

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2139**

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-27.2 and a new section to  
2 chapter 57-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to an income tax rate reduction fund  
3 and an income tax rate adjustment; and to provide for a transfer.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 54-27.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Certain general fund revenues to be deposited in the income tax rate reduction fund.**

8 After any required transfers from the general fund to the budget stabilization fund under  
9 section 54-27.2-02, the office of management and budget shall certify to the state treasurer the  
10 ending fund balance of the state general fund and if the amount in the general fund exceeds  
11 sixty-five million dollars at the end of the biennium, also shall certify the amount to be  
12 transferred to the income tax rate reduction fund. The state treasurer shall transfer the excess  
13 over sixty-five million dollars up to one hundred fifty million dollars from the general fund to the  
14 income rate reduction fund under section 2 of this Act.

15 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 57-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
16 and enacted as follows:

17 **Income tax rate reduction fund - Income tax rate adjustment - Tax commissioner -**  
18 **Transfer.**

19 1. There is created in the state treasury the income tax rate reduction fund. The fund  
20 consists of all moneys deposited in the fund under section 1 of this Act.

21 2. If money is transferred into the income tax rate reduction fund under section 1 of this  
22 Act and the balance in the fund is over fifty million dollars, the tax commissioner shall  
23 publish reduced individual and corporate income tax rates and notify taxpayers of the  
24 reduced rates by November first of the first fiscal year of the biennium. The tax

- 1           commissioner may determine the form and manner for publishing the reduced rates  
2           and notifying taxpayers, including any notification that taxpayers are not required to file  
3           returns or pay taxes. The tax commissioner shall reduce the individual income tax  
4           rates and the corporate income tax rates based on the following:
- 5           a.   The percentage reduction to the individual and corporate income tax rates is  
6           equal to the balance in the rate reduction fund divided by the total estimated tax  
7           collections.
- 8           b.   Any reductions to the individual income tax rates and the corporate income tax  
9           rates apply to taxable years beginning after a rate reduction is calculated and  
10          published under this section.
- 11          c.   The reductions to the individual income tax rates and the corporate income tax  
12          rates must be proportional to the estimated tax collections for each tax relative to  
13          the combined total estimated tax collections for both taxes.
- 14          d.   The reductions to the individual income tax rates and corporate income tax rates  
15          must be applied equally to all tax brackets for each tax.
- 16          e.   The reduced individual income tax rates and corporate income tax rates must be  
17          rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of a percent.
- 18          f.   The tax commissioner shall calculate the reduced individual income tax rates and  
19          corporate income tax rates until the rates are reduced to zero.
- 20          g.   "Estimated tax collections" means the income tax collection amounts included in  
21          the revenue forecast of the current biennial state budget as approved by the most  
22          recently adjourned special or regular session of the legislative assembly.
- 23          3.   If the income tax rate reduction results in a disproportionate amount of tax to be  
24          deducted and withheld under section 57-38-59, the tax commissioner may adjust the  
25          percentage that, when withheld, will as closely as possible pay the income tax liability  
26          imposed.
- 27          4.   This section does not limit or suspend any provision in chapter 57-38 which is not in  
28          conflict with this section, including provisions for assessment and refund under  
29          sections 57-38-34.4, 57-38-38, and 57-38-40.

- 1        5. In April of the first fiscal year of the biennium, if a rate reduction is made under  
2        subsection 2, the state treasurer shall transfer the amounts certified by the tax  
3        commissioner from the income tax rate reduction fund to the general fund.
- 4        6. The tax commissioner shall certify to the state treasurer that the individual income tax  
5        and corporate income tax rates have been reduced to zero. Upon receiving the  
6        certification from the tax commissioner, the state treasurer immediately shall transfer  
7        any moneys remaining in the income tax reduction fund to the state general fund.