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the enrolled bill, over the Governor's veto, which has been read, the roll was called and there were 88 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 6 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bellew; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVille; Fisher; Frelch; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Prichard; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Conmy; Henderson; Ruby, M.; Schobinger; Wagner

The House overrode the Governor's veto of HB 1463, as enrolled.

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#### **CONSIDERATION OF MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1007 as printed on HJ pages 1673-1676, in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1020 as printed on HJ pages 1685-1694, and in the Senate amendments to Engrossed HB 1024 as printed on HJ pages 1676-1678 and that a conference committee be appointed to meet with a like committee from the Senate on each of these measures, which motion prevailed on a voice vote.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

**THE SPEAKER APPOINTED** as a Conference Committee on:

**Engrossed HB 1007:** Reps. Kreidt, B. Anderson, Mitskog.

**Engrossed HB 1020:** Reps. Monson, Brandenburg, Pyle.

**Engrossed HB 1024:** Reps. Stemen, Strinden, Mitskog.

**APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that the Speaker appoint a committee of three to act with a like committee from the Senate as a Conference Committee on Engrossed SB 2391, which motion prevailed.

**THE SPEAKER APPOINTED** as a Conference Committee on:

**Engrossed SB 2391:** Reps. Dockter, D. Anderson, Steiner

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**SPEAKER D. JOHNSON DEEMED** approval of the amendments to Engrossed SB 2001, Engrossed SB 2002, Engrossed SB 2003, Engrossed SB 2005, Engrossed SB 2006, Engrossed SB 2007, Engrossed SB 2010, Engrossed SB 2011, Engrossed SB 2014, Engrossed SB 2021, Engrossed SB 2022, Engrossed SB 2023, SB 2168, Engrossed SB 2169, Engrossed SB 2219, SB 2240, Reengrossed SB 2248, Engrossed SB 2279, Engrossed SB 2311, and SB 2326.

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**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2080:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 3 of section 14-15-11 and section 27-20.3-24 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a licensed child-placing agency investigation and adoptive child placement priority; and to provide a contingent effective date.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 53 YEAS, 37 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bellew; Bosch; Brandenburg; Christensen; Cory; Dockter; Dyk; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hagert; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Karls; Kasper; Kempenich; Koppelman; Kreidt; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Monson; Motschenbacher; Nathe; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Prichard; Pyle; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schobinger; Steiner; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Wagner; Warrey

**NAYS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Beltz; Boschee; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Fegley; Finley-DeVille; Hager; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Kiefert; Klemm; Lefor; Longmuir; Mitskog; Mock; Murphy; Nelson; Ostlie; Porter; Richter; Roers Jones; Schneider; Schreiber-Beck; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Vigessaa; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Conmy; Henderson; Ruby, M.

SB 2080, as amended, passed.

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**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2274:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-12-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to vaccination and infection information.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 87 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bellew; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee;

Brandenburg; Christensen; Cory; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVilleville; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Hoverson; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Kasper; Kempenich; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Prichard; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Dakane; Hager; Karls

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Conmy; Henderson; Ruby, M.

Engrossed SB 2274, as amended, passed.

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### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2140:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-52.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to public employee insulin drug and supplies benefits; to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 26.1-36.6-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to self-insurance health plans; to provide for a report; to provide for application; to provide an expiration date; and to declare an emergency.

### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 57 YEAS, 33 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bellew; Beltz; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Fegley; Finley-DeVilleville; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Jonas; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Longmuir; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Stemen; Swiontek; Thomas; Vetter; Wagner; Warrey; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Anderson, B.; Bahl; Bosch; Cory; Dockter; Dyk; Fisher; Hauck; Headland; Hoverson; Johnson, J.; Karls; Kempenich; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Louser; Marschall; Motschenbacher; Olson, J.; Porter; Prichard; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Schatz; Steiner; Strinden; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vigesaa; Weisz

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Conmy; Henderson; Ruby, M.

Engrossed SB 2140 passed but the emergency clause failed.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

**SPEAKER D. JOHNSON** announced that the House will stand in recess until 12:30 p.m.

**THE HOUSE RECONVENED** pursuant to recess taken, with Speaker D. Johnson presiding.

### MOTION

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that HB 1313 be laid over one legislative day, which motion prevailed.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**SB 2008, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (19 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2008 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 2, after "49-01-05" insert ", subsection 4 of section 49-22-22, and sections 49-22.1-21 and 57-43.2-19"

Page 1, line 3, replace the first "and" with a comma

Page 1, line 4, after "fund" insert ", and siting process administrative fees"

Page 1, line 4, replace "and to provide for a report" with "to provide a transfer; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, remove lines 14 through 24

Page 2, replace lines 1 and 2 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$9,991,488	\$930,538	\$10,922,026
Operating expenses	1,801,570	403,917	2,205,487
Capital assets	25,000	100,000	125,000
Grants	20,000	0	20,000
Abandoned mined lands contractual services	6,000,000	0	6,000,000
Rail rate complaint case	900,000	0	900,000
Railroad safety program	614,724	54,594	669,318
Specialized legal services	<u>420,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>420,000</u>
Total all funds	\$19,772,782	\$1,489,049	\$21,261,831
Less estimated income	<u>13,347,095</u>	<u>377,026</u>	<u>13,724,121</u>
Total general fund	\$6,425,687	\$1,112,023	\$7,537,710
Full-time equivalent positions	43.00	2.00	45.00"

Page 2, after line 19, insert:

**"SECTION 3. 2021-23 BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PROGRAM FUND.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$60,000, which the office of management and budget shall transfer to the public service commission program fund for the purpose of establishing a balance in the public service commission program fund, during the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2023."

Page 2, remove lines 29 and 30

Page 3, remove lines 1 through 13

Page 3, line 17, replace "twenty-four" with "thirty"

Page 3, line 17, remove "eight"

Page 3, line 18, overstrike the first "hundred"

Page 3, line 18, replace "twenty-nine" with "thirty-five"

Page 3, line 19, replace "seven" with "two"

Page 3, line 19, remove "ninety-two"

Page 3, after line 22, insert:

**"SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 49-22-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- Every applicant under this chapter shall pay to the commission an administrative fee equal to ~~one~~two hundred dollars for each one million dollars of original investment, not to exceed ~~twenty-five~~fifty thousand dollars. The administrative fee must be deposited in the public service commission program fund.

**SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 49-22.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**49-22.1-21. Siting process expense recovery - Deposit in special fund - Continuing appropriation.**

1. Every applicant under this chapter shall pay to the commission an application fee:
  - a. An applicant for a certificate of site compatibility shall pay an amount equal to five hundred dollars for each one million dollars of investment in the facility.
  - b. An applicant for a certificate of corridor compatibility shall pay an amount equal to five thousand dollars for each one million dollars of investment in the facility.
  - c. An applicant for a waiver shall pay the amount that would be required for an application for a certificate of site or corridor compatibility for the proposed facility. If a waiver is not granted for a proposed facility, the application fee paid must be allowed as a credit against fees payable under this section in connection with an application under this chapter for a certificate or permit for the proposed facility.
  - d. An applicant for a transfer of a certificate or permit shall pay an amount to be determined by the commission to cover anticipated expenses of processing the application.
  - e. An applicant requesting an amendment to a certificate or permit, or certifying to the commission under subsection 3 of section 49-22.1-01 or obtaining siting authority under subdivision b of subsection 2 or subdivision c of subsection 4 of section 49-22.1-15, shall pay an amount to be determined by the commission to cover anticipated expenses of processing the application.
  - f. The application fee under subdivision a, b, or c may not be less than ten thousand dollars nor more than one hundred thousand dollars.
  - g. ~~If an application fee is less than twenty-five thousand dollars, an~~ An applicant may agree to pay additional fees that are reasonably necessary for completion of the site, corridor, or route evaluation and designation process.
2. ~~At~~ if an applicant does not agree to pay additional fees reasonably necessary for completion of the site, corridor, or route evaluation and designation process, at the request of the commission and with the approval of the emergency commission, the applicant shall pay any additional fees as are reasonably necessary for completion of the gas or liquid energy conversion facility site, gas or liquid transmission facility corridor, or gas or liquid transmission facility route evaluation and designation process by the commission. The application fee under subsection 1 and any additional fees required of the applicant under this subsection may not exceed an amount equal to one thousand dollars for each one million dollars of investment in a proposed energy conversion facility or ten thousand dollars for each one million dollars of investment in a proposed gas or liquid transmission facility.
3. A siting process expense recovery fund is established in the state treasury. The commission shall deposit payments received under subsections 1 and 2 in the siting process expense recovery fund. All moneys deposited in the fund are appropriated on a continuing basis to the commission to pay expenses incurred in the siting process. The commission shall specify the time and method of payment of any fees and shall refund the portion of fees collected under subsections 1 and 2

which exceeds the expenses incurred for the evaluation and designation process.

4. Every applicant for a certificate of site compatibility, certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit, and transfer of a certificate or permit under this chapter shall pay to the commission an administrative fee equal to ~~one~~two hundred dollars for each one million dollars of original investment, not to exceed ~~twenty-five~~fifty thousand dollars. The administrative fee must be deposited into the public service commission program fund.

**SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-43.2-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**~~57-43.2-19. Transfer, deposit, and distribution of funds. (Effective through June 30, 2025)~~**

All taxes, license fees, penalties, and interest collected under this chapter must be transferred to the state treasurer who shall deposit moneys in a highway tax distribution fund, except all special fuels excise taxes collected on sales of diesel fuel to a railroad under section 57-43.2-03 of up to ~~two~~three hundred ~~ninety-seven~~thirty-two thousand three hundred ~~sixty-two~~twenty-seven dollars per year must be transferred to the state treasurer who shall deposit the moneys in the rail safety fund. The highway tax distribution fund must be distributed in the manner as prescribed by section 54-27-19.

~~**Transfer, deposit, and distribution of funds. (Effective after June 30, 2025)** All taxes, license fees, penalties, and interest collected under this chapter must be transferred to the state treasurer who shall deposit moneys in the highway tax distribution fund. The highway tax distribution fund must be distributed in the manner as prescribed by section 54-27-19.~~

**SECTION 9. EMERGENCY.** Sections 3, 6, and 7 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2008 - Public Service Commission - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$9,991,488	\$11,948,043	(\$1,026,017)	\$10,922,026
Operating expenses	1,801,570	2,097,737	107,750	2,205,487
Capital assets	25,000	125,000		125,000
Grants	20,000	20,000		20,000
Abandoned mined lands contractual	6,000,000	6,000,000		6,000,000
Rail rate complaint case	900,000	900,000		900,000
Railroad safety program	614,724	675,998	(6,680)	669,318
Specialized legal services	420,000	420,000		420,000
Total all funds	\$19,772,782	\$22,186,778	(\$924,947)	\$21,261,831
Less estimated income	13,347,095	13,988,401	(264,280)	13,724,121
General fund	\$6,425,687	\$8,198,377	(\$660,667)	\$7,537,710
FTE	43.00	47.00	(2.00)	45.00

**Department 408 - Public Service Commission - Detail of House Changes**

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds Salary Equity Funding for Elected Officials <sup>2</sup>	Remove Funding for FTE positions <sup>3</sup>	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool <sup>4</sup>	Adds Funding for FERC Contractor <sup>5</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$164,835	\$20,520	(\$415,386)	(\$795,986)		(\$1,026,017)
Operating expenses			(12,250)		\$120,000	107,750
Capital assets						
Grants						
Abandoned mined lands contractual						
Rail rate complaint case						
Railroad safety program	8,656			(15,336)		(6,680)
Specialized legal services						
<b>Total all funds</b>	<b>\$173,491</b>	<b>\$20,520</b>	<b>(\$427,636)</b>	<b>(\$811,322)</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>(\$924,947)</b>
Less estimated income	70,952	0	(70,728)	(264,504)	0	(264,280)
General fund	\$102,539	\$20,520	(\$356,908)	(\$546,818)	\$120,000	(\$660,667)
FTE	0.00	0.00	(2.00)	0.00	0.00	(2.00)

<sup>1</sup> Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for the 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	\$105,444	\$73,017	\$178,461
Health insurance adjustment	(2,905)	(2,065)	(4,970)
Total	\$102,539	\$70,952	\$173,491

The Senate provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Funding is added for providing a salary equity increase for the Public Service Commissioners. The Public Service Commissioners' annual salaries are increased from the current level of \$117,610 to \$130,000 (10.5 percent) effective July 1, 2023. This funding is in addition to the funding of 6 percent added by the Senate.

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$427,636, including \$356,908 from the general fund and \$70,728 from other funds, is removed for 2 FTE positions and related operating expenses:

	FTE	Salaries and Wages	Operating Expenses	Total
Legal assistant	(1.00)	(\$164,482)	(\$3,000)	(\$167,482)
Public utility analyst	(1.00)	(250,904)	(9,250)	(260,154)
Total	(2.00)	(\$415,386)	(\$12,250)	(\$427,636)

<sup>4</sup> Funding for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency if needed by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
New FTE positions	(\$365,030)	(\$138,602)	(\$503,632)
Vacant FTE positions	(181,788)	(125,902)	(307,690)
Total	(\$546,818)	(\$264,504)	(\$811,322)

<sup>5</sup> Funding of \$120,000 is added from the general fund for a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) contractor to ensure reliable, safe, secure, and economically efficient energy for consumers at a reasonable cost.

This amendment also:

- Adds sections to change Sections 49-22-22(4) and 49-22.1-21 to increase the administrative siting fee from \$100 to \$200 for each \$1 million of original investment and increase the maximum from \$25,000 to \$50,000.
- Adds a section to transfer \$60,000 from the general fund to the Public Service Commission program fund during the 2021-23 biennium.
- Adds a section to provide an emergency clause related to the \$60,000 transfer to



the Public Service Commission program fund.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**SB 2017, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (19 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2017 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, remove lines 13 through 24

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 3 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$33,741,592	\$2,730,370	\$36,471,962
Operating expenses	16,276,782	1,436,582	17,713,364
Capital assets	6,774,770	1,755,891	8,530,661
Grants - game and fish	8,923,343	1,166,633	10,089,976
Land habitat and deer depredation	17,995,597	7,486,424	25,482,021
Noxious weed control	725,000	0	725,000
Missouri River enforcement	296,999	16,342	313,341
Grants, gifts, and donations	670,133	6,853	676,986
Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000	0	100,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,818,409	334,235	2,152,644
Wildlife services	500,000	0	500,000
Shooting sports grant program	250,000	0	250,000
Aquatic nuisance species program	<u>1,509,009</u>	<u>1,229,835</u>	<u>2,738,844</u>
Total special funds	\$89,581,634	\$16,163,165	\$105,744,799
Full-time equivalent positions	164.00	3.00	167.00"

Page 2, replace lines 18 and 19 with:

"Uniforms and supplies for new FTE positions		0	9,700
Total special funds		\$2,786,500	\$3,344,700"

Page 3, line 2, replace "seven" with "three"

Page 3, line 4, replace "passage" with "enactment"

Page 3, line 4, after "Act" insert "and after corresponding federal funds have been made available to the state. The department shall regularly coordinate with and consider input from the federal environmental law impact review committee in the expenditure of funds for conservation or research under this section. If the contingent funding in this section becomes effective, the department may request the office of management and budget to transfer up to \$641,480 from the new and vacant FTE funding pool for salaries and wages of the full-time equivalent positions identified in this section"

Page 3, after line 4, insert:

**"SECTION 5. MIDTERM CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS.** The game and fish department may spend up to \$2,777,778 from other funds in the land habitat and deer depredation line item in section 1 of this Act for midterm conservation agreements with private landowners. The department shall limit the term of these agreements to a maximum of fifteen years."

ReNUMBER accordingly

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

#### Senate Bill No. 2017 - Game and Fish Department - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$33,741,592	\$38,428,184	(\$1,956,222)	\$36,471,962
Operating expenses	16,276,782	17,820,498	(107,134)	17,713,364
Capital assets	6,774,770	8,548,661	(18,000)	8,530,661
Grants - Game and fish	8,923,343	10,089,976		10,089,976
Land habitat and deer depredation	17,995,597	26,922,303	(1,440,282)	25,482,021

Noxious weed control	725,000	725,000		725,000
Missouri River enforcement	296,999	317,587	(4,246)	313,341
Grants - Gifts - Donations	670,133	684,957	(7,971)	676,986
Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000	100,000		100,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,818,409	2,185,614	(32,970)	2,152,644
Wildlife services	500,000	500,000		500,000
Shooting sports grant program	250,000	250,000		250,000
Aquatic nuisance species program	1,509,009	2,959,664	(220,820)	2,738,844
Contingent Funding		27,150,000		27,150,000
Total all funds	\$89,581,634	\$136,682,444	(\$3,787,645)	\$132,894,799
Less estimated income	89,581,634	136,682,444	(3,787,645)	132,894,799
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	164.00	177.00	(7.00)	170.00

**Department 720 - Game and Fish Department - Detail of House Changes**

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Removes Funding for Multiple FTE Positions <sup>2</sup>	Remove Salary Funding for Funding Pool <sup>3</sup>	Removes Funding for One-Time Items <sup>4</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$520,644	(\$228,634)	(\$2,248,232)		(\$1,956,222)
Operating expenses		(78,144)		(\$28,990)	(107,134)
Capital assets				(18,000)	(18,000)
Grants - Game and fish					
Land habitat and deer depredation	9,364	(420,872)	(996,374)	(32,400)	(1,440,282)
Noxious weed control					
Missouri River enforcement	1,682		(5,928)		(4,246)
Grants - Gifts - Donations	3,088		(11,059)		(7,971)
Nongame wildlife conservation					
Lonetree reservoir	12,800		(45,770)		(32,970)
Wildlife services					
Shooting sports grant program					
Aquatic nuisance species program	8,949		(229,769)		(220,820)
Contingent Funding					
Total all funds	\$556,527	(\$727,650)	(\$3,537,132)	(\$79,390)	(\$3,787,645)
Less estimated income	556,527	(727,650)	(3,537,132)	(79,390)	(3,787,645)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	(7.00)	0.00	0.00	(7.00)

