

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments****ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1053**

Introduced by

Representative Boucher

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 10-06.1-10 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to acquisition of farmland or ranchland by nonprofit organizations.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 10-06.1-10 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 3. Before ~~any~~ farmland or ranchland may be purchased by ~~any~~ a nonprofit
7 organization for the purpose of conserving natural areas and habitats for biota, the
8 governor must approve the proposed acquisition. A nonprofit organization that
9 desires to purchase farmland or ranchland for the purpose of conserving natural
10 areas and habitats for biota shall first submit a proposed acquisition plan to the
11 agriculture commissioner who shall convene an advisory committee consisting of
12 the director of the parks and recreation department, ~~the state engineer, the~~
13 ~~commissioner of agriculture~~ commissioner, the state forester, the director of the
14 game and fish department, the president of the North Dakota farmers union, the
15 president of the North Dakota farm bureau, and the ~~manager of the Garrison~~
16 ~~Diversion Conservancy District for acquisition plans containing lands within the~~
17 ~~Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, or their designees~~ chairman of the county
18 commission of any county affected by the acquisition. The advisory committee
19 shall hold a public hearing with the board of county commissioners concerning the
20 proposed acquisition plan and shall make recommendations to the governor within
21 forty-five days after receipt of the proposed acquisition plan. The governor shall
22 approve or disapprove any proposed acquisition plan, or any part thereof, within
23 thirty days after receipt of the recommendations from the advisory committee.