

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2242

Introduced by

Senators Taylor, Miller, Wanzek

Representatives DeKrey, Headland, Metcalf

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 4-02.1-05, 4-05.1-17, 4-09-03, 4-09-20.2,
2 4-10.1-06, 4-10.2-05, 4-10.3-05, 4-10.4-05, 4-10.5-04, 4-10.6-04, 4-10.7-05, 4-14.1-05,
3 4-18.1-04, 4-22-04, 4-27-05, 4-28-05, 4-34-07, 6-09.10-03, 36-01-04, and 36-14-25 of the North
4 Dakota Century Code or in the alternative to amend and reenact sections 4.1-02-09, 4.1-03-08,
5 4.1-04-07, 4.1-05-05, 4.1-06-08, 4.1-07-08, 4.1-09-12, 4.1-10-06, 4.1-11-08, and 4.1-13-12 of
6 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to per diem compensation for members of
7 agriculture-related boards.

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

9 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-02.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **4-02.1-05. Compensation of members.** Each member of the board of directors is
12 entitled to receive compensation in the amount of ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars
13 per day plus reimbursement of expenses as provided by law for state officers while attending
14 meetings or performing duties directed by the board. The board of directors may pay to
15 members rendering unusual or special services to the association special compensation
16 appropriate to the value of the services.

17 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-05.1-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **4-05.1-17. Compensation of board members - Expenses.** Each appointed member
20 of the state board of agricultural research and education is entitled to receive ~~seventy-five~~ one
21 hundred thirty-five dollars per day as compensation for the time actually spent devoted to the
22 duties of office and is entitled to receive necessary expenses in the same manner and amounts
23 as state officials for attending meetings and performing other functions of office.

1 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-09-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **4-09-03. State seed commission - Members - Meetings - Appointment and duties**
4 **of commissioner.**

- 5 1. The commission is the governing board of the department.
- 6 2. The commission consists of a representative of the North Dakota crop
7 improvement association, a representative of the North Dakota certified seed
8 potato growers association, a representative of the North Dakota dry edible bean
9 seed growers association, a representative of the North Dakota agricultural
10 association, an elected member of the North Dakota potato council selected by the
11 North Dakota potato council, a representative of the Red River valley potato
12 growers association who is a North Dakota resident, a representative of the North
13 Dakota grain dealers association selected by the association's board of directors
14 who operates a state-approved seed conditioning plant, and the agriculture
15 commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, who shall serve as chairman. The
16 associate dean and director of the experiment station, or the director's designee, of
17 the college of agriculture of the North Dakota state university of agriculture and
18 applied science is a voting member of the commission.
- 19 3. The commission shall meet a minimum of two times each calendar year and may
20 hold special meetings at the call of the chairman or by request of any two members
21 of the commission. Each member of the commission is entitled to receive
22 compensation at the rate of ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day
23 and reimbursement for expenses, as provided by law for state officers, for
24 attending commission meetings. Compensation under this section may not be paid
25 to any member who receives compensation or salary as a regular state employee
26 or official. A commission member unable to attend a meeting of the commission
27 may be represented by a proxy who has written authorization from the absent
28 commission member.
- 29 4. The commission shall appoint a qualified manager of the department who must be
30 known as the state seed commissioner. The commission shall fix the salary of the
31 commissioner within legislative appropriation. The commissioner's appointment

1 must be reviewed annually by the commission, and the commissioner is subject to
2 removal for cause. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the commissioner, the
3 commission may appoint a temporary commissioner to serve until the appointment
4 of a permanent commissioner. The commissioner has responsibility for preparing
5 the biennial budget and annual salary schedules that must be approved by the
6 commission before submission to the state budget director. The commissioner is
7 directly responsible to the commission and shall make semiannual reports to the
8 commission and any other reports as requested by the commission.

9 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-09-20.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
10 amended and reenacted as follows:

