

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1171

Introduced by

Representatives Kerzman, Froelich, N. Johnson

Senators Krauter, Lyson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-04-23 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to service fee payments to counties by the board of university and school lands.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-04-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-04-23. County services benefiting school trust lands - Payment - Continuing**
7 **appropriation.** On or before March first of each year, the board of university and school lands
8 shall pay a fee to the board of county commissioners of each county in which the state retains
9 original grant lands if that county has requested payment under this section and included
10 certification of the number of mills levied for county road and bridge purposes. The board of
11 county commissioners shall forward a prorated portion of any fee received under this section to
12 the organized townships in which the original grant lands are located for use in the repair,
13 maintenance, and construction of roads and bridges and shall use the remainder of the fee for
14 the repair, maintenance, and construction of roads and bridges in unorganized townships in
15 which original grant lands are located. The total fees paid under this section ~~may not exceed~~
16 ~~five percent of the net revenue generated from the original grant lands in that county during the~~
17 ~~year preceding the payment. For purposes of this section, net revenue means the gross~~
18 ~~revenue from surface management, less any administrative and operating expenses, but does~~
19 ~~not include any moneys that must be deposited in a permanent trust fund~~ may not be in an
20 amount greater than the amount of property taxes that would have been payable if the original
21 grant lands in the county had been subject to property tax levies. There is appropriated
22 annually the amounts necessary to pay all fees under this section. Each payment must be
23 made from the trust fund for which the land is held.