

HOUSE BILL NO. 1186

Introduced by

Representative Wieland

Senator Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for state funding of county office buildings containing court facilities;
2 and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
5 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000, or so
6 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the supreme court for the purpose of providing
7 funding for county office building projects, for the period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending
8 June 30, 2005.

9 **SECTION 2. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FUNDS.** The supreme court may award
10 funds appropriated under section 1 of this Act subject to the following:

- 11 1. The funds may only be used to fund projects for which the plans include the
12 consolidation of a municipal court and the district court into the county office
13 building;
- 14 2. The funds may be used for either new construction or the remodeling of an existing
15 structure;
- 16 3. The amount awarded to any one project may not exceed two million dollars;
- 17 4. Local funding of at least fifty percent from other sources; and
- 18 5. At least two of the following three criteria must be met:
 - 19 a. A demonstrated growth in caseload by at least ten percent over a five-year
20 rolling base period;
 - 21 b. A demonstrated growth in judgeships by at least ten percent over a five-year
22 rolling base period; or
 - 23 c. A demonstrated space deficiency.