

**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**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1073  
(Legislative Council)  
(Water Resources Committee)  
(Representative Olson)  
(Senators Goetz, Urlacher)

AN ACT relating to establishing a water supply for eastern North Dakota as a critical priority.

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

**SECTION 1. Findings and declaration of policy - Water to eastern North Dakota a critical priority.** The legislative assembly finds that many areas and localities in eastern North Dakota do not enjoy safe drinking water, and that the water in these areas and localities contains iron, sulfates, alkali, salt, nitrates, fluoride, and other hazardous and discoloring substances. It is also found that other areas and localities in eastern North Dakota do not have sufficient quantities of water to ensure a dependable, long-term water supply. The legislative assembly further finds that supplementation of the water resources of eastern North Dakota with water supplies from the Missouri River may be the only alternative to provide eastern North Dakota with a dependable source of safe, good quality water and an adequate quantity of water.

It is further declared that effective development and utilization of the land and water resources of this state; the opportunity for greater economic security; the protection of health, property, enterprise, and the preservation of the benefits from the land and water resources of this state; and the promotion of the prosperity and general welfare of all of the people of North Dakota involve, necessitate, and require the exercise of the sovereign powers of the state and concern a public purpose. Therefore, in order to accomplish this public purpose, it is declared necessary that a means to supply and distribute water to the people of eastern North Dakota for purposes including domestic, rural water, municipal, livestock, light industrial, mining, agriculture, and other uses must be developed. In furtherance of this public purpose, the supply and delivery of water to eastern North Dakota is established as a critical priority and the state water commission shall continue to cooperate with the Garrison diversion conservancy district in addressing this critical priority.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1073.

House Vote:      Yeas    92      Nays    0      Absent    6

Senate Vote:    Yeas    48      Nays    0      Absent    1

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Chief Clerk of the House

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

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Governor

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Secretary of State