

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1414

Introduced by

Representatives S. Kelsh, Maragos

Senator Goetz

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 48-01.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code
2 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 48-01.1-04 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **48-01.1-04. Plans and specifications for public improvement contracts.**

7 1. If the estimated cost of the project is in excess of fifty thousand dollars, a governing
8 body shall procure plans, drawings, and specifications from a licensed architect for
9 the construction, enlargement, remodeling, renovation, or alteration of any public
10 building that has as its principal purpose human occupancy, habitation, or use, or
11 the space within and surrounding the public building, for buildings in the following
12 occupancy categories as defined in the uniform building code adopted under
13 section 54-21.3-03:

14 a. All use groups A, E, H, I, and R-3.

15 b. All use groups B, F-1, M, S-1, S-3, and S-5 buildings greater than twelve
16 thousand square feet [1114.8 square meters].

17 c. All use groups F-2 and S-2 buildings greater than eighteen thousand square
18 feet [1672.2 square meters].

19 d. All use group R-1 greater than eighteen thousand square feet [1672.2 square
20 meters] or greater than three stories in height.

21 Plans, drawings, and specifications for interior building renovations primarily of
22 structural, mechanical, or electrical systems of inhabited structures may be
23 performed by a registered professional engineer as allowed by the state board of
24 registration for professional engineers and land surveyors, provided these

1 renovations do not change occupancy loads or classifications, access or exit
2 patterns, or uniform building code requirements.
3 2. If a contract of a governing body for the construction, enlargement, remodeling,
4 renovation, or alteration of a public improvement not intended for human habitation
5 is estimated to cost in excess of ~~five~~ one hundred thousand dollars, the governing
6 body shall procure plans, drawings, and specifications for the work from a licensed
7 architect or registered professional engineer. Construction or renovation projects
8 may not be phased or broken into small projects to avoid the provisions of this
9 section. For public buildings in use by or to be used by the North Dakota
10 agricultural experiment stations in connection with farm or agricultural research
11 operations, the plans, drawings, and specifications may, with the approval of the
12 board of higher education, be procured from a registered professional engineer if
13 the engineer is in the regular employment of the agricultural experiment station.