

HOUSE BILL NO. 1171

Introduced by

Representatives Kerzman, Froelich, N. Johnson

Senators Krauter, Lyson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-04-23 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to service fee payments to counties by the board of university and school lands.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-04-23 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-04-23. County services benefiting school trust lands - Payment - Continuing**
7 **appropriation.** On or before March first of each year, the board of university and school lands
8 shall pay a fee to the board of county commissioners of each county in which the state retains
9 original grant lands. The board of county commissioners shall forward a prorated portion of any
10 fee received under this section to the organized townships in which the original grant lands are
11 located for use in the repair, maintenance, and construction of roads and bridges and shall use
12 the remainder of the fee for the repair, maintenance, and construction of roads and bridges in
13 unorganized townships in which original grant lands are located. The total fees paid under this
14 section ~~may not exceed five~~ must be at least ten percent of the net revenue generated from the
15 original grant lands in that county during the year preceding the payment. For purposes of this
16 section, net revenue means the gross revenue from surface management, less any
17 administrative and operating expenses, but does not include any moneys that must be
18 deposited in a permanent trust fund. There is appropriated annually the amounts necessary to
19 pay all fees under this section. Each payment must be made from the trust fund for which the
20 land is held.