Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

### **HOUSE BILL NO. 1390**

Introduced by

Representatives Koppelman, Schatz, Kasper, Steiner, Toman, Motschenbacher, VanWinkle Senators Corv. Powers, Walen

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision b of subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-04.1.
- 2 subsection 26 of section 57-02-08, sections 57-02-08.3, 57-02-08.9, 57-02-08.10, and
- 3 57-02-11.1, subsection 1 of section 57-23-06, and section 57-55-10 of the North Dakota Century
- 4 Code, relating to the determination of state school aid, the primary residence credit, and
- 5 removal of the homestead and disabled veterans' credit; to repeal sections 57-02-08.1,
- 6 57-02-08.2, and 57-02-08.8 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the homestead credit
- 7 and disabled veterans' credit; to provide an effective date; and to declare an emergency.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision b of subsection 4 of section 15.1-27-04.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, as effective through June 30, 2025, is amended and reenacted as follows:
  - b. Subtract an amount equal to seventy-five percent of all revenue types listed in subdivisionssubdivision c and paragraphs 1 and 2 of subdivision d of subsection 1 and revenue from payments in lieu of taxes. Before determining the deduction for seventy-five percent of all revenue types, the superintendent of public instruction shall adjust revenues as follows:
    - (1) Tuition revenue shall be adjusted as follows:
      - (a) In addition to deducting tuition revenue received specifically for the operation of an educational program provided at a residential treatment facility, tuition revenue received for the provision of an adult farm management program, tuition received for the education of high-cost and special education students, and tuition received under an agreement to educate students from a school district on an air force base with funding received through federal impact aid as

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| 1  | directed each school year in paragraph 3 of                           | subdivision c of             |
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| 2  | 2 subsection 1, the superintendent of public in                       | struction also shall reduce  |
| 3  | 3 the total tuition reported by the school district                   | t by the amount of tuition   |
| 4  | 4 revenue received for the education of studer                        | nts not residing in the      |
| 5  | 5 state and for which the state has not entered                       | d a cross-border education   |
| 6  | 6 contract; and   |                              |
| 7  | 7 (b) The superintendent of public instruction also                   | shall reduce the total       |
| 8  | 8 tuition reported by admitting school districts                      | meeting the requirements     |
| 9  | 9 of subdivision e of subsection 2 of section 1                       | 5.1-29-12 by the amount      |
| 10 | of tuition revenue received for the education                         | of students residing in an   |
| 11 | 11 adjacent school district.  |                              |
| 12 | 12 (2) After adjusting tuition revenue as provided in para            | graph 1, the                 |
| 13 | superintendent shall reduce all remaining revenue                     | s from all revenue types     |
| 14 | by the percentage of mills levied in 2022 by the so                   | hool district for sinking    |
| 15 | and interest relative to the total mills levied in 2022               | 2 by the school district for |
| 16 | 16 all purposes.  |                              |
| 17 | 17 <b>SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.</b> Subdivision b of subsection 4 of sect | ion 15.1-27-04.1 of the      |
| 18 | North Dakota Century Code, as effective after June 30, 2025, is amen  | ded and reenacted as         |
| 19 | 19 follows:   |                              |
| 20 | b. Subtract an amount equal to seventy-five percent of all            | revenue types listed in      |
| 21 | 21 <u>subdivisions</u> subdivision c and paragraphs 1 and 2 of su     | bdivision_d of               |
| 22 | subsection 1 <u>and revenue from payments in lieu of taxe</u>         | s. Before determining the    |
| 23 | deduction for seventy-five percent of all revenue types,              | the superintendent of        |
| 24 | public instruction shall adjust revenues as follows:                  |                              |
| 25 | (1) Tuition revenue shall be adjusted as follows:                     |                              |
| 26 | 26 (a) In addition to deducting tuition revenue rece                  | ived specifically for the    |
| 27 | operation of an educational program provide                           | ed at a residential          |
| 28 | treatment facility, tuition revenue received fo                       | r the provision of an adult  |
| 29 | 29 farm management program, tuition received                          | for the education of         |
| 30 | high-cost and special education students, ar                          | nd tuition received under    |
| 31 | an agreement to educate students from a sc                            | chool district on an         |

