

Sixty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2245

Introduced by

Senators Dotzenrod, Luick, Wanzek

Representatives D. Anderson, J. Nelson, Mitskog

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota~~
2 ~~Century Code, relating to listing parcels under the control of certain state entities for use as~~
3 ~~wetlands mitigation; for an Act to provide for a legislative management study to examine the~~
4 ~~desirability and feasibility of creating a state wetlands bank.~~

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

6 ~~SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 20.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created~~
7 ~~and enacted as follows:~~

8 ~~Identification of parcels for wetlands mitigation.~~

9 ~~The director and board of university and school lands, in consultation with the natural~~
10 ~~resources conservation service and United States army corps of engineers, shall provide a list~~
11 ~~of land parcels that may qualify for use as wetlands mitigation on lands under the jurisdiction,~~
12 ~~management, or control of the game and fish department or the department of trust lands, and~~
13 ~~on lands remediated by the department of mineral resources through the abandoned oil and~~
14 ~~gas well plugging and site reclamation fund. This list must be submitted to the agriculture~~
15 ~~commissioner no later than July 1, 2018.~~

16 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - STATE WETLANDS BANK.** During
17 the 2017-18 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the desirability and
18 feasibility of creating a state wetlands bank. The study must include consultation with
19 stakeholders to examine land parcels under the control and management of the state which are
20 suitable for wetlands mitigation. The legislative management shall report its findings and
21 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
22 the sixty-sixth legislative assembly.