

Introduced by

Senators Fischer, Urlacher

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to maintenance of natural watercourses and debrisment of bridges and
3 low water crossings.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 61-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Watercourses, bridges, and low water crossings.** A water resource board may
8 undertake the snagging, clearing, and maintaining of natural watercourses and the debrisment
9 of bridges and low water crossings. The board may finance the project in whole or in part with
10 funds raised through the collection of a special assessment levied against the land and
11 premises within the watershed benefited by the project. All provisions of this chapter apply to
12 assessments levied under this section except:

- 13 1. An assessment may not exceed fifty cents per acre [.40 hectare] annually on
14 agricultural lands and may not exceed fifty cents annually for each five hundred
15 dollars of taxable valuation of nonagricultural property; and
16 2. If the assessment is for a project costing less than one hundred thousand dollars,
17 no action is required for the establishment of the assessment district or the
18 assessments except the board must approve the project and assessment by a
19 vote of two-thirds of the members and the board of county commissioners of the
20 county must approve and levy the assessments to be made by a vote of two-thirds
21 of its members.