| 1  |         |           |        |                   | air force base with funding received through federal impact aid as                                     |
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| 2  |         |           |        |                   | directed each school year in paragraph 3 of subdivision c of   |
| 3  |         |           |        |                   | subsection 1, the superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce                               |
| 4  |         |           |        |                   | the total tuition reported by the school district by the amount of tuition                             |
| 5  |         |           |        |                   | revenue received for the education of students not residing in the                                     |
| 6  |         |           |        |                   | state and for which the state has not entered a cross-border education                                 |
| 7  |         |           |        |                   | contract; and  |
| 8  |         |           |        | (b)               | The superintendent of public instruction also shall reduce the total                                   |
| 9  |         |           |        |                   | tuition reported by admitting school districts meeting the requirements                                |
| 0  |         |           |        |                   | of subdivision e of subsection 2 of section 15.1-29-12 by the amount                                   |
| 11 |         |           |        |                   | of tuition revenue received for the education of students residing in an                               |
| 2  |         |           |        |                   | adjacent school district.  |
| 3  |         |           | (2)    | After             | adjusting tuition revenue as provided in paragraph 1, the  |
| 4  |         |           |        | supe              | erintendent shall reduce all remaining revenues from all revenue types                                 |
| 5  |         |           |        | by th             | ne percentage of mills levied in 2022 by the school district for sinking                               |
| 6  |         |           |        | and               | interest relative to the total mills levied in 2022 by the school district for                         |
| 7  |         |           |        | all pu            | urposes.   |
| 8  | SEC     | CTIO      | N 3. A | MEN               | <b>DMENT.</b> Subsection 26 of section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota                                    |
| 9  | Century | Code      | e is a | mende             | ed and reenacted as follows:   |
| 20 | 26.     | <u>a.</u> | Fixt   | ures, l           | ouildings, and improvements when owned and occupied as a   |
| 21 |         |           | hom    | nestea            | d, as hereinafter defined, by a paraplegic disabled personindividual, or                               |
| 22 |         |           | if th  | e <del>pers</del> | onindividual is deceased the unremarried spouse, if the income from all                                |
| 23 |         |           | sou    | rces o            | f the <del>person</del> <u>individual</u> and spouse, or if the <del>person</del> <u>individual</u> is |
| 24 |         |           | dec    | eased             | the income from all sources of the unremarried surviving spouse, in the                                |
| 25 |         |           | cale   | endar y           | year prior to the year for which the exemption is claimed did not exceed                               |
| 26 |         |           | the    | maxin             | num amount of income provided in section 57-02-08.1 for receiving a                                    |
| 27 |         |           | hon    | nestea            | ed credit under that sectionseventy thousand dollars.  |
| 28 |         | <u>b.</u> | To c   | btain             | the exemption for the first time, a certificate from a medical doctor who                              |
| 29 |         |           | is a   | pprove            | ed by the board of county commissioners, accompanied by an affidavit,                                  |
| 30 |         |           | sho    | wing t            | he facts herein required and a description of the property, must be filed                              |
| 31 |         |           | with   | the c             | ounty auditor. The affidavit and accompanying certificate must be                                      |

