

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2038

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Information Technology Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to establishment of a statewide information technology improvements
3 revolving fund; and to provide an appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-59 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Statewide information technology improvements revolving fund - Budget section**

8 **approval - Reports.** The chief information officer shall make funds available to all state
9 agencies and departments from the statewide information technology improvements revolving
10 fund in the state treasury for information technology projects providing improvements in the
11 efficiency of state government services or information technology projects involving multiple
12 state agencies or institutions. The chief information officer may not provide funds for any
13 project that the legislative assembly has indicated an intent to reject in the project's proposed or
14 substantially similar format. A state agency or institution interested in obtaining funds shall
15 submit a written request detailing information on the purpose, scope, cost-benefit, and projected
16 return on investment of the project to the chief information officer. The chief information officer
17 shall present every request to the statewide information technology advisory committee for
18 consideration by the committee. If the committee approves the request, the chief information
19 officer shall recommend the proposed project, with the necessary funding, to the budget section
20 of the legislative council for approval. The chief information officer may not provide funds for
21 the project without approval of the budget section. The agency or institution may spend funds
22 approved by the budget section for the project, including any related special or federal funds.
23 Agencies and institutions shall repay funds provided from the statewide information technology
24 improvements revolving fund and any related interest during subsequent bienniums as moneys

1 become available through savings, documented reductions in staff, or increases in revenue
2 attributable to the technology improvements. The chief information officer shall report to the
3 budget section and to the information technology committee on the status, projected return on
4 investment, and actual return to the fund for each project approved by the budget section.

5 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
6 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, or so
7 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the information technology department for the
8 purpose of establishing a statewide information technology improvements revolving fund, for
9 the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2007.