<sup>1</sup> Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for the 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

	Other Funds
Salary increase	\$577,222
Health insurance adjustment	(20,695)
Total	\$556,527

The Senate provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$727,650 from other funds is removed for the following 7 FTE positions:

- 1 FTE warden investigator - Total funding of \$306,778, of which \$228,634 is for salaries and wages and \$78,144 is for related operating expenses;
- 2 FTE biologist I - Total funding of \$420,872, of which \$395,292 is for salaries and wages and \$25,580 is for related operating expenses; and
- 4 FTE contingent positions related to federal Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

<sup>3</sup> Funding for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency if needed by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	Other Funds
New FTE positions	(\$1,295,398)
Vacant FTE positions	(2,241,734)
Total	(\$3,537,132)

<sup>4</sup> One-time funding of \$79,390 from other funds is removed for the following:

	<u>Other Funds</u>	
Uniforms and equipment for warden investigator position		\$46,990
Equipment for biologist I positions		32,400
Total		\$79,390

This amendment also:

- Changes provisions of the contingent appropriation section for the federal Recovering America's Wildlife Act funding to provide that the department coordinate with and consider input from the Federal Environmental Law Impact Review Committee for any expenditure of funds for conservation or research under this section.
- Adds a section relating to funding for midterm conservation agreements and limiting the agreements with private landowners to a term of up to 15 years.

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**SB 2018, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (17 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2018 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.**

Page 1, replace lines 14 through 24 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$15,791,624	\$682,870	\$16,474,494
Operating expenses	4,473,663	122,168	4,595,831
Capital assets	1,251,015	3,413,413	4,664,428
Grants	600,000	1,203,340	1,803,340
Cultural heritage grants	500,000	0	500,000
America's 250th celebration	0	250,000	250,000
Exhibits	<u>0</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
Total all funds	\$22,616,302	\$5,971,791	\$28,588,093
Less estimated income	<u>3,229,952</u>	<u>3,359,231</u>	<u>6,589,183</u>
Total general fund	\$19,386,350	\$2,612,560	\$21,998,910
Full-time equivalent positions	78.75	4.75	83.50"

Page 2, replace lines 6 through 20 with:

"Historical site and extraordinary repairs	\$4,200,000	\$2,500,000
Essential infrastructure at historic sites	950,000	0
State archives digital repository upgrade	25,000	0
Inflationary costs	0	120,795
Digital interactive initiative	0	425,000
Geographic information system remote access and upgrade	0	250,000
Medora site planning	0	150,000
Army corps of engineering grant	0	400,000
Opera house restoration	0	250,000
Whitestone Hill monument	0	250,000
Digital humanities advancement grant	0	30,000
Scanner and microfilm plotter	0	236,044
Exhibit engagement	0	375,000
Paul Bruhn historical revitalization grant	0	750,000
Underrepresented community grant	0	125,000
America's 250th celebration	<u>0</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Total all funds	\$5,175,000	\$6,111,839
Total special funds	<u>5,150,000</u>	<u>4,205,000</u>
Total general fund	\$25,000	\$1,906,839"

Page 3, line 5, replace "\$5,095,500" with "\$2,800,000"

Page 3, line 5, replace "\$4,500,000" with "\$2,500,000"

Page 3, line 6, replace "\$595,000" with "\$300,000"

Page 3, line 20, remove the overstrike over "~~36-CFR-800~~"

Page 3, line 20, remove the overstrike over "er"

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2018 - State Historical Society - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$15,791,624	\$17,548,818	(\$1,074,324)	\$16,474,494
Operating expenses	4,473,663	3,960,831	635,000	4,595,831
Capital assets	1,251,015	6,134,428	(1,470,000)	4,664,428
Grants	600,000	1,803,340		1,803,340
Cultural heritage grants	500,000	500,000		500,000
America's 250th Exhibits		750,000	(500,000)	250,000
		595,000	(295,000)	300,000
Total all funds	\$22,616,302	\$31,292,417	(\$2,704,324)	\$28,588,093
Less estimated income	3,229,952	9,303,341	(2,714,158)	6,589,183
General fund	\$19,386,350	\$21,989,076	\$9,834	\$21,998,910
FTE	78.75	82.00	1.50	83.50

**Department 701 - State Historical Society - Detail of House Changes**

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adds Funding for FTE Positions <sup>2</sup>	Adjusts Funding for One-Time Items <sup>3</sup>	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool <sup>4</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	\$237,904	\$296,164	\$200,000	(\$1,808,392)	(\$1,074,324)
Operating expenses		40,000	595,000		635,000
Capital assets			(1,470,000)		(1,470,000)
Grants					
Cultural heritage grants					
America's 250th Exhibits			(500,000)		(500,000)
			(295,000)		(295,000)
Total all funds	\$237,904	\$336,164	(\$1,470,000)	(\$1,808,392)	(\$2,704,324)
Less estimated income	30,031	0	(1,895,000)	(849,189)	(2,714,158)
General fund	\$207,873	\$336,164	\$425,000	(\$959,203)	\$9,834
FTE	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.00	1.50

<sup>1</sup> Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for the 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase	\$215,795	\$30,599	\$246,394
Health insurance adjustment	(7,922)	(568)	(8,490)
Total	\$207,873	\$30,031	\$237,904

The Senate provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$336,164 from the general fund is added for 1.5 FTE positions and related operating expenses:

	FTE	Salaries and Wages	Operating Expenses	Total
Digital specialist	1.00	\$187,590	\$0	\$187,590
Brand marketing assistant	0.50	108,574	40,000	148,574
Total	1.50	\$296,164	\$40,000	\$336,164

<sup>3</sup> One-time funding is adjusted as follows:

- Added \$425,000 from the general fund for a digital interactive initiative project.
- Reduced funding by \$2 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for historic building improvements to provide a total of \$2.5 million.
- Added \$400,000 from federal funds for an Army Corps of Engineers grant, of which \$200,000 is for salaries and wages, \$170,000 is for operating expenses, and \$30,000 is for capital assets.
- Added \$250,000 from the general fund for an opera house restoration project.
- Added \$250,000 from the general fund for conducting a study and designing a

monument at Whitestone Hill State Historic Site.

- Reduced funding by \$500,000 from the general fund to provide a total of \$250,000 for the America's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration project.
- Reduced funding by \$295,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to provide a total of \$375,000 for improving exhibits including \$300,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund and \$75,000 from donations.

<sup>4</sup> Funding for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency if needed by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
New FTE positions	(\$400,978)	(\$770,038)	(\$1,171,016)
Vacant FTE positions	(558,225)	(79,151)	(637,376)
Total	(\$959,203)	(\$849,189)	(\$1,808,392)

This amendment changes a section to identify \$2,800,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund, of which \$2,500,000 is for critical repairs to historic site structures and \$300,000 is for creating new and repairing existing exhibits. The Senate provided \$5,095,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the sites and exhibits.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2024, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (16 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2024 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 2, after "commission" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, replace lines 11 through 13 with:

"Ethics commission	\$623,984	\$392,115	\$1,016,099
Total general fund	\$623,984	\$392,115	\$1,016,099
Full-time equivalent positions	1.00	1.00	2.00

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
Attorney fees	\$0	\$72,000
Office relocation	0	25,000
Total general fund	\$0	\$97,000

The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2025-27 biennium. The ethics commission shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

**SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** The sum of \$97,000 for attorney fees and office relocation costs included in the ethics commission line item in section 1 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

ReNUMBER accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2024 - Ethics Commission - House Action**

Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
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Ethics commission	\$623,984	\$1,051,976	(\$35,877)	\$1,016,099
Total all funds	\$623,984	\$1,051,976	(\$35,877)	\$1,016,099
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$623,984	\$1,051,976	(\$35,877)	\$1,016,099
FTE	1.00	2.00	0.00	2.00

**Department 195 - Ethics Commission - Detail of House Changes**

	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool <sup>2</sup>	Reduces Temporary Salaries Funding Increase <sup>3</sup>	Adds One-Time Funding <sup>4</sup>	Total House Changes
Ethics commission	\$9,030	(\$71,907)	(\$70,000)	\$97,000	(\$35,877)
Total all funds	\$9,030	(\$71,907)	(\$70,000)	\$97,000	(\$35,877)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$9,030	(\$71,907)	(\$70,000)	\$97,000	(\$35,877)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

	General Fund
Salary increase	\$9,148
Health insurance adjustment	(118)
Total	\$9,030

The Senate provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Funding for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency if needed by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	General Fund
New FTE positions	(\$60,798)
Vacant FTE positions	(11,109)
Total	(\$71,907)

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$100,000 added by the Senate to increase temporary salaries funding is reduced to \$30,000.