| 1  |                | ope               | ned to public inspection. Any <del>person</del> individual claiming the exemption for any  |
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| 2  |                | yea               | r after the first year shall furnish to the assessor or other assessment officials         |
| 3  |                | whe               | en requested to do so any information which the <del>person</del> individual believes will |
| 4  |                | sup               | port the claim for the exemption for any subsequent year.                                  |
| 5  | <u>C.</u>      | For               | purposes of this subsection <del>, "homestead" has the meaning provided</del> :            |
| 6  |                | <u>(1)</u>        | "Dependent" has the same meaning it has for federal income tax purposes.                   |
| 7  |                | <u>(2)</u>        | "Homestead" means a homestead as described in section 47-18-01 except                      |
| 8  |                |                   | that it also applies to any personindividual who otherwise qualifies under the             |
| 9  |                |                   | provisions of this subsection whether or not the personindividual is the head              |
| 0  |                |                   | of a family.   |
| 11 |                | <u>(3)</u>        | "Income" means income for the most recent complete taxable year from all                   |
| 2  |                |                   | sources, including the income of any dependent of the applicant, and                       |
| 3  |                |                   | including any county, state, or federal public assistance benefits, social                 |
| 4  |                |                   | security, or other retirement benefits, but excluding any federal rent subsidy,            |
| 5  |                |                   | any amount excluded from income by federal or state law with the exception                 |
| 6  |                |                   | of income from social security benefits, and medical expenses paid during                  |
| 7  |                |                   | the year by the applicant or the applicant's dependent which is not                        |
| 8  |                |                   | compensated by insurance or other means.   |
| 9  |                | <u>(4)</u>        | "Medical expenses" has the same meaning as it has for state income tax                     |
| 20 |                |                   | purposes, except that for transportation for medical care the individual may               |
| 21 |                |                   | use the standard mileage rate allowed for state officer and employee use of                |
| 22 |                |                   | a motor vehicle under section 54-06-09.  |
| 23 | <u>d.</u>      | The               | board of county commissioners is hereby authorized tomay cancel the                        |
| 24 |                | unp               | aid taxes for any year in which the personindividual has held title to the                 |
| 25 |                | exe               | mpt property.  |
| 26 | SECTIO         | N 4. A            | AMENDMENT. Section 57-02-08.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is                          |
| 27 | amended an     | d reer            | nacted as follows:   |
| 28 | 57-02-08       | 3.3. H            | omestead credit for special assessments - Certification - Lien.                            |
| 29 | 1. Any         | <del>/ pers</del> | on who has qualified for the property tax credit provided for in section                   |
| 30 | <del>57-</del> | 02-08             | :1An individual who is sixty-five years of age or older or permanently and                 |
| 31 | tota           | ally dis          | sabled with an income not in excess of seventy thousand dollars may elect to               |

- 1 also qualify for an additional homesteada credit against that person's individual's
  2 homestead for the portion of any special assessment levied by a taxing district which
  3 becomes due for the same year.
  - 2. The total amount of credits allowed for any one property must not exceed six thousand dollars, adjusted annually on January first of each year after December 31, 2019, by the consumer price index, excluding any interest charged by the body levying the special assessment.
  - 3. This credit may be granted only at the election of the qualifying personindividual. The personindividual making the election shall do so by filing with the county auditor a claim for the special assessment credit on a form prescribed by the tax commissioner. The claim must be filed with the county auditor on or before February first of the year in which the special assessment installment thereof becomes payable.
  - 4. For purposes of this subsection, "consumer:
    - a. "Consumer price index" means the percentage change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the midwest region as determined by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, for the most recent year ending December thirty-first.
    - b. "Dependent" has the same meaning it has for federal income tax purposes.
    - <u>c.</u> "Homestead" means a homestead as described in section 47-18-01.
    - d. "Income" means income for the most recent complete taxable year from all sources, including the income of any dependent of the applicant, and including any county, state, or federal public assistance benefits, social security, or other retirement benefits, but excluding any federal rent subsidy, any amount excluded from income by federal or state law with the exception of income from social security benefits, and medical expenses paid during the year by the applicant or the applicant's dependent which is not compensated by insurance or other means.
    - e. "Medical expenses" has the same meaning as it has for state income tax

      purposes, except that for transportation for medical care the individual may use
      the standard mileage rate allowed for state officer and employee use of a motor
      vehicle under section 54-06-09.

| 1  |                         | <u>t.</u> | "Permanently and totally disabled" means the inability to engage in any              |
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| 2  |                         |           | substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or     |
| 3  |                         |           | mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or has lasted or can      |
| 4  |                         |           | be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve months as        |
| 5  |                         |           | established by a certificate from a licensed physician or a written determination of |
| 6  |                         |           | disability from the social security administration or any federal or state agency    |
| 7  |                         |           | that has authority to certify an individual's disability.                            |
| 8  | <del>2.</del> <u>5.</u> | a.        | By March first of each year, the county auditor of each county shall certify to the  |
| 9  |                         |           | state tax commissioner, on forms prescribed by the tax commissioner, the             |
| 10 |                         |           | following information:   |
| 11 |                         |           | (1) The name and address of each personindividual for whom the special               |
| 12 |                         |           | assessment credit provided for in subsection 1 was allowed for the                   |
| 13 |                         |           | preceding year.  |
| 14 |                         |           | (2) The amount of credit allowed for the special assessment installment thereof      |
| 15 |                         |           | due for the preceding year.  |
| 16 |                         |           | (3) The total amount of the special assessment credits due in each special           |
| 17 |                         |           | assessment district.   |
| 18 |                         |           | (4) Other information that the tax commissioner requires.                            |
| 19 |                         | b.        | The tax commissioner shall audit the certifications, make such corrections as        |
| 20 |                         |           | may be required, and certify to the state treasurer for payment to each county by    |
| 21 |                         |           | June first of each year the sum of the amounts computed by adding the credits        |
| 22 |                         |           | allowed for portions of special assessments which were due for each homestead        |
| 23 |                         |           | in the county for the preceding year. No more than the portion of special            |
| 24 |                         |           | assessments due for the preceding year shall be allowed as a credit for any          |
| 25 |                         |           | homestead in any year.   |
| 26 |                         | C.        | The county treasurer upon receipt of the payment from the state treasurer shall      |
| 27 |                         |           | forthwith apportion and distribute the payment to each special assessment district   |
| 28 |                         |           | in the county according to the total credits allowed for each respective special     |
| 29 |                         |           | assessment district.   |
| 30 |                         | d.        | Supplemental certifications by the county auditor and by the state tax               |
| 31 |                         |           | commissioner and supplemental payments by the state treasurer may be made            |

