

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1033

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 43-19.1-28 and 48-01.1-04 of the North  
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to plans and specifications for public improvement contracts.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-19.1-28 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **43-19.1-28. Public works.** ~~This~~ Except as otherwise provided by law, the state and its  
7 political subdivisions, including counties, cities, townships and legally constituted boards,  
8 districts, commissions, or authorities, may not engage in the construction of public works  
9 involving the practice of professional engineering ~~as herein defined~~ when the contemplated  
10 expenditure for the project exceeds the sum of fifty one hundred thousand dollars, unless the  
11 engineering drawings and specifications and estimates have been prepared by, and the  
12 construction is executed under the supervision of, a registered professional engineer. Any  
13 engineering contract executed in violation of this section is ~~null and~~ void.

14 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 48-01.1-04 of the 1995 Supplement to the North  
15 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **48-01.1-04. Plans and specifications for public improvement contracts.** If a  
17 contract of a governing body for the construction of a public improvement is estimated to cost in  
18 excess of fifty one hundred thousand dollars, the governing body shall procure plans, drawings,  
19 and specifications for the work from a licensed architect or registered professional engineer.  
20 For public buildings in use by or to be used by the North Dakota agricultural experiment stations  
21 in connection with farm or agricultural research operations, the plans, drawings, and  
22 specifications ~~may~~, with the approval of the board of higher education, may be procured from a  
23 registered professional engineer if the engineer is in the regular employment of the agricultural  
24 experiment station.