<sup>4</sup> One-time funding is added for the following items:

	General Fund
Attorney fees	\$72,000
Office relocation costs	25,000
Total	\$97,000

A section is also added to declare the one-time funding to be an emergency measure.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2149, as engrossed and amended: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (21 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2149, as amended, was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.**

In lieu of the amendments adopted by the House as printed on pages 1228 and 1229 of the House Journal, Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2149 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, remove "and chapter 57-40.7"

Page 1, line 2, remove "and the"

Page 1, remove lines 3 through 4

Page 1, line 5, remove "to provide an effective date"

Page 1, line 9, remove "**988 crisis stabilization fund -**"

Page 1, line 9, remove "**- Continuing**"

Page 1, line 10, remove "**appropriation**"

Page 1, line 11, remove "There is created in the state treasury a special fund known as the 988 crisis"

Page 1, remove lines 12 through 17

Page 1, line 18, remove "2."

Page 1, line 22, replace "3." with "2."

Page 1, line 23, remove "Determine the rate of a 988 surcharge to be collected by providers of assessed"

Page 1, remove line 24

Page 2, remove lines 1 through 8

Page 2, line 9, remove "b."

Page 2, line 11, replace "c." with "b."

Page 2, line 13, replace "d." with "c."

Page 2, line 22, replace "e." with "d."

Page 2, line 25, replace "4." with "3."

Page 2, line 29, remove """Communication connection" means a telephone access line, wireless access"

Page 2, remove lines 30 and 31

Page 3, remove lines 1 and 2

Page 3, line 3, remove "c."

Page 3, remove lines 8 and 9

Page 3, line 10, replace "e." with "c."

Page 3, line 12, replace "5." with "4."

Page 3, remove lines 18 through 31

Page 4, remove lines 1 through 30

Page 5, remove lines 1 through 30

Page 6, remove lines 1 through 14

Re-number accordingly

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

#### Senate Bill No. 2149 - DHHS - Other - House Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Crisis hotline		\$50,000	(\$50,000)	

Total all funds	\$0	\$50,000	(\$50,000)	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$50,000	(\$50,000)	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Department 325 - DHHS - Other - Detail of House Changes**

	Removes Funding for Crisis Hotline <sup>1</sup>	Total House Changes
Crisis hotline	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)
Total all funds	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)
Less estimated income	0	0
General fund	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding of \$50,000 from the general fund, included by the Senate, for a 988 crisis hotline is removed.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2164, as engrossed: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Schauer, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (9 YEAS, 1 NAY, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2164 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-52-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to retirement board membership; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-52-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**54-52-03. Governing authority.**

1. A state agency is hereby created to constitute the governing authority of the system to consist of a board of ~~nine~~eleven individuals known as the retirement board. No more than one elected member of the board may be in the employ of a single department, institution, or agency of the state or in the employ of a political subdivision. An employee of the public employees retirement system or the state retirement and investment office may not serve on the board.
4. ~~Two~~
2. ~~Four~~ members of the legislative assembly must be appointed ~~by the chairman of the legislative management~~ to serve on the board.
  - a. ~~If the same political party has the greatest number of members in both the house and senate, one member must be from that majority party and one member from the political party with the next greatest number of members in the house and senate.~~
  - b. ~~If the same political party does not have the greatest number of members in both the house and senate, one member must be from the majority party in the house and one member must be from the majority party in the senate.~~
2. ~~One member~~The majority leader of the house of representatives shall appoint two members of the house of representatives and the majority leader of the senate shall appoint two members of the senate. The members appointed under this subsection shall serve a term of two years.



3. ~~Four members of the board must be appointed by the governor to serve a term of five years. The~~Each appointee under this subsection must be a North Dakota citizen who is not a state or political subdivision employee and who ~~by experience~~ is familiar with ~~money management retirement and employee benefit plans~~. The governor shall appoint one citizen member ~~is to serve as~~ chairman of the board.
- ~~3. One member of the board must be appointed by the attorney general from the attorney general's legal staff and shall serve a term of five years.~~
- ~~4. The state health officer appointed under section 23-01-05 or the state health officer's designee is a member of the board.~~
- ~~5.4.~~ Three board members must be elected by and from among the active participating members, members of the retirement plan established under chapter 54-52.6, members of the retirement plan established under chapter 39-03.1, and members of the job service North Dakota retirement plan. Employees who have terminated their employment for whatever reason are not eligible to serve as elected members of the board under this subsection. Board members must be elected to a five-year term pursuant to an election called by the board. Notice of board elections must be given to all active participating members. The time spent in performing duties as a board member may not be charged against any employee's accumulated annual or any other type of leave.
- ~~6. One board member must be elected by and from among those individuals who are receiving retirement benefits under this chapter. The board shall call the election and must give prior notice of the election to the individuals eligible to participate in the election pursuant to this subsection. The board member shall serve a term of five years.~~
- ~~7.5.~~ The members of the board are entitled to receive one hundred forty-eight dollars per day compensation and necessary mileage and travel expenses as provided in sections 44-08-04 and 54-06-09. This is in addition to any other pay or allowance due the chairman or a member, plus an allowance for expenses they may incur through service on the board.
- ~~8.6.~~ A board member shall serve ~~a five-year term and~~ until the board member's successor qualifies. Each board member is entitled to one vote, and ~~five~~six of the ~~nine~~eleven board members constitute a quorum. ~~Five~~Six votes are necessary for resolution or action by the board at any meeting.

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective June 1, 2023.

**SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2211, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (22 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2211 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2281, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Vigesaa, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (21 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2281 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 2, line 25, overstrike "electronic pull tab"

Page 2, line 25, remove "systems and"

Page 2, line 25, overstrike "devices,"

Page 2, line 27, after the period insert "A manufacturer of electronic pull tab systems and devices shall apply annually for a license and pay a license fee of ten thousand dollars."

Page 2, line 27, remove "this"

Page 2, line 28, replace "fee" with "these fees"

Renumber accordingly

#### SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**SPEAKER D. JOHNSON DEEMED** approval of the amendments to Engrossed SB 2008, Engrossed SB 2017, Engrossed SB 2018, Engrossed SB 2024, Engrossed SB 2149, Engrossed SB 2164, and Engrossed SB 2281.

Engrossed SB 2008, Engrossed SB 2017, Engrossed SB 2018, Engrossed SB 2024, Engrossed SB 2149, Engrossed SB 2164, and Engrossed SB 2281, as amended, were placed on the Fourteenth order of business on the calendar.

#### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2001:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the governor; to amend and reenact sections 54-07-04 and 54-08-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to salaries of the governor and lieutenant governor; to provide for a report; and to provide an exemption.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 66 YEAS, 24 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Bahl; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Fegley; Finley-DeVile; Fisher; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heinert; Ista; Jonas; Karls; Kiefert; Klemin; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Roers Jones; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Anderson, K.; Bellew; Christensen; Dyk; Frelich; Heilman; Holle; Johnson, J.; Kasper; Koppelman; Kreidt; Marschall; Olson, S.; Prichard; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Schatz; Steiner; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2001, as amended, passed.

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#### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2279:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 15 of section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a property tax exemption for certain potato storage structures; and to provide an effective date.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 82 YEAS, 8 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVile; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kiefert; Klemin;

Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Bellew; Hager; Heilman; Kasper; Prichard; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Toman

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2279, as amended, passed.

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**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2002:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the secretary of state and public printing; and to amend and reenact section 54-09-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the secretary of state;.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 86 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVilleville; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Prichard; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Bellew; Rohr; Schatz; Steiner

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2002, as amended, passed.

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**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2003:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the attorney general; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the creation of a retired law enforcement dogs program; to amend and reenact sections 53-06.1-11.2, 53-12.1-09, and 54-12-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transfers from the charitable gaming operating fund, transfers from the lottery operating fund to the multijurisdictional drug task force grant fund, and the salary of the attorney general; to provide a transfer; to provide an exemption; to provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an emergency.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 84 YEAS, 5 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 5 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVilleville; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad;

Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Bellew; Prichard; Schatz; Toman; Tveit

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Dockter; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2003, as amended, passed and the emergency clause was declared carried.

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### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2005:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state treasurer; and to amend and reenact section 54-11-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the state treasurer.

### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 83 YEAS, 7 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Fegley; Finley-DeVillie; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Bellew; Christensen; Dyk; Prichard; Rohr; Schatz; Toman

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2005, as amended, passed.

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### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2006:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the tax commissioner and for payment of state reimbursement under the homestead tax credit and disabled veterans' tax credit; to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-39.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a sales tax exemption for materials used to construct, expand, or upgrade a facility that refines renewable feedstock into sustainable aviation fuel; to amend and reenact section 57-01-04, subsection 2 of section 57-02-53, and subsection 3 of section 57-40.2-03.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the state tax commissioner, property assessment increase notices, and use tax exemptions; to provide an exemption; to provide for a transfer; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 81 YEAS, 9 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter;

Fegley; Finley-DeVilleville; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Bellew; Dyk; Holle; Porter; Prichard; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Schatz; Toman

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2006, as amended, passed.

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### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2007:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of labor and human rights.

### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 87 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Fegley; Finley-DeVilleville; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Prichard; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Bellew; Dyk; Schatz

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2007, as amended, passed.

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### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2010:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the insurance commissioner; to amend and reenact sections 26.1-01-09, 26.1-23.1-02, and 26.1-23.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner and government self-insurance pools; and to provide for a legislative management report.

### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 84 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVilleville; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr;

Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Bellew; Christensen; Olson, S.; Prichard; Schatz; Steiner

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2010, as amended, passed.

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### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2211:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 18-03-01.1, a new subsection to section 26.1-01-03, and a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 26.1-01-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the operations of the state fire marshal; to amend and reenact section 18-01-01, subsection 1 of section 18-01-03.1, sections 18-01-04, 18-01-09, 18-01-20, 18-01-35, 18-01-36, 18-03-04, 18-03-05, 18-03-07, 18-04-04, 18-04-04.1, and 18-04-05, subsection 1 of section 18-13-01, subsection 4 of section 18-13-02, subsection 3 of section 18-13-03, subsection 6 of section 18-13-04, subsection 6 and 7 of section 18-13-05, section 18-13-07, and subsection 1 of section 26.1-03-17, relating to the operations of the state fire marshal; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 88 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVille; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marshall; Martinson; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Prichard; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Bellew; McLeod

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2211 passed.

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### MOTION

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that SB 2017 and SB 2022, which are on the Fourteenth order, be laid over one legislative day, which motion prevailed.

### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2011:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the securities department; and to provide a report.

### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 90 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bellew; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVille; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson;

Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Prichard; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2011, as amended, passed.

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### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2014:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the protection and advocacy project.

### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 88 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVillie; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Prichard; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Bellew; Schatz

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2014, as amended, passed.

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### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2240:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of commerce for the base retention grant program.

### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 90 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bellew; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVillie; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Prichard; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

SB 2240, as amended, passed.

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#### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2248:** A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 19-03.1, and section 19-03.1-23.6 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a special penalty for death or injury through distribution of illegal drugs, and fentanyl reporting; to amend and reenact section 19-03.1-23.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to overdose prevention and immunity; and to provide a penalty.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 90 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bellew; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVillie; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Prichard; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigasaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Reengrossed SB 2248, as amended, passed.

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#### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2326:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 61-02-01.3, 61-02-02, and 61-03-21.4 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use of economic analysis for flood control and water conveyance projects and works.

#### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 90 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bellew; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVillie; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Prichard; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigasaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

SB 2326, as amended, passed.



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**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2021:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of workforce safety and insurance; and to provide an exemption.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 90 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bellew; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVillie; Fisher; Frellich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Prichard; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2021, as amended, passed.

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**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2023:** A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public employees retirement system; and to provide a contingent appropriation.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 80 YEAS, 10 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Fegley; Finley-DeVillie; Fisher; Frellich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kiefert; Klemin; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Bellew; Christensen; Dyk; Kasper; Koppelman; Marschall; Olson, S.; Prichard; Schatz; Timmons

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2023, as amended, passed.

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**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL**

**SB 2311:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 11 of section 35-24-01 and sections 35-24-03, 35-24-11, and 35-27-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to well or pipeline construction liens and construction liens.

**ROLL CALL**

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has

committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 88 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bellew; Beltz; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fegley; Finley-DeVille; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hanson; Hatlestad; Hauck; Headland; Heilman; Holle; Ista; Johnson, J.; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Kreidt; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Meier; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; O'Brien; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Porter; Pyle; Richter; Rios; Roers Jones; Rohr; Ruby, D.; Ruby, M.; Sanford; Satrom; Schatz; Schauer; Schneider; Schobinger; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Toman; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Vigesaa; Wagner; Warrey; Weisz; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Heinert; Prichard

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

Engrossed SB 2311, as amended, passed.

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### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILL

**SB 2168:** A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-06.1-06, subdivision i of subsection 1 of section 39-09-02, section 39-21-41.4, and subsection 2 of section 40-05-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to speeding violations, use of safety belts, and city fines and penalties; and to provide a penalty.

### ROLL CALL

The question being on the final passage of the amended bill, which has been read, and has committee recommendation of DO PASS, the roll was called and there were 66 YEAS, 24 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING.

**YEAS:** Anderson, B.; Anderson, D.; Anderson, K.; Bahl; Bosch; Boschee; Brandenburg; Christensen; Conmy; Dobervich; Dockter; Dyk; Fisher; Frelich; Grueneich; Hager; Hagert; Hatlestad; Hauck; Heilman; Heinert; Holle; Ista; Jonas; Karls; Kasper; Kiefert; Klemin; Koppelman; Lefor; Longmuir; Louser; Marschall; Martinson; McLeod; Mitskog; Mock; Monson; Motschenbacher; Murphy; Nathe; Nelson; Novak; Olson, J.; Olson, S.; Ostlie; Prichard; Pyle; Roers Jones; Ruby, D.; Sanford; Satrom; Schauer; Schreiber-Beck; Steiner; Stemen; Strinden; Swiontek; Thomas; Timmons; Tveit; VanWinkle; Vetter; Wagner; Warrey; Speaker Johnson, D.

**NAYS:** Bellew; Beltz; Cory; Dakane; Davis; Fegley; Finley-DeVille; Hanson; Headland; Johnson, J.; Kreidt; Meier; O'Brien; Porter; Richter; Rios; Rohr; Ruby, M.; Schatz; Schneider; Schobinger; Toman; Vigesaa; Weisz

**ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:** Christy; Henderson; Hoverson; Kempenich

SB 2168, as amended, passed.

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### MOTION

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that Engrossed HB 1114, which is on the Twelfth order, be rereferred to the **Judiciary Committee**, which motion prevailed. Pursuant to Rep. Bosch's motion, Engrossed HB 1114 was rereferred.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has passed, unchanged: SB 2211.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has passed, the emergency clause failed, unchanged: SB 2140.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has amended and subsequently passed: SB 2080, SB 2274.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has amended and subsequently passed: SB 2001, SB 2002, SB 2005, SB 2006, SB 2007, SB 2010, SB 2011, SB 2014, SB 2021, SB 2023, SB 2168, SB 2240, SB 2248, SB 2279, SB 2311, SB 2326.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: SB 2003.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed, unchanged: HB 1177.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has passed, unchanged: HCR 3036.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HB 1183, HB 1225, HB 1230, HB 1276, HB 1391, HB 1508.

**SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1183**

Page 1, line 2, remove "subdivision d of"

Page 1, line 4, after "officers" insert "; and to provide for a legislative management study"

Page 2, line 4, after "1." insert "a."

Page 2, line 4, remove the overstrike over "~~bureau of criminal investigation~~"

Page 2, line 4, remove "state"

Page 2, line 6, remove the overstrike over "~~four~~"

Page 2, line 6, remove "six"

Page 2, line 6, remove the overstrike over "~~Peace officer contributions increase~~"

Page 2, remove the overstrike over lines 7 and 8

Page 2, line 9, remove the overstrike over "~~the reporting period of January 2013.~~" and insert immediately thereafter:

"b. Each peace officer employed by the state, other than a peace officer employed by the bureau of criminal investigation, who is a member of the public employees retirement system is assessed and shall pay six percent of the employee's monthly salary.

c."

Page 2, after line 13, insert:

"d."

Page 3, line 29, after "e." insert "(1)"

Page 3, line 29, remove the overstrike over "~~bureau of criminal~~"

Page 3, line 30, remove the overstrike over "~~investigation~~"

Page 3, line 30, remove "state"

Page 4, line 1, overstrike "(1)" and insert immediately thereafter "(a)"

Page 4, line 4, overstrike "(2)" and insert immediately thereafter "(b)"

Page 4, after line 6, insert:

- "(2) Normal retirement date for a peace officer employed by the state, other than a peace officer employed by the bureau of criminal investigation, is:
- (a) The first day of the month next following the month in which the peace officer attains the age of fifty-five years and has completed at least three eligible years of employment; or
- (b) When the peace officer has a combined total of years of service credit and years of age equal to eighty-five and has not received a retirement benefit under this chapter."

Page 4, line 10, after "g." insert "(1)"

Page 4, line 15, after the period insert

"(2)"

Page 4, line 19, after the period insert

"(3)"

Page 4, line 19, after "state" insert ", other than a peace officer employed by the bureau of criminal investigation."

Page 4, after line 24, insert:

- "(4) For a peace officer employed by the bureau of criminal investigation, early retirement date is the first day of the month next following the month in which the peace officer attains the age of fifty years and has completed at least three years of eligible employment."

Page 5, remove lines 17 through 31

Page 6, replace lines 1 and 2 with:

**"SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 4 of section 54-52-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. The board shall calculate retirement benefits as follows:
- a. Normal retirement benefits for all retirees, except supreme and district court judges, peace officers employed by the bureau of criminal investigation, and other peace officers employed by the state, reaching normal retirement date equal an annual amount, payable monthly, comprised of a service benefit and a prior service benefit, as defined in this chapter, which is determined as follows:
- (1) For members first enrolled:
- (a) Before January 1, 2020, service benefit equals two percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of years of service employment.
- (b) After December 31, 2019, service benefit equals one and seventy-five hundredths percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of years of service employment.

