

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1344

Introduced by

Representatives Kerzman, Klemin

Senator Krauter

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-07 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to section lines.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 24-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **Improvement of section line by adjacent landowner.** A person having an interest in  
7 land adjoining a section line may petition the board of county commissioners to authorize the  
8 petitioner to improve the section line or a portion of the section line if the section line cannot be  
9 traveled due to natural obstacles or difficulty of terrain and if the petitioner does not have a  
10 readily accessible alternative route of travel to other property in which the petitioner has an  
11 interest. The petitioner must improve the section line or a portion of the section line at the  
12 petitioner's expense, provide minimal maintenance for the improvement, and assume liability for  
13 a person who is injured or whose property is damaged as a result of the improvement. The  
14 board of county commissioners may record the duty to maintain the improvement as a covenant  
15 on the adjoining property of the petitioner or secure the duty through other means. A person  
16 may petition the board of county commissioners to remove the covenant or remove the duty to  
17 provide minimal maintenance for the improvement if the person shows good cause.