

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1414

Introduced by

Representatives S. Kelsh, Maragos

Senator Goetz

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 48-01.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code  
2 relating to plans and specifications for public improvement contracts.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 48-01.1-04 of the 1995 Supplement to the North  
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **48-01.1-04. Plans and specifications for public improvement contracts.**

7 1. If the estimated cost of the public improvement is in excess of one hundred  
8 thousand dollars, a governing body shall procure plans, drawings, and  
9 specifications from a licensed architect for the construction of any public building  
10 that has as its principal purpose human occupancy, habitation, or use, or the  
11 space within and surrounding the public building, for buildings in the following  
12 occupancy categories as defined in the uniform building code adopted under  
13 section 54-21.3-03:  
14 a. All use groups A, E, H, I, and R-3.  
15 b. All use groups B, F-1, M, S-1, S-3, and S-5 buildings greater than twelve  
16 thousand square feet [1114.8 square meters].  
17 c. All use group R-1 greater than eighteen thousand square feet [1672.2 square  
18 meters] or greater than three stories in height.  
19 Plans, drawings, and specifications for interior building renovations primarily of  
20 structural, mechanical, or electrical systems of inhabited structures may be  
21 performed by a registered professional engineer as allowed by the state board of  
22 registration for professional engineers and land surveyors, provided these  
23 renovations do not change occupancy loads or classifications, access or exit  
24 patterns, or uniform building code requirements.

1           2.   If a contract of a governing body for the construction of a public improvement not  
2           intended for human habitation is estimated to cost in excess of ~~fifty~~ one hundred  
3           thousand dollars, the governing body shall procure plans, drawings, and  
4           specifications for the work from a licensed architect or registered professional  
5           engineer. A public improvement may not be phased or broken into small projects  
6           to avoid the provisions of this section. For public buildings in use by or to be used  
7           by the North Dakota agricultural experiment stations in connection with farm or  
8           agricultural research operations, the plans, drawings, and specifications may, with  
9           the approval of the board of higher education, be procured from a registered  
10          professional engineer if the engineer is in the regular employment of the  
11          agricultural experiment station.