

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1424**

Introduced by

Representatives K. Koppelman, Karls, Kasper, B. Koppelman, Marschall, Satrom, Simons  
Senators Burckhard, Clemens, D. Larson, Luick, Myrdal

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 9 of section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to the property tax exemption for property of churches; and to provide an  
3 effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 9 of section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota Century  
6 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 9. a. All buildings owned by any religious corporation or organization and used for the  
8 religious purposes of the organization, and if on the same parcel, dwellings with  
9 usual outbuildings, intended and ordinarily used for the residence of the bishop,  
10 priest, rector, or other minister in charge of services, land directly under and  
11 within the perimeter of those buildings, and improved off-street parking ~~or~~ and  
12 reasonable landscaping or sidewalk area adjoining~~and up to a maximum of five additional acres [2.02 hectares]~~ servicing the main church  
13 building, ~~and up to a maximum of five additional acres [2.02 hectares]~~ must be  
14 deemed to be property used exclusively for religious purposes, and exempt from  
15 taxation, whether the real property consists of one tract or more.

16 b. If the residence of the bishop, priest, rector, or other minister in charge of  
17 services is located on property not adjacent to the church, that residence with  
18 usual outbuildings and land on which it is located, ~~up to two acres [.81 hectare],~~  
19 ~~is exempt from taxation and not leased or otherwise used with a view to profit.~~  
20 must be deemed to be property used exclusively for religious purposes and is  
21 exempt from taxation.

22 c. Any real property owned by any religious corporation or organization and used to  
23 further the religious purposes of the organization and not leased or otherwise

1                   used with a view to profit must be deemed to be property used exclusively for  
2                   religious purposes and exempt from taxation.

3            ~~b.d.~~   The exemption for a building used for the religious purposes of the owner  
4                   continues to be in effect if the building in whole, or in part, is rented to another  
5                   otherwise tax-exempt corporation or organization, provided no profit is realized  
6                   from the rent.

7            **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for taxable years beginning after  
8    December 31, 2016.