

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1200**

Introduced by

Representative Carlson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-21-24 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to space obtained outside the state capitol; and to provide an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-21-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-21-24. Additional office space may be obtained outside state capitol - Legislative**  
7 **approval of long-term leases.**

8 If office space in the state capitol becomes insufficient to accommodate the various state  
9 departments, agencies, and boards, the director of the office of management and budget upon  
10 request of the department, agency, or board shall negotiate for, contract for, and obtain  
11 additional office space outside the state capitol in the city of Bismarck or in the Bismarck area  
12 as is necessary ~~in order~~ to provide accommodations for all state departments, agencies, and  
13 boards. When office space is obtained in this manner, the department, agency, or board that  
14 occupies the office space is deemed to be located at the state capitol for purposes of statutes  
15 that require that a department, agency, or board must be maintained at the state capitol, and  
16 the director shall charge an amount equal to the fair value of the office space and other services  
17 rendered to all departments that receive and expend moneys from other than the general fund,  
18 except that for good cause the amounts charged may be waived by the director for a one-year  
19 period of time with the waiver being subject to further annual renewals after proper application  
20 has been filed with the director. The department, agency, or board for which the office space is  
21 sought must approve the office space before the director may finalize a contract or lease for the  
22 office space. The director may not enter a new contract or lease or extend or renew an existing  
23 contract or lease for space for a term that exceeds the biennium or for an amount exceeding

1 one hundred thousand dollars unless the director has received prior approval from the  
2 legislative assembly.

3 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on June 30, 2019.