

HOUSE BILL NO. 1067

Introduced by

Political Subdivisions Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 18-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to cooperation of the state forester and other agencies on fire and forest protection.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 18-02-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **18-02-07. Cooperation of state forester and other agencies - Fire and forest**
7 **protection.** The state forester may cooperate and contract jointly or severally with departments
8 and agencies of this or other states, with federal agencies, with counties, townships, or other
9 political subdivisions, including rural fire protection districts, rural fire departments, municipal,
10 and other corporations and associations, or with individuals, in the best interests of the people
11 and the state in forest surveys, research in forestry, forest protection, including assisting fire
12 departments in protection of forests and other resources and in assisting landowners to secure
13 adoption of better forestry practices. The state forester may:

- 14 1. Cooperate and contract with the United States or any appropriate agency thereof
15 to receive and use federal aid and matching funds which the state and its
16 subdivisions may become eligible to receive.
- 17 2. Apply for, receive, and expend federal grants-in-aid and matching funds for fire
18 protection services and generally aid rural fire departments and rural fire protection
19 districts with all activities customary in the prevention and suppression of forest,
20 brush, and grassland fires.
- 21 3. Purchase or otherwise acquire fire protection equipment to loan, transfer, or sell to
22 rural fire departments and rural fire protection districts.