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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2025

Page 1, replace lines 12 and 13 with:

"Judgment expenses	$277,771
Total general fund	$277,771"

Page 1, replace lines 16 and 17 with:

"Prosecution witness fees	$75,000
Statewide litigation funding pool	1,000,000
Total general fund	$1,075,000"

Page 1, remove lines 19 through 23

Page 2, line 3, replace "5" with "4"

Page 2, line 9, replace "6" with "5"

Page 2, replace lines 11 through 13 with:

"Loan repayment - disaster costs	$4,695,890
Loan interest repayment - law enforcement costs	1,026,833
Total state disaster relief fund	$5,722,723"

Page 2, line 14, replace "7" with "6"

Page 2, line 18, replace "8" with "7"

Page 2, replace lines 20 through 22 with:

"Grand total general fund	$28,152,539
Grand total special funds	290,722,723
Grand total all funds	$318,875,262

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - COST REIMBURSEMENTS - LOAN REPAYMENTS. It is the intent of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly that the attorney general seek reimbursement from the federal government for the costs of responding to unlawful activity associated with the construction of the Dakota access pipeline. It is further the intent of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly that these reimbursements be used to repay the Bank of North Dakota loans authorized by the emergency commission and the legislative assembly which were obtained to provide the funding necessary to respond to the unlawful activity associated with the construction of the Dakota access pipeline. It is further the intent of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly that the provisions of section 54-16-13 apply to the loans, except that emergency commission approval does not apply."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

This amendment:

- Increases funding for court-ordered judgment expenses for the Office of Management and Budget by $277,006 from the general fund to provide a total of $277,771;
- Adds $1 million from the general fund for the statewide litigation funding pool for the Attorney General;
- Removes the $97,000 general fund appropriation for the Ethics Commission;
- Changes the funding source for the loan repayments relating to disaster costs for the Adjutant General from the general fund to the state disaster relief fund and increases the amount by $3,791,687 to provide a total of $4,695,890 from the state disaster relief fund for loan repayments relating to disaster costs;
- Removes funding for repaying the principal balance of the loan relating to protest costs for the Adjutant General and provides $1,026,833 from the state disaster relief fund for paying the accrued interest on the loan for the 2021-23 biennium; and
- Adds a section of legislative intent regarding the Attorney General seeking reimbursement from the federal government to repay the loan relating to protest costs.