

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1171

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "create and enact a new section to chapter 54-06 and a new section to chapter 54-11 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to expenses to collect funds owed the state and the ability of the state treasurer to appoint agents for the receipt of public funds; to", after "sections" insert "15-39.1-26, 34-15-07, 39-12-20, 54-44-04.6", and after the first comma insert "54-44.3-12.2,"

Page 1, line 2, after "to" insert "the disposition of public funds," and after "board" insert ", appeals from agency grievance procedures,"

Page 1, line 4, after "officers" insert "; to provide a continuing appropriation; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, after line 5, insert:

"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15-39.1-26 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-39.1-26. Investment of moneys in fund - Interest and earnings attributable to fund. Investment of the fund ~~shall be~~ is under the supervision of the state investment board in accordance with chapter 21-10. ~~Such~~ The moneys must be placed for investment only with a firm or firms whose endeavor is money management, and only after a trust agreement or contract has been executed. Investment costs may be paid directly from the fund, and are hereby appropriated for that purpose, in accordance with section 21-10-06.2. All interest and earnings on funds administered by the board must be credited to the fund.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 34-15-07 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

34-15-07. Disposition of civil money penalties. A civil money penalty collected under this chapter must be paid into the state treasury for deposit in the general fund ~~after the costs of recovering the civil money penalty are deducted therefrom.~~

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 39-12-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

39-12-20. Proceeds of sale - Continuing appropriation. The proceeds of sale must be ~~applied first to the payment of~~ deposited with the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall deposit in the highway fund an amount equal to the amount of the charges assessed pursuant to 39-12-17 after paying the costs to the county. An amount equal to the costs of the proceedings, including attorneys and witness fees and costs, and next to the payment of the charges assessed. Such charges must be remitted to the state treasurer to be credited to the highways fund is appropriated on a continuing basis out of the funds collected to the county in which the prosecution took place for the purpose of defraying the costs of prosecution. The balance of the proceeds of any sale after the payment of costs and charges must be appropriated on a continuing basis out of the funds collected to be paid over by the sheriff to the person entitled thereto as determined by the court or must be deposited with the clerk of court for such payment.

SECTION 4. A new section to chapter 54-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Expenses incurred to collect funds owed the state - Continuing appropriation. If a state agency enters a contract with a collection or credit agency to collect money due the state, the fees for services, reimbursement, or other remuneration to the collection or credit agency must be based on the amount of money actually collected. All funds collected on behalf of a state agency by a collection or credit agency must be deposited with the state treasurer. An amount equal to the amount of fees for services, reimbursement, or any other remuneration to the collection or credit agency as set forth in the contract is appropriated from the fund into which the money collected was deposited to the state agency for which the funds were collected for the payment of fees due under the contract.

SECTION 5. A new section to chapter 54-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Appointment of agents. The treasurer may appoint agents for the purpose of receiving public funds as required by section 12 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota. If appointed by the state treasurer, the Bank of North Dakota shall serve as an agent of the state treasurer for the purpose of receiving public funds.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 54-44-04.6 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-44-04.6. State surplus property - Department heads to inform director - Disposition of property - Proceeds - Exchange of property.

1. The person in charge of any department, agency, or institution of the state shall inform the director of the office of management and budget or the director's designee whenever that department, agency, or institution possesses property surplus to its needs, whether originally obtained with state or other funds.
2. State surplus property must be transferred at fair market value to state agencies, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations eligible to receive federal surplus property under the Federal Property Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended. Eligible organizations must be notified of the availability of property on a regular basis.
3. If not disposed of under subsection 2, then by sale on sealed bids or at public auction to the highest and best bidder for property valued at more than three thousand dollars, with no money deposit required prior to sale, or by sealed bids, public auction, or negotiation at fair value for property valued at less than three thousand dollars.
4. All proceeds received from the transfer or sale of state surplus property must be deposited ~~into the fund from which the property was originally purchased, less administrative expenses~~ with the state treasurer for deposit in the surplus property operating fund. For each piece of property, the office of management and budget shall transfer to the agency from which the property was received an amount equal to the proceeds of the sale less the administrative expenses of the sale. The agency shall deposit the proceeds into the fund from which the property was originally purchased.
5. No department, agency, or institution may exchange items as part of a purchase price of new items until a detailed statement of the value of the items to be exchanged and request for approval have been submitted to the director of the office of management and budget. The director shall

approve the exchange only if the director has determined that the item has been valued at fair value."

Page 1, line 14, replace "in either public or private employment nominated by" with "appointed by the governor"

Page 1, line 15, remove "board members and confirmed by majority vote of the other board members"

Page 1, line 23, overstrike "However, if a board"

Page 1, line 24, overstrike "member voluntarily withdraws from deliberation and voting on an" and remove "issue"

Page 2, line 1, overstrike "where there may be a possible conflict of interest, the vacancy", remove "may", and overstrike "be filled"

Page 2, line 2, overstrike "temporarily"

Page 2, line 7, remove "by a"

Page 2, remove line 8

Page 2, line 9, remove "members" and overstrike the period

Page 2, after line 19, insert:

"SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 54-44.3-12.2 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-44.3-12.2. Employee complaints - Cooperation in development and implementation of basic agency grievance procedures and a statewide appeal mechanism - Appeals. It is the intent of the state of North Dakota to assure fair and equitable treatment and promote harmony between and among all classified employees. To ensure this the state desires to resolve bona fide employee complaints as quickly as possible. The division shall cooperate with and assist the various departments, agencies, and institutions of the state in the development and implementation of basic agency grievance procedures and a statewide appeal mechanism. The division shall certify appeals from nonprobationary employees in the classified service which are related to discrimination, merit system qualification, reprisals, reduction in force, forced relocation, demotion with loss of pay, suspension without pay, and dismissal, and from applicants for positions in the classified service related to discrimination. Upon receipt of an appeal, the division shall submit a written request to the director of the office of administrative hearings to designate an administrative hearing officer for the division to conduct the hearing and related proceedings, including receiving evidence and preparing findings of fact, conclusions of law, and issuing a final decision. The moving party in the initial action bears the burden of proof in the appeal. An appeal to the district court from the determination of the ~~office of administrative hearings~~ hearing officer must be filed according to chapter 28-32, but neither the division nor the office of administrative hearings may be named as a party to the appeal under chapter 23-32 unless an employee of one of those two agencies is involved in the grievance."

Page 3, after line 12, insert:

"SECTION 11. EMERGENCY. Sections 1 through 6 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly