

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1187

Introduced by

Representatives Byerly, Wald, Skarphol

Senators Goetz, Naaden

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to state agency lease arrangements.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **State agency lease arrangements - Approval.** A state agency or institution, except
7 an institution under the control of the board of higher education, may not acquire the use of real
8 estate, equipment, or another asset with a total value of fifty thousand dollars or more through a
9 lease arrangement that involves lease payments being made in more than one biennial period
10 unless the proposed lease has been separately identified in the agency's budget request and
11 funds for lease payments have been appropriated by the legislative assembly, the legislative
12 assembly has identified appropriated funds for the lease arrangement, or the lease
13 arrangement has been approved by the budget section. All lease arrangements that involve
14 lease payments being made in more than one biennial period must include a provision that
15 future lease payments are subject to appropriations provided by the legislative assembly.