

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1090
(Industry, Business and Labor Committee)
(At the request of the Public Service Commission)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 49-21-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to filing fees and exemption from rate of return regulation for the provision of telecommunications service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 49-21-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

49-21-01.2. Exemption - Rate regulation. Except as provided for in this chapter and sections 49-02-01.1, 49-02-21, 49-02-22, and 49-04-02.1, telecommunications companies and all telecommunications services are exempt from the provisions of chapters 49-02, 49-04, 49-05, and 49-06. Telecommunications companies and services are not subject to rate or rate of return regulation. Any telecommunications company may elect not to be subject to the provisions of this section and section 49-21-01.3, and to be subject to rate and rate of return regulation, by filing an election with the commission in writing. For telecommunications companies with over fifty thousand subscribers, the election not to be exempt from rate and rate of return regulation is a one-time, irrevocable election. Notwithstanding an election filed under this section, a telecommunications company is not obligated to pay any fee for filing a price schedule or tariff.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1090.

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 0 Absent 8

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 3

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State