

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1471**

Introduced by

Representatives K. Koppelman, Bellew, Fisher, Hagert, Kading, Karls, Schauer, Toman

Senators Clemens, Kannianen

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 9 of section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to a property tax exemption for property of churches; and to provide an  
3 effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 9 of section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota Century  
6 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 9. a. ~~All buildings real property~~The land and any buildings on a parcel on which a  
8 church building is located, and which is owned by ~~any~~ religious corporation or  
9 organization and used primarily for the religious purposes of the organization,  
10 and if on the same parcel, dwellings with usual outbuildings, intended and  
11 ordinarily used for the residence of the bishop, priest, rector, or other minister in  
12 charge of services, land directly under and within the perimeter of those  
13 buildings, improved off-street parking or reasonable landscaping or sidewalk area  
14 adjoining the main church building, and up to a maximum of five additional acres  
15 [2.02 hectares] must be deemed to be property used exclusively for religious  
16 purposes, and exempt from taxation, ~~whether the real property consists of one~~  
17 ~~tract or more.~~ The land and any buildings on a parcel contiguous to the parcel on  
18 which a church building is located, which is owned by a religious corporation or  
19 organization, is exempt from taxation if any building located on the parcel is used  
20 primarily for religious purposes.
- 21 b. ~~If the~~The parsonage and residence of the bishop, priest, rector, or other minister,  
22 or other clergy in charge of services ~~is located on property not adjacent to the~~  
23 church, that residence, ~~or other clergy, which is owned by the church,~~ with usual  
24 outbuildings and land on which it is located, up to two acres [.81 hectare], and not

1                    ~~leased or otherwise used with a view to profit,~~ must be deemed to be property  
2                    used exclusively for religious purposes and is exempt from taxation.

3                    ~~b.c. Any real property~~ Up to twenty-five acres of undeveloped land owned by ~~anya~~  
4                    religious corporation or organization ~~and used to further the religious purposes of~~  
5                    ~~the organization and not leased or otherwise used with a view to profit must be~~  
6                    ~~deemed to be property used exclusively for religious purposes and for the~~  
7                    purpose of a future church building or buildings is exempt from taxation for the  
8                    first ten taxable years after the year in which the property was acquired by the  
9                    religious corporation or organization. This exemption expires ten years after the  
10                   taxable year in which the property was acquired by the religious corporation or  
11                   organization if construction improvements to accommodate a church building  
12                   have not commenced.

13                   d. The exemption for a building used for the religious purposes of the owner  
14                   continues to be in effect if the building in whole, or in part, is rented to another  
15                   otherwise tax-exempt corporation or organization, provided no profit is realized  
16                   from the rent.

17                   **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for taxable years beginning after  
18                   December 31, 2020.