

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the  
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

SENATE BILL NO. 2001  
(Appropriations Committee)  
(At the request of the Legislative Council)

AN ACT providing an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the legislative branch of government; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the use of fees collected by the legislative council or the legislative assembly; to repeal section 54-03-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the seal on legislative bills; to provide for retroactive application; and to declare an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the legislative branch of the state government for the purpose of defraying the expenses of that branch, for the fiscal period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

**FIFTY-FIFTH AND FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES AND BIENNIUM**

Salaries and wages	\$ 4,877,733
Operating expenses	3,450,586
Equipment	15,000
National conference of state legislatures	149,394
Total general fund appropriation	<u>\$ 8,492,713</u>

Subdivision 2.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Salaries and wages	\$ 3,792,548
Operating expenses	2,078,359
Equipment	11,825
Total general fund appropriation	<u>\$ 5,882,732</u>
Grand total general fund appropriation	\$14,375,445

**SECTION 2. TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget and the state treasurer shall make transfers of funds between line items of appropriations for the legislative council as may be requested by the chairman of the council or the chairman's designee upon the finding by the chairman or designee that the nature of studies and duties assigned to the council requires the transfers in properly carrying on the council's functions and duties. The director of the office of management and budget and the state treasurer shall similarly make transfers of funds between the line items for the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth legislative assemblies, upon request by the chairman of the legislative council or the chairman's designee upon the finding by the chairman or designee that the transfers are required for the legislative assembly to carry on its functions and duties.

**SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Use of fees - Appropriation.** All fees received by the legislative council and the legislative assembly for providing legislative information services and copies of legislative documents must be deposited in the legislative services fund in the state treasury. The legislative services fund is a revolving fund with an authorized ceiling of two hundred fifty thousand dollars. All moneys transferred into the fund, moneys deposited in the fund, and earnings on moneys in the fund are appropriated to

the legislative council for use in improving and enhancing legislative information services and the preparation of legislative documents. The fund is not subject to section 54-44.1-11.

**SECTION 4. REPEAL - RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.** Section 54-03-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed retroactive to January 1, 1997.

**SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2001 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:      Yeas          48              Nays          0              Absent          1

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:      Yeas          76              Nays          17              Absent          4

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Speaker of the House

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Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997,  
at \_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State