

HOUSE BILL NO. 1400

Introduced by

Representatives Drovdal, DeKrey, Kempenich

Senators Christmann, Urlacher

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 10-06.1-10 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to composition of the natural areas advisory committee.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 10-06.1-10 of the North Dakota
5 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 3. Before farmland or ranchland may be purchased by a nonprofit organization for the
7 purpose of conserving natural areas and habitats for biota, the governor must
8 approve the proposed acquisition. A nonprofit organization that desires to
9 purchase farmland or ranchland for the purpose of conserving natural areas and
10 habitats for biota shall first submit a proposed acquisition plan to the agriculture
11 commissioner who shall convene an advisory committee consisting of the director
12 of the parks and recreation department, the agriculture commissioner, the state
13 forester, the ~~director executive vice president of the game and fish department~~
14 North Dakota stockmen's association, the president of the North Dakota farmers
15 union, the president of the North Dakota farm bureau, and the chairman of the
16 county commission of any county affected by the acquisition. The advisory
17 committee shall hold a public hearing with the board of county commissioners
18 concerning the proposed acquisition plan and shall make recommendations to the
19 governor within forty-five days after receipt of the proposed acquisition plan. The
20 governor shall approve or disapprove any proposed acquisition plan, or any part
21 thereof, within thirty days after receipt of the recommendations from the advisory
22 committee.