

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1199

Introduced by

Representative Keiser

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 61-33-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the definition of sovereign lands.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 61-33-01 of the North Dakota Century
5 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 3. "Sovereign lands" means those areas, including beds and islands, lying within the
7 ordinary high watermark of navigable lakes and streams. Lands established to be
8 riparian accretion or reliction lands pursuant to section 47-06-05 are considered to be
9 above the ordinary high watermark and are not sovereign lands. The ordinary high
10 water mark within the boundary of Lake Sakakawea and below the elevation of one
11 thousand eight hundred fifty-four feet above sea level must be located as close as
12 possible to the ordinary high water mark of the riverbed channel as it existed before
13 the inundation of the channel that created the lake based on historical records.