11 **4-09-20.2. Seed arbitration board - Petition - Arbitration hearing.**

- 12 1. The state seed arbitration board consists of the agriculture commissioner, the state
13 seed commissioner, the director of the North Dakota state university extension
14 service, the director of the North Dakota agricultural experiment station, the
15 chairman of the North Dakota seed trade committee of the North Dakota
16 agriculture association, and a representative of a major North Dakota farm
17 organization appointed by the agriculture commissioner or an authorized designee.
18 Each board member is entitled to receive as per diem compensation ~~sixty-two one~~
19 hundred thirty-five dollars and ~~fifty cents~~, and reimbursement of expenses as
20 provided by law for state officers; while attending meetings or performing duties
21 directed by the board, except that compensation under this subsection may not be
22 paid to any member who receives compensation or salary as a regular state
23 employee or official. Compensation and expenses for board members who do not
24 receive compensation or salary as a regular state employee or official must be paid
25 by the department of agriculture.
- 26 2. A seed labeler, seed dealer, or seed customer may petition the agriculture
27 commissioner in writing for a hearing to settle a dispute involving a seed
28 transaction. The agriculture commissioner shall submit the dispute to the seed
29 arbitration board, and the board shall arbitrate the dispute. The board, within thirty
30 days after the hearing, shall make a nonbinding recommendation for the resolution
31 of the dispute. Evidence presented to the board and any findings or

recommendations by the board are admissible as evidence in any subsequent proceeding. The board shall adopt rules and procedures for arbitration proceedings, including a formula for reimbursement by the parties of the expenses of the arbitration process.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. If House Bill No. 1025 does not become effective, section 4-10.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-10.1-06. Meetings - Quorum - Compensation and expenses of council. A majority of the voting members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of all business in carrying out the duties of the council. All meetings of the council must be called by the chairman except special meetings which must be called by the chairman on the petition of three council members within seven days of receiving such a petition. The council shall determine the amount of compensation payable to each member of the council, except the chairman. The amount payable may not exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement of expenses as provided by law for state officers; while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the commissioner.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. If House Bill No. 1025 does not become effective, section 4-10.2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-10.2-05. Meetings - Quorum - Compensation and expenses of council. A majority of the voting members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of all business in carrying out the duties of the council. All meetings of the council must be called by the chairman except special meetings which must be called by the chairman on the petition of two council members within seven days of receiving such a petition. The council shall determine the amount of compensation payable to each member of the council. The amount payable may not exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement of expenses as provided by law for state officers; while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the council. No compensation may be paid under this section to any member who receives compensation or salary as a regular state employee or official.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. If House Bill No. 1025 does not become effective, section 4-10.3-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-10.3-05. Meetings - Quorum - Compensation and expenses of council. A majority of the voting members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of all

business in carrying out the duties of the council. The chairman shall call meetings of the council. The chairman shall call all special meetings on the petition of three council members within seven days of receiving the petition. The council shall determine the amount of compensation payable to each member of the council. The amount payable may not exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement of expenses as provided by law for state officers; while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the council. No compensation may be paid under this section to any member who receives compensation or salary as a regular state employee or official.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. If House Bill No. 1025 does not become effective, section 4-10.4-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-10.4-05. Meetings - Quorum - Compensation and expenses of council. A quorum is necessary for the transaction of all business in carrying out the duties of the council. The chairman shall call all meetings of the council except special meetings which the chairman shall call on the petition of two council members within seven days of receiving such a petition. The council shall determine the amount of compensation payable to each voting member of the council. The amount payable may not exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement of expenses as provided by law for state officers; while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the council. The compensation provided in this section may not be paid to any member of the council who receives salary or other compensation as a regular employee of the state.

SECTION 9. AMENDMENT. If House Bill No. 1025 does not become effective, section 4-10.5-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-10.5-04. Meetings - Quorum - Compensation and expenses of council. All meetings of the council must be called by the chairman except special meetings which must be called by the chairman on the petition of three council members within seven days of receiving the petition. The council shall determine the amount of compensation payable to each member of the council, except the commissioner. The amount payable may not exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement of expenses as provided by law for state officers; while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the council, except that no compensation may be paid to any council member who receives compensation or salary as a regular state employee or official.

1 **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** If House Bill No. 1025 does not become effective,
2 section 4-10.6-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **4-10.6-04. Meetings - Compensation and expenses of council.** The chairman shall
4 call all meetings of the council. The chairman shall call special meetings on the petition of three
5 council members, within seven days of receiving the petition. The council shall determine the
6 amount of compensation payable to each council member. The amount payable may not
7 exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement of expenses as
8 provided by law for state officers; while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the
9 council, except that no compensation under this section may be paid to any member who
10 receives compensation or salary as a regular state employee or official.

11 **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** If House Bill No. 1025 does not become effective,
12 section 4-10.7-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **4-10.7-05. Meetings - Quorum - Compensation of council members.** A majority of
14 the voting members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of all business in
15 carrying out the duties of the council. All meetings of the council must be called by the
16 chairman except special meetings which must be called by the chairman on the petition of three
17 council members within seven days of receiving the petition. The council shall determine the
18 amount of compensation payable to each member of the council. The amount payable may not
19 exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement of expenses as
20 provided by law for state officers; while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the
21 council, except that no compensation under this section may be paid to any member who
22 receives compensation or salary as a regular state employee or official.

