

Introduced by

Representative Frelich

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 61-33-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to sovereign lands management.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 61-33-01 of the North Dakota Century
5 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 5. "Sovereign lands" means ~~these~~ areas, including beds and islands, lying within the
7 ordinary high water mark of navigable lakes and streams. Lands established to be
8 riparian accretion or reliction lands pursuant to section 47-06-05 are considered to be
9 above the ordinary high water mark and are not sovereign lands. The term does not
10 include lands in the Devils Lake basin submerged by navigable waters on the effective
11 date of this Act if the same lands were not submerged by navigable waters at
12 statehood and were acquired through a patent issued by the United States before
13 statehood.