- (2) Prior service benefit equals two percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of years of prior service employment.
- b. Normal retirement benefits for all supreme and district court judges under the public employees retirement system reaching normal retirement date equal an annual amount, payable monthly, comprised of a benefit as defined in this chapter, determined as follows:
  - (1) Benefits must be calculated from the time of appointment or election to the bench and must equal three and one-half percent of final average salary multiplied by the first ten years of judicial service, two and eighty hundredths percent of final average salary multiplied by the second ten years of judicial service, and one and one-fourth percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of years of judicial service exceeding twenty years.
  - (2) Service benefits must include, in addition, an amount equal to the percent specified in subdivision a of final average salary multiplied by the number of years of nonjudicial employee service and employment.
- c. Normal retirement benefits for a peace officer employed by the bureau of criminal investigation reaching the normal retirement date equals an annual amount, payable monthly, comprised of a service benefit and a prior service benefit determined as follows:
  - (1) For members first enrolled:
    - (a) Before January 1, 2020, service benefit equals two percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of years of service employment.
    - (b) After December 31, 2019, service benefit equals one and seventy-five hundredths percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of years of service employment.
  - (2) Prior service benefit equals two percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of years of prior service employment.
- d. Normal retirement benefits for a peace officer employed by the state, other than by the bureau of criminal investigation, reaching the normal retirement date equals an annual amount, payable monthly, comprised of a service benefit and a prior service benefit determined as follows:
  - (1) For members first enrolled:
    - (a) Before January 1, 2020, service benefit equals two percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of years of service employment.
    - (b) After December 31, 2019, service benefit equals one and seventy-five hundredths percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of years of service employment.
  - (2) Prior service benefit equals two percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of years of prior service employment.
- e. Postponed retirement benefits are calculated as for single life benefits for those members who retired on or after July 1, 1977.
- ~~d.f.~~ Early retirement benefits are calculated as for single life benefits accrued to the date of termination of employment, but must be

actuarially reduced to account for benefit payments beginning before the normal retirement date, as determined under subsection 3. Except for a national guard security officer or firefighter, a firefighter employed by a political subdivision, a peace officer, or correctional officer employed by the bureau of criminal investigation or by a political subdivision, a peace officer employed by the state, or a supreme court or district court judge, early retirement benefits for members first enrolled after December 31, 2015, are calculated for single life benefits accrued to the date of termination of employment, but must be reduced by fixed rate of eight percent per year to account for benefit payments beginning before the normal retirement date. A retiree, other than a supreme or district court judge, is eligible for early retirement benefits only after having completed three years of eligible employment. A supreme or district court judge retiree is eligible for early retirement benefits only after having completed five years of eligible employment.

e.g. Except for supreme and district court judges, disability retirement benefits are twenty-five percent of the member's final average salary. Disability retirement benefits for supreme and district court judges are seventy percent of final average salary reduced by the member's primary social security benefits and by any workforce safety and insurance benefits paid. The minimum monthly disability retirement benefit under this section is one hundred dollars.

**SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - PEACE OFFICER AND PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT PLANS.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the retirement system for peace officers and public safety personnel in the state. The study must include consideration of the public employees retirement system retirement plans offered to peace officers and safety personnel; how political subdivisions provide retirement benefits to peace officers and safety personnel; how other states provide retirement benefits to peace officers and safety personnel; the level of benefits and contributions in the state, political subdivision, and other state plans; how peace officers and public safety personnel transition between these retirement plans; and factors unique to retirement plans in the public safety sector. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

#### **SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1225**

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide for a legislative management study relating to an online tax portal for electronically accessible statewide property information and tax information.

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

**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - ONLINE PROPERTY TAX PORTAL.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the integration of an online portal or promulgating online access for electronically accessible statewide property information and property tax information based on county geographic information system data and electronic property information. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

#### **SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1230**

Page 1, line 2, replace "invalid" with "fraudulent"

Page 2, line 26, replace "invalid" with "one or more fraudulent"

Page 2, remove line 27

Page 2, line 28, remove "a measure that ultimately is placed on the ballot"

Page 3, line 18, replace "the chairman" with "any member"

Page 3, line 22, replace "fine" with "civil penalty"

Page 3, line 22, replace "two dollars for each signature deemed invalid by the secretary of state" with "not more than three thousand dollars. The civil penalty may be recovered in an action brought in the district court of Burleigh County by the attorney general"

Renumber accordingly

### SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1276

In lieu of the amendments adopted by the Senate as printed on pages 1156 and 1157 of the Senate Journal, Engrossed House Bill No. 1276 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "Act" insert "to create and enact a new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the agriculture infrastructure grant program;"

Page 1, after line 4, insert:

**"SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 4.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

#### **Agriculture infrastructure grant program.**

1. The agriculture commission, in consultation with the director of the department of transportation, shall develop policies to administer the agriculture infrastructure grant program to include a grant application process and eligibility criteria.
2. The agriculture commissioner, in consultation with the director of the department of transportation, shall award grants to political subdivisions for road and bridge improvements necessary to accommodate value-added agriculture businesses. Grant funding under this subsection may be used for:
  - a. Corridor improvements on county and township roadways; and
  - b. Improvements to roads or bridges that provided access to value-added agriculture businesses.
3. The agriculture commissioner shall award grants to entities for water and sewer line improvements and electrical and gas supply improvements necessary to accommodate value-added agriculture businesses.
4. Grants awarded under this section may not exceed:
  - a. The lesser of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars per project or eighty percent of the infrastructure project cost for grants awarded under subsection 2.
  - b. The lesser of three hundred fifty thousand dollars per project or eighty percent of the capital improvement project costs for grants awarded under subsection 3.
5. For purposes of grant eligibility under this section, value-added agriculture businesses include the same businesses as provided under section 4.1-01.1-07.

6. Grant funding under this section may not be used for routine maintenance or operating costs."

Page 1, line 16, after "section" insert "and section 1 of this Act"

Page 1, line 18, after "loans" insert ", interest rate buydowns."

Page 1, line 22, replace "subsection 5" with "section 1 of this Act"

Page 2, line 6, after "loans" insert "and interest rate buydowns"

Page 2, remove lines 22 through 31

Page 3, remove lines 1 through 3

Page 3, line 6, replace "\$30,000,000" with "\$25,000,000"

Page 3, line 8, replace "\$30,000,000" with "\$25,000,000"

Page 3, line 9, after "for" insert "agriculture infrastructure"

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1276 - Department of Agriculture - Senate Action**

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Agriculture diversification		\$30,000,000	(\$5,000,000)	\$25,000,000
Total all funds	\$0	\$30,000,000	(\$5,000,000)	\$25,000,000
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$0	\$30,000,000	(\$5,000,000)	\$25,000,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Department 602 - Department of Agriculture - Detail of Senate Changes**

	Reduces Funding for Grants <sup>1</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Agriculture diversification	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
Total all funds	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
Less estimated income	0	0
General fund	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
FTE	0.00	0.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding for agriculture diversification and infrastructure grants is reduced from \$30 million to \$25 million.

This amendment also creates a statutory section and provides guidelines for the agriculture infrastructure grant program.

**SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1391**

Page 1, line 9, after "The" insert "unofficial"

Page 1, line 10, replace "or" with "and, if applicable."

Renumber accordingly

**SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1508**

Page 1, line 2, after "auditor" insert "; and to provide for a legislative management study"

Page 2, after line 20, insert:



- "e. Report quarterly to the legislative audit and fiscal review committee regarding:
- (1) Communication processes with audited entities and any changes to the processes;
  - (2) Billing practices and procedures, including the use of cost estimates for audits and itemized invoices;
  - (3) Information on audits completed, including:
    - (a) Name of the audited organization;
    - (b) Organization type;
    - (c) Audit type;
    - (d) Audit period;
    - (e) Estimated and actual hours and costs; and
    - (f) Total audit cost and the total cost as a percentage of the audited organization's operating budget; and
  - (4) Audit schedule, including audits performed by private firms and audits performed by the auditor's office."

Page 2, line 21, overstrike "e." and insert immediately thereafter "f."

Page 2, line 24, overstrike "f." and insert immediately thereafter "g."

Page 2, line 26, overstrike "g." and insert immediately thereafter "h."

Page 3, replace lines 22 and 23 with:

**"SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - VALIDATION OF PETITION SIGNATURES.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the process used to validate signatures submitted on local and statewide petitions and options to improve the validation process, including voter registration. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly."

Renumber accordingly

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently passed: HCR 3033, HCR 3035.

**SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
 NO. 3033**

Page 1, line 2, replace "the transfer of earnings" with "spending and transfers"

Page 1, line 4, remove "require the legislative assembly to approve a transfer of earnings from the"

Page 1, remove line 5

Page 1, line 6, replace "the fund" with "decrease the amount of principal available for spending each biennium and would clarify the distributions from the legacy fund"

Page 1, line 19, overstrike "and such transfers become part of" and insert immediately thereafter "Transfers under this subsection and earnings accruing prior to July 1, 2017, are"

Page 1, line 21, overstrike "and earnings"

Page 1, line 21, after "expended" insert an underscored comma

Page 1, line 24, overstrike "fifteen" and insert immediately thereafter "five"

Page 2, line 5, overstrike "principal of the"

Page 2, line 5, after "~~Dakota~~" insert "moneys in the"

Page 2, line 7, overstrike "transfer"

Page 2, line 7, remove "seventy"

Page 2, line 8, remove "percent of the"

Page 2, line 8, overstrike "earnings"

Page 2, line 8, after "~~Dakota~~" insert "make a distribution"

Page 2, line 10, replace "subject to approval by the legislative assembly each biennium" with "as provided by law, but a distribution may not result in an expenditure of principal"

Page 2, line 10, remove "Any"

Page 2, remove lines 11 through 15

Page 2, line 16, remove "ending with the most recently completed even-numbered fiscal year"

Page 2, line 16, overstrike the period

Re-number accordingly

**SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION  
NO. 3035**

Page 1, line 16, after the first comma insert "United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,"

Page 2, line 7, after the second comma insert "Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,"

Re-number accordingly

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended, subsequently passed, and the emergency clause carried: HB 1153, HB 1528.

**SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1153**

In lieu of the amendments adopted by the Senate as printed on pages 1363 and 1364 of the Senate Journal, Engrossed House Bill No. 1153 is amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to amend and reenact sections 4.1-04-08 and 4.1-04-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the duties and powers of the corn council; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-04-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**4.1-04-08. Council - Powers.**

The council may:

1. Expend moneys collected pursuant to this chapter for its administration;
2. Employ, bond, and compensate necessary personnel;
3. Accept gifts, grants, and donations of money, property, and services to carry out this chapter;
4. Contract with any person for any purpose related to this chapter, including research, education, publicity, promotion, and transportation;
5. Establish a grant program and guidelines to provide funding to corn-related programs and organizations that benefit North Dakota corn producers, consistent with this chapter;
6. Sue and be sued; and
- ~~6-7.~~ Do all things necessary and proper to enforce and administer this chapter.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-04-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**4.1-04-09. Council - Duties.**

1. The council shall determine the uses for which any moneys raised under this chapter may be expended. The uses may include the funding of research, education programs, corn policy development, promotion, and market development efforts, as well as participation in programs under the auspices of other state, regional, national, and international promotion groups.
2. The council shall develop and disseminate information regarding the purpose of the corn assessment and ways in which the assessment benefits corn producers.
3. The council shall hold two public input meetings per year with organizations dedicated to serving North Dakota corn producers to discuss recommendations for the use of moneys received under this chapter.

**SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

**SENATE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1528**

Page 1, line 1, after "sections" insert "15-10-44,"

Page 1, line 2, after the second "the" insert "retention of electronic mail for institutions under the control of the state board of higher education,"

Page 1, line 4, after "agency" insert "; to provide for a legislative management study; to provide an effective date"

Page 1, after line 6, insert:

**"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-10-44 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**15-10-44. Higher education information technology - Board duties - Reports.**

1. The state board of higher education shall manage and regulate information technology planning and services for institutions under its control, including:
  - a. Development of information technology policies, standards, and guidelines in coordination with the information technology department.
  - b. Implementation of a process for project management oversight and reporting.
  - c. Integration of higher education information technology planning and reporting with the board's strategic planning process and annual performance and accountability report required by section 15-10-14.2.
  - d. Participation in internet2 or other advanced higher education or research-related networking projects as provided in section 54-59-08.
  - e. Development of an annual report concerning higher education information technology planning and services.
  - f. Requiring utilization by each institution under the control and supervision of the board of systemwide electronic mail services provided by the board for all public business electronic correspondence.
  - g. Development and implementation of an electronic mail retention policy for the board and institutions under the supervision and control of the board which requires retention of nonstudent employee electronic mail messages for at least ~~two years~~one year after the creation or receipt of the message unless the electronic mail message includes malware or regulated information as defined under section 54-59.1-01.
2. The state board of higher education shall collaborate with the information technology department to coordinate higher education information technology planning with statewide information technology planning.
3. The state board of higher education shall provide advice to the information technology department regarding the development of policies, standards, and guidelines relating to access to or use of wide area network services as provided by section 54-59-09.
4. The state board of higher education shall present information regarding higher education information technology planning, services, and major projects to the information technology committee on request of the committee."

Page 1, line 14, after the period insert "Data" does not include malware or regulated information as defined under section 54-59.1-01.

3. "Departmental agency" means an agency, not including a board or commission as defined by titles 4.1 and 43.

4."

Page 1, line 23, overstrike "3." and insert immediately thereafter "5."

Page 2, line 17, after "each" insert "departmental"

Page 2, line 17, replace "two years" with "one year"

Page 2, line 17, remove "office"

Page 2, line 18, remove "productivity software, limited to"

Page 2, line 18, remove "and personal file storage"

Page 2, line 19, replace "all supervisory positions" with "agency heads, state officers appointed by the governor under chapter 44-02, and elected executive branch officials"

Page 2, line 20, after "5." insert "Develop a training program for agencies regarding the management of state records."

6."

Page 2, line 21, replace "6. When the administrator deems appropriate, report" with:

7. Receive reports of"

Page 2, line 22, replace "to" with ". Upon review of the report, the administrator shall"

Page 2, line 23, replace "Human" with "Recommend training for the noncompliant agency;"

b. Submit the report to human"

Page 2, line 23, after "services" insert "for consultation"

Page 2, line 25, replace "b. The" with:

c. Submit the report to the"

Page 2, line 28, replace "c. The" with:

d. Submit the report to the"

Page 2, line 29, after "services" insert "or the agency's human resources department"

Page 4, line 3, after "Each" insert "departmental"

Page 4, line 3, remove "office productivity"

Page 4, line 4, remove "software, limited to"

Page 4, line 4, remove "all"

Page 4, line 5, replace "supervisory positions" with "agency heads, state officers appointed by the governor under chapter 44-02, and elected executive branch officials"

Page 4, line 22, after "and" insert ", if the administrator deems it necessary."

Page 4, line 23, remove "The employee's successor and the state archivist shall review the"

Page 4, remove lines 24 and 25

Page 5, line 4, replace "my" with "may"

Page 5, after line 13, insert:

**"SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EXECUTIVE  
BRANCH BOARD AND COMMISSION POLICIES.**

1. During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the records management policies of state agencies, including boards and commissions. The study must include:
  - a. A review of policy uniformity and training resources;
  - b. An analysis of technological capabilities and limitations;
  - c. Evaluation of the feasibility of providing electronic mail and file service solutions for statewide public entities, including boards and commissions; and
  - d. An analysis of the development, implementation, enforcement, and auditing of records management policies and practices.
2. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on July 1, 2023."

Renumber accordingly

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has amended and subsequently failed to pass: HCR 3020.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has failed to pass, unchanged: HCR 3002, HCR 3019.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**  
**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House does not concur in the Senate amendments to HB 1007, HB 1020, and HB 1024, and the Speaker has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

**HB 1007:** Reps. Kreidt; B. Anderson; Mitskog

**HB 1020:** Reps. Monson; Brandenburg; Pyle

**HB 1024:** Reps. Stemen; Strinden; Mitskog

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

**HB 1010:** Sens. Rust; Krebsbach; Meyer

**HB 1011:** Sens. Rust; Meyer; Krebsbach

**HB 1025:** Sens. Dever; Burckhard; Mathern

**HB 1515:** Sens. Lemm; Weston; Luick

**HB 1538:** Sens. Kessel; Boehm; Patten

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has concurred in the House amendments and subsequently passed: SB 2194, SB 2243, SB 2299, SB 2349, and SB 2367.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate has concurred in the House amendments and subsequently passed: SCR 4013.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**  
**MR. SPEAKER:** The Senate does not concur in the House amendments to SB 2107, SB 2261, and SB 2265, and the President has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the House on:

**SB 2107:** Sens. Larson; Myrdal; Paulson

**SB 2261:** Sens. Kannianen; Beard; Boehm

**SB 2265:** Sens. Lee; Cleary; Hogan

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has appointed as a conference committee to act with a like committee from the Senate on:

**SB 2391:** Reps. Dockter; D. Anderson; Steiner

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The President has appointed Sen. Cleary to replace Sen. Lee on the Conference Committee on HB 1413.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2025, SB 2034, SB 2036, SB 2046, SB 2051, SB 2093, SB 2104, SB 2110, SB 2118, SB 2124, SB 2147, SB 2205, SB 2208, SB 2263, SB 2364, SB 2379.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: SB 2053, SB 2132, SB 2155, SB 2249.

**MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE FROM THE SENATE (SHANDA MORGAN, SECRETARY)**

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your signature is respectfully requested on: SCR 4017.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: HB 1006, HB 1016, HB 1030, HB 1044, HB 1057, HB 1070, HB 1160, HB 1232, HB 1242, HB 1277, HB 1309, HB 1334, HB 1416, HB 1529, HB 1530, HCR 3023.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: SB 2025, SB 2034, SB 2036, SB 2046, SB 2051, SB 2053, SB 2093, SB 2104, SB 2110, SB 2118, SB 2124, SB 2132, SB 2147, SB 2155, SB 2205, SB 2208, SB 2249, SB 2263, SB 2364, SB 2379.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The Speaker has signed: SCR 4017.