23 **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-14.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

25 **4-14.1-05. Agricultural products utilization commission - Reimbursement -**
26 **Compensation.** All members of the agricultural products utilization commission must be
27 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties,
28 in the same manner as other state officials are reimbursed, according to sections 44-08-04 and
29 54-06-09. If not otherwise employed by the state of North Dakota, members of the commission
30 are entitled to receive as per diem compensation ~~sixty-two~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars and
31 ~~fifty cents~~ for each day devoted to attending meetings and performing other duties relating to

official business of the commission. The commission chairman, if not otherwise employed by the state of North Dakota, may receive an additional one hundred dollars for each day of a regular meeting attended as payment for reviewing and evaluating grant proposals.

SECTION 13. AMENDMENT. Section 4-18.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-18.1-04. Milk marketing board.

1. There is created a milk marketing board to consist of five members appointed by the governor. The board consists of one individual who is a dairy farmer selling to a processor, who must be selected by the governor from two names submitted to the governor by the North Dakota milk producers association; one individual who is a processor, who must be selected by the governor from two names submitted to the governor by the North Dakota dairy industries association; one individual who is a retailer, who must be selected by the governor from two names submitted to the governor by the North Dakota association of food retailers; and two individuals must be selected by the governor who are consumers, and who are not otherwise engaged in the milk business. An appointee may not have held elective or appointive public office during the period of two years immediately preceding appointment and may not hold any other public office, either elective or appointive, during the term of office as a member of the board. Not more than three members of the board may, at the time of the appointment or thereafter during their respective terms of office, reside on the same side of a continuous line following the eastern boundaries of Bottineau, McHenry, Wells, Kidder, Logan, and McIntosh Counties.
2. The members of the board must be appointed within thirty days after passage and approval of this chapter. The term of office of one member expires on July 1, 1968; the term of office of one member expires on July 1, 1969; the term of office of one member expires on July 1, 1970; the term of office of one member expires on July 1, 1971; the term of office of one member expires on July 1, 1972; and each succeeding member holds office for a term of five years and until a successor has been appointed and qualified. Any vacancy must be filled by appointment by the governor.

3. Three members of the board constitute a quorum for the regular transaction of business. The board shall choose one of its members as the chairman, who shall hold office as a chairman for one year; provided, election as chairman does not interfere with the member's right to vote on all matters before the board.
4. The board shall determine the amount of compensation payable to each member of the board. The amount payable may not exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officers, while attending meetings or performing duties directed by the board. A member's per diem payments may not exceed fifteen hundred dollars in any one year.
5. Each member of the board shall give bond conditioned for the faithful performance of the member's duties. The board shall employ a director who serves under the direction and at the pleasure of the board and whose qualifications, duties, and compensation must be determined by the board. The director shall serve as financial officer of the board and is authorized to accept money paid to the board in accordance with this chapter.
6. The board shall employ, in addition to the director, such assistants and employees, permanent and temporary, as may be necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the board under this chapter. The board shall determine the qualifications, duties, and compensation of such employees. The board may employ a licensed attorney of the state of North Dakota as its legal counsel, who shall serve on a full-time or a part-time basis, and the board may obtain the services of such additional attorneys as it deems necessary. The board may also contract for auditing, economic research, and other technical services, whenever it determines that such services are needed.
7. All expenditures under this chapter must be paid from the receipts under this chapter. Meetings of the board must be held at least every sixty days at the call of the chairman or a majority of the board.

SECTION 14. AMENDMENT. Section 4-22-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **4-22-04. Committee - Chairman - Quorum - Compensation.** The committee shall
2 meet annually and select its chairman. The chairman shall serve for a term of one year from
3 the date of selection. An individual may be selected as chairman for a total of three terms.
4 Additional meetings may be held by the committee as considered necessary by the chairman,
5 at a time and place to be fixed by the chairman. The chairman shall call special meetings upon
6 written request of any four members. The members of the committee are entitled to receive
7 ~~forty-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day as compensation for their services on the
8 committee, and are entitled to expenses, including traveling expenses, necessarily incurred in
9 the discharge of their duties on the committee, in the same manner and at the same rate as
10 prescribed by law for state employees and officials.

