

Introduced by

Representatives Charging, Drovdal, Froelich, Onstad, Wrangham

Senator Warner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to an emergency municipal, tribal, and rural water system drinking water
3 grant program.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 61-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 created and enacted as follows:

7 **Emergency municipal, tribal, and rural water system drinking water grant**
8 **program.** The commission shall establish an emergency municipal, tribal, and rural water
9 system drinking water grant program. The program must be designed to provide funds, which
10 may be provided in the form of grants, for municipalities, tribes, and rural water systems; whose
11 primary source of water is the Missouri River, Lake Sakakawea, or Lake Oahe; which are
12 unable to supply an adequate quantity of quality water to their water systems as a result of low
13 water in the Missouri River system; and which request assistance. The program becomes
14 active when the governor declares an emergency relating to the inability of a water system to
15 obtain an adequate quantity of quality water. The program must be designed to provide
16 emergency funds to municipalities, tribes, and rural water systems facing a critical need or
17 health risk as a result of the inability of the water intake system for the municipal, tribal, or rural
18 water system to supply an adequate quantity of quality water to the water system.