

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2214

Introduced by

Senators Watne, Traynor, W. Stenehjem

Representatives R. Kelsch, Kretschmar, Oban

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 54-06-20 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the composition of the indigent civil legal services fund advisory
3 committee; and to provide an appropriation to the indigent civil legal services fund.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 54-06-20 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 1. An advisory committee consisting of the lieutenant governor, the ~~attorney general~~
8 director of the office of management and budget or the ~~attorney general's~~ director's
9 designee, and the state court administrator shall distribute moneys deposited in the
10 indigent civil legal services fund. Qualified legal service programs may apply for
11 moneys in the fund. The moneys in the fund must be distributed to legal service
12 programs operating in the state which provide, with funds appropriated by the
13 federal legal services corporation, legal services to persons unable to afford private
14 counsel. Allocation of funds among the programs must be based on the population
15 served by each program, the range of legal services offered, alternative sources of
16 funding, and other factors deemed relevant by the advisory committee. The
17 moneys deposited in the indigent civil legal services fund in the state treasury are
18 hereby appropriated to the advisory committee on a continuing basis for the
19 purpose of implementing and administering a program to provide civil legal
20 assistance to indigent individuals.

21 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in
22 the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$350,000, or so
23 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the indigent civil legal services fund for the purposes
24 provided in section 54-06-20, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30,

- 1 1999. The director of the office of management and budget shall transfer the funds
- 2 appropriated by this Act to the indigent civil legal services fund as requested by the indigent civil
- 3 legal services fund advisory committee.