**DELIVERY OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following bills were delivered to the Governor for approval on April 10, 2023: HB 1006, HB 1016, HB 1030, HB 1044, HB 1057, HB 1070, HB 1160, HB 1232, HB 1242, HB 1277, HB 1309, HB 1334, HB 1416, HB 1529, HB 1530.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has overridden the Governor's veto on HB 1273. The vote was 71 YEAS, 17 NAYS, 6 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING, and your favorable consideration is requested.

**MESSAGE TO THE SENATE FROM THE HOUSE (BUELL J. REICH, CHIEF CLERK)**

**MADAM PRESIDENT:** The House has overridden the Governor's veto on HB 1463. The vote was 88 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 6 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING, and your favorable consideration is requested.

**MOTION**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that the absent members be excused, which motion prevailed.

**MOTION**

**REP. BOSCH MOVED** that the House be on the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixteenth orders of business and at the conclusion of those orders, the House stand adjourned until 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2023, which motion prevailed.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2096:** Agriculture Committee (Rep. Thomas, Chairman) recommends

**AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2096 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 4, after the comma insert "section 4.1-59-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, as created by section 2 of House Bill No. 1393, as approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly, and"

Page 1, line 7, after "tetrahydrocannabinols" insert ", and bonding requirements for grain buyers"

Page 1, line 12, after "1." insert "\"Broad spectrum\" means hemp extract or hemp commodity or product containing naturally occurring hemp-derived cannabinoids, terpenes, and other naturally occurring compounds, but where tetrahydrocannabinol has been removed to nondetectable levels using a fit-for-purpose method, with a total tetrahydrocannabinol level not to exceed an amount determined by the commissioner.

2. "Chemically derived cannabinoid" means a chemical substance created by a chemical reaction that changes the molecular structure of any chemical substance derived from the plant cannabis. The term does not include cannabinoids produced by decarboxylation from a naturally occurring cannabinoid acid without the use of a chemical catalyst.

3. "Full spectrum" means hemp extract or hemp commodity or product containing naturally occurring hemp-derived cannabinoids, terpenes, and other naturally occurring compounds, processed without intentional complete removal of any compound and without the addition of isolated cannabinoids, with a total tetrahydrocannabinol level not to exceed an amount determined by the commissioner.

4."

Page 1, line 19, overstrike "2." and insert immediately thereafter "5."

Page 1, line 19, after "hemp" insert "or hemp extract"

Page 2, line 6, remove "and"

Page 2, line 7, after "(4)" insert "Cannabidiol, also known as CBD, products and cannabigerol, also known as CBG, including broad spectrum, full spectrum, and isolate products, with a total tetrahydrocannabinol level not to exceed an amount determined by the commissioner; and

(5)"

Page 2, line 12, remove "Hemp extract:"

Page 2, line 13, remove "(3)"

Page 2, line 14, remove ", edible, or combustible"

Page 2, line 15, replace "(4)" with "(3)"

Page 2, line 15, after "containing" insert "delta-8 tetrahydrocannabinol, also known as delta-8 THC;

(4) A product containing"

Page 2, line 16, remove "Delta-8 tetrahydrocannabinol, also known as delta-8 THC:"

Page 2, line 17, remove "(b)"

Page 2, line 19, replace "(c)" with "(b)"



Page 2, line 20, replace "(d)" with "(c)"

Page 2, line 23, replace "3." with "4."

Page 2, line 26, replace "4." with:

- "5. "Hemp tincture" means a solution that may not exceed thirty milliliters consisting of:
- a. At least twenty-five percent of non-denatured alcohol, in addition to a hemp extract, and other ingredients intended for human consumption or ingestion; or
  - b. Glycerin or plant-based oil and hemp extract, and is intended for human consumption or ingestion.

6."

Page 2, line 29, replace "5." with:

- "7. "Isolate" means hemp extract or hemp commodity or product comprised of a single cannabinoid compound.

8."

Page 3, remove lines 3 through 6.

Page 3, line 7, replace "7." with "9."

Page 4, line 8, after "cannabinoids" insert "or delta-8 tetrahydrocannabinol"

Page 8, line 11, replace "commissioner's" with "attorney general's"

Page 8, line 11, remove "for use in regulating compliance with this"

Page 8, line 12, remove "chapter"

Page 8, after line 20, insert:

**"SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-59-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, as created by section 2 of House Bill No. 1393, as approved by the sixty-eighth legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

**4.1-59-09. Bond filed by grain buyer.**

1. Before a license is effective for a grain buyer under this chapter, the applicant for the license shall file a bond with the commissioner which must:
  - a. Be in a sum not less than one hundred thousand dollars.
  - b. Be continuous, unless the corporate surety by certified mail notifies the licensee and the commissioner the surety bond will be canceled ninety days after receipt of the notice of cancellation.
  - c. Run to this state for the benefit of all persons selling grain to or through the grain buyer.
  - d. Be conditioned:
    - (1) For the faithful performance of the licensee's duties as a grain buyer.

- (2) For compliance with the provisions of law and the rules of the commissioner relating to the purchase of grain by the commissioner monthly.
- e. Be for the specific purpose of:
- (1) Protecting the sellers of grain.
- (2) Covering the costs incurred by the commissioner in the administration of the licensee's insolvency.
- f. Not accrue to the benefit of any person entering a credit-sale contract with a grain buyer.
2. The aggregate liability of the surety under a bond does not accumulate for each successive annual license renewal period during which the bond is in force but, for losses during any annual license renewal period, is limited in the aggregate to the bond amount stated or changed by appropriate endorsement or rider.
3. The commissioner shall set the amount of the bond and may require an increase in the amount of a bond as the commissioner deems necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.
4. The amount of the bond for a grain buyer must be based on the dollar value of the grain purchased, solicited, or merchandised.
5. A grain buyer shall report purchases, solicitations, and merchandising agreements to the commissioner monthly.
6. The surety on the bond must be a corporate surety company, approved by the commissioner and authorized to do business within the state. The commissioner may accept cash, a negotiable instrument, or a bond executed by personal sureties in lieu of a surety bond when, in the commissioner's judgment, cash, a negotiable instrument, or a personal surety bond properly will protect the holders of outstanding receipts."

Renumber accordingly

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

**HB 1102, as engrossed:** Your conference committee (Sens. Conley, Rummel, Paulson and Reps. Frelich, Weisz, Dyk) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ pages 1130-1131 and place HB 1102 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1102 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

**HB 1170:** Your conference committee (Sens. Weber, Magrum, Piepkorn and Reps. Hagert, Motschenbacher, Finley-DeVille) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1264, adopt amendments as follows, and place HB 1170 on the Seventh order:

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on page 1264 of the House Journal and page 985 of the Senate Journal and that House Bill No. 1170 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-06 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a property tax exemption for certain natural gas pipeline property; and to provide an effective date.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 57-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Natural gas pipeline infrastructure to underserved communities - Exemption.**

All property, excluding the land on which it is situated, which is part of a natural gas transmission or distribution pipeline system constructed in this state is exempt from taxation for a period of fifteen years following the taxable year in which the pipeline becomes operational. The exemption under this section applies if:

1. Construction of the pipeline commences after January 1, 2023.
2. The pipeline provides service to a city or township located within the state in which the majority of households or businesses did not have access to natural gas service as of January 1, 2023.
3. The pipeline is located within this state.

**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022."

Renumber accordingly

HB 1170 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**HB 1207:** Your conference committee (Sens. Clemens, Lee, Weston and Reps. Prichard, K. Anderson, Kiefert) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1208 and place HB 1207 on the Seventh order.

HB 1207 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**HB 1210:** Your conference committee (Sens. Rummel, Kannianen, Piepkorn and Reps. Fisher, Motschenbacher, Hatlestad) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ pages 1208-1209 and place HB 1210 on the Seventh order.

HB 1210 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**HB 1324, as engrossed:** Your conference committee (Sens. Lee, Barta, Cleary and Reps. Vetter, Hoverson, McLeod) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1487, adopt amendments as follows, and place HB 1324 on the Seventh order:

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on page 1487 of the House Journal and page 1158 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1324 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 13, overstrike "to determine the validity of the signatures" and insert immediately thereafter "from which the secretary of state may exercise the secretary's judgment as to the validity of the individual signatures or groupings of signatures and other irregularities in the petition, thereby determining whether those signatures are to be counted as part of the necessary signature amount"

Renumber accordingly

Engrossed HB 1324 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**HB 1383:** Your conference committee (Sens. Patten, Rummel, Weber and Reps. Steiner, Hatlestad, Ista) recommends that the **HOUSE ACCEDE** to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1226 and place HB 1383 on the Seventh order.

HB 1383 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**HB 1418, as engrossed:** Your conference committee (Sens. Weston, Clemens, K. Roers and Reps. Fegley, Frelich, Dobervich) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1286 and place HB 1418 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1418 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**HB 1439, as engrossed:** Your conference committee (Sens. Kannianen, Weber, Piepkorn and Reps. Dockter, Grueneich, D. Anderson) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments as printed on HJ page 1439 and place HB 1439 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1439 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

The House stood adjourned pursuant to Representative Bosch's motion.

**Buell J. Reich, Chief Clerk**