amended and reenacted as follows:

1 after the dates prescribed herein to make such corrections as may be necessary 2 because of errors therein. 3 <del>3.</del>6. a. Any credit allowed under subsection 1, plus interest in the amount of six percent 4 per year from June first of the year for which the special assessment installment 5 for which a credit is taken becomes payable, creates a lien in favor of the state 6 against the property upon which the special assessment credit is allowed and 7 remains a lien upon the property from the time the credit is allowed until the lien 8 is fully satisfied by depositing the amount of the lien in the state general fund. If 9 the amount of the lien exceeds the market value of the property, the state may 10 accept the amount of the market value of the property as payment in full on the 11 lien. 12 b. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, a transfer of title to the 13 homestead because of sale, death, or otherwise may not be made without 14 the lien being satisfied. When a credit under subsection 1 is allowed, the 15 county auditor shall cause a notice of lien of record to be filed against 16 subject property with the recorder. 17 (2) The recorder may not record any deed for property on which the county 18 auditor has determined that there is an unsatisfied lien created under this 19 section, except for a transfer between spouses because of the death of one 20 of them as provided in paragraph 3. 21 When a transfer occurs between spouses because of the death of one of 22 them, the lien allowed by this section need not be satisfied until the property 23 is again transferred. 24 C. This lien has precedence over all other liens except general tax liens and prior 25 special assessment liens and shall not be divested at any judicial sale. A mistake 26 in the description of the property covered by this lien or in the name of the owner 27 of the property does not defeat the lien if the property can be identified by the 28 description in the special assessment list. 29 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-02-08.9 of the North Dakota Century Code is