11 **SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** If House Bill No. 1025 does not become effective,
12 section 4-27-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **4-27-05. Powers and duties of commission.**

- 14 1. The commission shall administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and
15 has and may exercise any and all of the powers conferred upon it herein. A
16 majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the
17 transaction of business and the carrying out of the duties of the commission.
- 18 2. The commission shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, secretary-treasurer, and
19 such other officers as may be deemed advisable and adopt such rules, regulations,
20 recommendations, and orders for the exercise of its powers and performance of its
21 duties as is deemed advisable.
- 22 3. The commission shall determine the amount of compensation payable to each
23 member of the commission. The amount payable may not exceed ~~seventy-five~~
24 one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement of expenses as
25 provided by law for state officers; while attending meetings or performing duties
26 directed by the commission.
- 27 4. The commission shall select a state manager, whose compensation must be fixed
28 by the commission. The commission is also authorized to employ such additional
29 personnel as are necessary, including an attorney, to fix their compensation and
30 terms of employment, and to incur such expenses as the commission may deem

necessary and proper to carry out its duties, to be paid from moneys collected as herein provided.

5. The commission shall plan and carry out dairy products research, education, public relations, advertising, sales promotion, and other programs for the purpose of promoting the sale and consumption of dairy products on both a state and national basis and may contract for any service in connection therewith.

6. The commission may accept and disburse voluntary contributions for the use and purposes of the commission.

7. To effectuate the declared purposes of this chapter, the commission shall collect the assessment on all milk produced in this state and to make disbursements from such funds as provided herein.

SECTION 16. AMENDMENT. If House Bill No. 1025 does not become effective, section 4-28-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-28-05. Wheat commission - Meeting - Expenses - Legal adviser. Upon call of the governor, the commission shall first meet and organize by electing from the membership a chairman and vice chairman, who shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and have qualified. Thereafter, the commission shall meet at least once every calendar quarter at such times and places as determined by the commission and may meet in special meetings upon such call and notice as prescribed by rules adopted by the commission. The commission shall determine the amount of compensation payable to each member of the commission. The amount payable may not exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement of expenses as provided by law for state officers; while attending meetings or performing other official duties directed by the commission. The attorney general shall act as legal adviser to the commission or designate an assistant for that purpose and within the limit of the funds available to the commission it may employ other counsel to advise and represent the commission in its affairs and proceedings.

SECTION 17. AMENDMENT. If House Bill No. 1025 does not become effective, section 4-34-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4-34-07. Compensation - Expenses. The commission shall determine the amount of compensation payable to each member of the commission. The amount payable may not exceed ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement of expenses as

provided by law for state officers; while attending meetings or performing other official duties as directed by the commission. The members of the commission shall receive no other salary or compensation for their service on the commission.

SECTION 18. AMENDMENT. Section 4.1-02-09 of the North Dakota Century Code as created by House Bill No. 1025, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

4.1-02-09. Council members - Compensation. Each member of the council, except the commissioner, is entitled to receive compensation in the amount established by the council, but not exceeding ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officers if the member is attending meetings or performing duties directed by the council.

SECTION 19. AMENDMENT. Section 4.1-03-08 of the North Dakota Century Code as created by House Bill No. 1025, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

4.1-03-08. Commission members - Compensation. Each member of the commission is entitled to receive compensation in the amount established by the commission, but not exceeding ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officers if the member is attending meetings or performing duties as directed by the commission.

SECTION 20. AMENDMENT. Section 4.1-04-07 of the North Dakota Century Code as created by House Bill No. 1025, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

4.1-04-07. Council members - Compensation. Each member of the council is entitled to receive compensation in the amount established by the council but not exceeding ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officials if the member is attending meetings or performing duties directed by the council.

SECTION 21. AMENDMENT. Section 4.1-05-05 of the North Dakota Century Code as created by House Bill No. 1025, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **4.1-05-05. Commission members - Compensation.** Each member of the
2 commission is entitled to receive compensation, in the amount established by the commission,
3 but not exceeding ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement for
4 expenses as provided by law for state officers if the member is attending meetings or
5 performing duties directed by the commission. The compensation provided for in this section
6 may not be paid to any member of the commission who receives a salary or other
7 compensation as an employee or official of this state if the individual is serving on the
8 commission by virtue of the individual's state office or state employment.

9 **SECTION 22. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-06-08 of the North Dakota Century Code as
10 created by House Bill No. 1025, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended
11 and reenacted as follows:

12 **4.1-06-08. Council members - Compensation.** Each member of the council is
13 entitled to receive compensation in the amount established by the council, but not exceeding
14 ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement for expenses as
15 provided by law for state officers if the member is attending meetings or performing duties
16 directed by the council.

