

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE BILL NO. 2001**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Legislative Council)

1 A BILL for an Act providing an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the legislative branch  
2 of government; to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-35 of the North Dakota Century  
3 Code, relating to the use of fees collected by the legislative council or the legislative assembly;  
4 and to declare an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF STATE**

7 **GOVERNMENT.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be  
8 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury,  
9 not otherwise appropriated, to the legislative branch of the state government for the purpose of  
10 defraying the expenses of that branch, for the fiscal period beginning with the effective date of  
11 this Act and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

12 Subdivision 1.

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

14 Salaries and wages	\$ 4,259,577
15 Operating expenses	3,528,845
16 Equipment	15,000
17 National conference of state legislatures	<u>149,394</u>
18 Total general fund appropriation	\$ 7,952,816

19 Subdivision 2.

20 **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

21 Salaries and wages	\$ 3,792,548
22 Operating expenses	2,078,359
23 Equipment	<u>11,825</u>

1	Total general fund appropriation	\$ 5,882,732
2	Grand total general fund appropriation	\$13,835,548

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

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

15           **Use of fees - Appropriation.** All fees received by the legislative council and the  
16 legislative assembly for providing legislative information services and copies of legislative  
17 documents must be deposited in the legislative services fund in the state treasury. The  
18 legislative services fund is a revolving fund with an authorized ceiling of two hundred fifty  
19 thousand dollars. All moneys transferred into the fund, moneys deposited in the fund, and  
20 earnings on moneys in the fund are appropriated to the legislative council for use in improving  
21 and enhancing legislative information services and the preparation of legislative documents.  
22 The fund is not subject to section 54-44.1-11.

23           **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.