

Sixty-fourth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1456**

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Kretschmar, Rohr, Schmidt

Senators Erbele, Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 54-01-29 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to negotiation for the transfer of excess lands around Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 54-01-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as  
5 follows:

6 **54-01-29. Negotiation for the transfer of excess lands - Generally.**

- 7 1. The state board of university and school lands shall negotiate with the United States  
8 army corps of engineers for the return of excess lands around Lake Sakakawea above  
9 elevation 1,854 feet mean sea level and excess lands around Lake Oahe above 1,617  
10 feet mean sea level to the state for transfer to the appropriate persons.  
11 2. If the United States army corps of engineers transfers land surrounding Lake  
12 Sakakawea or Lake Oahe to the state government, the ownership of land located  
13 within a Native American reservation is to be determined by the tribe and the  
14 ownership of land not located within a reservation is to be determined by the  
15 appropriate county. The state board of university and school lands shall accept  
16 temporary transfer of the land.