

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2322

Introduced by

Senators C. Nelson, Tomac, Yockim

Representatives Delmore, Oban

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 49-02-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the employment and compensation of expert help and assistance for
3 public service commission hearings and investigations.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 49-02-02 of the 1995 Supplement to the
6 North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

7 Employ, and fix the compensation of, rate experts, engineers, auditors, attorneys,
8 and all other expert help and assistance for hearings or investigations regarding
9 applications filed by gas or electric public utilities and rate decrease applications
10 filed by the commission. The expense of any hearings or investigations and the
11 actual expenses of any employees of the commission while engaged upon any
12 hearing or investigation regarding applications filed by gas or electric public utilities
13 and rate decrease applications filed by the commission must be charged to the
14 general fund within the commission's appropriation for the biennium.