

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2023

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state water
2 commission; to provide for payments in lieu of taxes; and to provide for deposits into the
3 resources trust fund.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
6 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in
7 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal
8 funds and other income, to the various divisions of the state water commission for the purpose
9 of defraying the expenses of the various divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and
10 ending June 30, 2001, as follows:

11 Salaries and wages	\$8,128,141
12 Operating expenses	6,050,687
13 Equipment	160,656
14 Capital improvements	23,624,024
15 Grants	13,785,245
16 Cooperative research	<u>3,050,000</u>
17 Total all funds	\$54,798,753
18 Less estimated income	<u>45,446,368</u>
19 Total general fund appropriation	\$9,352,385

20 **SECTION 2. RESOURCES TRUST FUND.** The amount of \$11,547,104, or so much of
21 the funds as may be necessary, included in the estimated income line item in subdivision 1 of
22 section 1 of this Act is from the resources trust fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999,
23 and ending June 30, 2001.

1 **SECTION 3. ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS.** The funds appropriated in the grants
2 line item in section 1 of this Act must be disbursed by the state water commission in
3 accordance with section 61-02-64.1.

4 **SECTION 4. GRANTS.** Section 54-44.1-11 does not apply to appropriations made for
5 grants in this Act. However, this exclusion is only in effect for two years after June 30, 2001.
6 Any unexpended funds after that period has expired must be transferred to the resources trust
7 fund.

8 **SECTION 5. RESOURCES TRUST FUND APPROPRIATION - ADJUSTMENT.** If the
9 resources trust fund 1999-2001 revenues are in excess of \$11,547,104, any excess is hereby
10 appropriated, subject to emergency commission approval, from the resources trust fund to the
11 state water commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

12 **SECTION 6. PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF REAL ESTATE TAXES.** For land acquired for
13 the Devils Lake project, the state water commission shall make payments in lieu of real estate
14 taxes to the counties in which the property is located in the same manner and according to the
15 same conditions and procedures as provided in chapter 57-02.1 for payment in lieu of real
16 estate taxes by the state game and fish department.

17 **SECTION 7. DEPOSITS OF INCOME.** All income derived from the lease and
18 management of lands acquired by the state water commission for the southwest pipeline project
19 must be deposited in the resources trust fund.