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TITLE 55

State Historical Society and State Parks

Summary of Bills Enacted by 2009 Legislative Assembly

This memorandum summarizes 2009 legislation primarily affecting North Dakota Century Code Title 55. Bills primarily affecting other titles may also affect this title, but those bills are not summarized in this memorandum.

House Bill No. 1018 appropriates \$12,474,252 to the State Historical Society. The bill also appropriates \$150,000 for a protective structure for a locomotive at Camp Hancock, \$385,000 for a Fort Totten commissary storehouse exhibit and signage, and \$150,000 for geographic information system scanning and integration from federal fiscal stimulus funds made available to the state under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which provision is an emergency measure.

House Bill No. 1481 appropriates \$39.7 million from the general fund and \$12 million from federal or special funds to be raised by the State Historical Society for construction of an addition to the North Dakota Heritage Center. The bill provides that construction may not begin until the State Historical Society certifies to the Office of Management and Budget that of the federal or special funds required to complete the project, cash or pledges with a discounted cash value of at least \$6 million has been received by the State Historical Society.

House Bill No. 1019 appropriates \$12,605,505 to the Parks and Recreation Department and \$2,728,454 to the International Peace Garden. The bill limits the duration of Parks and Recreation Department concession agreements to 20 years and revises the leadership and facilities grants program to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to use up to 5 percent of money made available to the department for the program for administration of leadership and facilities grants and to ensure completion of the projects funded. The bill also appropriates \$300,000 for a Turtle River State Park pedestrian bridge, \$200,000 for Turtle Mountain scenic byway acquisition and trails, and \$300,000 for Fort Abraham Lincoln Civilian Conservation Corps building rehabilitation from federal fiscal stimulus funds made available to the state under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which provision is an emergency measure.

Senate Bill No. 2309 requires the Parks and Recreation Department, State Historical Society, Game and Fish Department, and Tourism Division of the Department of Commerce to conduct a study of the feasibility and desirability of linking and improving a series of public sites along the Sibley and Sully historic trails for purposes of historical education, heritage tourism, and access for public hunting.