

Fifty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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~~ a representative of the North Dakota
13 university system with expertise in plant science appointed by the state
14 commissioner of higher education, three members of the natural resources
15 community with expertise in wildlife biology, land management, or natural area
16 identification and conservation, the agriculture commissioner, ~~the state forester,~~
17 ~~the director~~ executive vice president of the game and fish department North
18 Dakota stockmen's association, the president of the North Dakota farmers union,
19 the president of the North Dakota farm bureau, and the chairman of the county
20 commission of any county affected by the acquisition. The advisory committee
21 shall hold a public hearing with the board of county commissioners concerning the
22 proposed acquisition plan and shall make recommendations to the governor within
23 forty-five days after receipt of the proposed acquisition plan. The governor shall

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- 1 approve or disapprove any proposed acquisition plan, or any part thereof, within
- 2 thirty days after receipt of the recommendations from the advisory committee.