17 **SECTION 23. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-07-08 of the North Dakota Century Code as
18 created by House Bill No. 1025, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended
19 and reenacted as follows:

20 **4.1-07-08. Council members - Compensation.** Except for the agriculture
21 commissioner, each member of the council is entitled to receive compensation in the amount
22 established by the council but not exceeding ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per
23 day plus reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officers if the member is
24 attending meetings or performing duties directed by the council.

25 **SECTION 24. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-09-12 of the North Dakota Century Code as
26 created by House Bill No. 1025, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended
27 and reenacted as follows:

28 **4.1-09-12. Council members - Compensation.** Each member of the council, except
29 the agriculture commissioner and the individual appointed by the director of the agricultural
30 experiment station, is entitled to receive compensation in the amount established by the council
31 but not exceeding ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement for

1 expenses as provided by law for state officers if the member is attending meetings or
2 performing duties directed by the council.

3 **SECTION 25. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-10-06 of the North Dakota Century Code as
4 created by House Bill No. 1025, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended
5 and reenacted as follows:

6 **4.1-10-06. Council members - Compensation.** Each member of the council, except
7 the agriculture commissioner, is entitled to receive compensation in the amount established by
8 the council but not exceeding ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus
9 reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officers if the member is attending
10 meetings or performing duties directed by the council.

11 **SECTION 26. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-11-08 of the North Dakota Century Code as
12 created by House Bill No. 1025, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended
13 and reenacted as follows:

14 **4.1-11-08. Council members - Compensation.** Each member of the council, except
15 the agriculture commissioner, is entitled to receive compensation in the amount established by
16 the council but not exceeding ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus
17 reimbursement for expenses as provided by law for state officers if the member is attending
18 meetings or performing duties directed by the council.

19 **SECTION 27. AMENDMENT.** Section 4.1-13-12 of the North Dakota Century Code as
20 created by House Bill No. 1025, as approved by the sixty-first legislative assembly, is amended
21 and reenacted as follows:

22 **4.1-13-12. Commission members - Compensation.** Each member of the
23 commission is entitled to receive compensation in the amount established by the commission,
24 but not exceeding ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day plus reimbursement for
25 expenses as provided by law for state officers if the member is attending meetings or
26 performing duties directed by the commission.

27 **SECTION 28. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09.10-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
28 amended and reenacted as follows:

29 **6-09.10-03. North Dakota agricultural mediation service - Powers - Compensation**
30 **and expenses - Fees.** The board shall meet at the call of the chair, as is necessary to fulfill its
31 duties under this chapter. The agriculture commissioner shall administer the agricultural

1 mediation service. The commissioner shall establish an agricultural mediation service to
2 disseminate information to farmers concerning farm credit problems and to provide assistance
3 to seek to resolve farm credit problems. The commissioner shall appoint an administrator of the
4 agricultural mediation service. The commissioner shall hire staff, negotiators, and mediators
5 who may mediate disputes involving farmers or other persons eligible for mediation with an
6 agency of the United States department of agriculture. The board may charge the farmer and
7 others a reasonable fee for any assistance, provided the fees are used to continue the service.
8 Fees charged to mediation participants are limited to twenty-five dollars per hour, each, for the
9 time spent in mediation sessions. The board shall adopt policies governing the negotiators,
10 staff, and mediators hired under this section. Board members are entitled to receive
11 ~~seventy-five~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars for each day of official service, as directed by the
12 board. The board members are entitled to expenses as provided in sections 44-08-04 and
13 54-06-09. The expenses provided under this section may be paid from any funds available in
14 the home-quarter purchase fund.

15 **SECTION 29. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-01-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **36-01-04. Compensation and expenses of members of board.** Each member of the
18 board shall receive as compensation for services the sum of ~~fifty~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars
19 per day for each day employed and actual expenses incurred in attending the meetings of the
20 board. The sum must be paid out of the state treasury upon vouchers duly certified by the
21 commissioner.

22 **SECTION 30. AMENDMENT.** Section 36-14-25 of the North Dakota Century Code is
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24 **36-14-25. Fees of appraisers - How paid.** Each member of the board of appraisers
25 who is not an agent of the board is entitled to receive ~~fifty~~ one hundred thirty-five dollars per day
26 as compensation for services rendered, plus reimbursement for expenses as provided by law
27 for state officers. Fifty percent of the amount due under this section is payable by the state
28 board of animal health and the other fifty percent is payable by the owner of the animal.