

HOUSE BILL NO. 1297

Introduced by

Representatives Belter, Hanson, Nelson

Senators Christmann, O'Connell, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 48-05-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the purchasing of coal for heating purposes by the state and political subdivisions.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 48-05-02.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
5 enacted as follows:

6 **48-05-02.1. Purchase of coal by the state and political subdivisions.** The state and
7 all of its institutions, all political subdivisions, and all public schools, when purchasing coal for
8 heating purposes, shall give preference to bidders supplying coal mined in North Dakota if such
9 coal, on an aggregate basis, will provide equivalent British thermal units of heating value in
10 comparison to coal mined elsewhere and if the total bid price of the coal mined in North Dakota
11 and delivered is not higher than the total bid price of coal mined elsewhere and delivered. The
12 state or any of its institutions, any political subdivision, or any public school, when advertising
13 for or reviewing bids for the purchase of coal for heating purposes, may not mandate the use of
14 any particular type of coal or the region where the coal is to be mined.