Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2359

Introduced by

Senators Clemens, Lee

Representatives Jonas, Koppelman, Marschall

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-15-41 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to exemptions from political subdivision tax levies for payment of special assessments;
- 3 and to provide for a legislative management study.

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

5 SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 57-15-41 of the North Dakota Century Code is

6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 57-15-41. Political subdivision tax levies for payment of special assessments, land

8 <u>acquisition, or debt service</u> exempt from levy limitations.

9 No tax levy limitations provided by any statute of this state apply to tax levies by any county. 10 city, school district, park district, or township for the purpose of paying any special assessments, 11 land acquisition costs, or paying debt service on bonds issued to prepay special assessments 12 made in accordance with the provisions of title 40, against property owned by such the county, 13 city, school district, park district, or township. Any surplus in the special assessment fund after 14 all of the special assessments for which the fund was created have been paid shallmust be 15 placed in the general fund of the political subdivision. 16 SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED 17 AGAINST POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative 18 management shall consider studying the impact of political subdivisions levying special 19 assessments against other political subdivisions and the overall impact on taxpayers. The study 20 must include analysis of the impact on taxpayers not governed by the political subdivision 21 levying special assessments and explore forms of taxation policy that minimize the levying of 22 special assessments in the form of taxes through political subdivisions. The legislative 23 management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation

24 required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.