| 1  | 57-0      | 02-08     | 3.9. P      | rimar             | y res       | idence credit - Qualification - Application. (Effective for the            |
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| 2  | first two | o tax     | able ;      | <del>years</del>  | begi        | nning after December 31, 2023)   |
| 3  | 1.        | An        | indivi      | dual <u>A</u>     | taxpa       | ayer is entitled to a credit of five hundred dollars against the           |
| 4  |           | pro       | perty       | tax dı            | ıe on       | the individual'staxpayer's primary residence as provided in this           |
| 5  |           | sec       | tion.       | The c             | redit ı     | may not exceed the amount:   |
| 6  |           | <u>a.</u> | <u>ls e</u> | <u>qual t</u>     | o a s       | eventy percent reduction of the property tax due on the taxpayer's         |
| 7  |           |           | prin        | nary re           | eside       | nce.   |
| 8  |           | <u>b.</u> | The         | credi             | t mus       | st be applied to reduce the property tax owed on the individual's          |
| 9  |           |           | prin        | nary re           | eside       | nce after other exemptions or credits under this chapter have beer         |
| 10 |           |           | арр         | lied.             |             |  |
| 11 | 2.        | For       | purp        | oses              | of this     | s section <del>, "primary</del> :  |
| 12 |           | <u>a.</u> | <u>"Ov</u>  | vned"             | mear        | ns the individual holds a present ownership interest, including            |
| 13 |           |           | <u>owr</u>  | <u>nershi</u>     | p in fe     | ee simple, holds a present life estate or other terminable present         |
| 14 |           |           | <u>owr</u>  | <u>nershi</u>     | p inte      | rest, holds a beneficial interest in a qualifying trust in which the       |
| 15 |           |           | pro         | perty i           | s hel       | d, has an ownership interest in the corporation or passthrough             |
| 16 |           |           | <u>enti</u> | ty tha            | t own       | s the property, or is a purchaser under a contract for deed. The           |
| 17 |           |           | <u>tern</u> | n does            | s not       | include a mere right of occupancy or a tenancy under a lease.              |
| 18 |           | <u>b.</u> | <u>(1)</u>  | <u>"Prir</u>      | mary        | residence" means a dwelling in this state <del>owned and occupied by</del> |
| 19 |           |           |             | <del>an i</del> i | ndivic      | lual as that individual's primary place of residence and includes          |
| 20 |           |           |             | resid             | dence       | es taxed under chapter 57-55, including the land, appurtenances,           |
| 21 |           |           |             | and               | impro       | ovements used in the residential occupancy of the dwelling, that,          |
| 22 |           |           |             | <u>subj</u>       | ect to      | paragraph 2 and subsection 3, is:  |
| 23 |           |           |             | <u>(a)</u>        | <u>Ow</u>   | ned by one or more individuals directly, through a beneficial              |
| 24 |           |           |             |                   | inte        | erest in a qualifying trust, or through an ownership interest in a         |
| 25 |           |           |             |                   | cor         | poration or passthrough entity:  |
| 26 |           |           |             | <u>(b)</u>        | <u>De</u> s | signed or adapted for human residence;                                     |
| 27 |           |           |             | <u>(c)</u>        | <u>Use</u>  | ed as a residence; and   |
| 28 |           |           |             | <u>(d)</u>        | <u>Oc</u>   | cupied as a primary place of residence by:                                 |
| 29 |           |           |             |                   | [1]         | An individual who holds a present ownership interest, including            |
| 30 |           |           |             |                   |             | ownership in fee simple;   |
| 31 |           |           |             |                   | <u>[2]</u>  | An individual who has a life estate in the property:                       |

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| 1  |           |            |              | <u>[3]</u>   | For property owned through a beneficial interest in a qualifying       |
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| 2  |           |            |              |              | trust, by a trustor or beneficiary of the trust who qualifies for the  |
| 3  |           |            |              |              | credit; or   |
| 4  |           |            |              | <u>[4]</u>   | For property owned through an ownership interest in a                  |
| 5  |           |            |              |              | corporation or passthrough entity, by an individual who holds an       |
| 6  |           |            |              |              | ownership interest in the corporation or passthrough entity and        |
| 7  |           |            |              |              | who qualifies for the credit.  |
| 8  |           | <u>(2)</u> | For p        | ourpo        | ses of the term:   |
| 9  |           |            | <u>(a)</u>   | An i         | ndividual may not have more than one primary residence.                |
| 10 |           |            | <u>(b)</u>   | A pr         | imary residence includes a primary residence taxed as a mobile         |
| 11 |           |            |              | hom          | ne under chapter 57-55.  |
| 12 | <u>C.</u> | <u>"Qu</u> | alifying     | g trus       | t" means a trust:  |
| 13 |           | <u>(1)</u> | <u>In wh</u> | nich t       | he agreement, will, or court order creating the trust, an instrument   |
| 14 |           |            | trans        | ferrin       | ng property to the trust, or any other agreement that is binding on    |
| 15 |           |            | the to       | ruste        | e provides that the trustor of the trust or a beneficiary of the trust |
| 16 |           |            | <u>has t</u> | he rig       | ght to use and occupy as the trustor's or beneficiary's primary        |
| 17 |           |            | <u>resid</u> | <u>ence</u>  | rent free and without charge except for taxes and other costs and      |
| 18 |           |            | <u>expe</u>  | nses         | specified in the instrument or court order:                            |
| 19 |           |            | <u>(a)</u>   | <u>For</u>   | <u>life;</u>   |
| 20 |           |            | <u>(b)</u>   | <u>For</u>   | the lesser of life or a term of years; or                              |
| 21 |           |            | <u>(c)</u>   | <u>Unti</u>  | the date the trust is revoked or terminated by an instrument or        |
| 22 |           |            |              | cou          | rt order that describes the property with sufficient certainty to      |
| 23 |           |            |              | <u>ider</u>  | ntify it and is recorded in the real property records of the county in |
| 24 |           |            |              | <u>whic</u>  | ch the property is located; and  |
| 25 |           | <u>(2)</u> | <u>That</u>  | acqu         | ires the property in an instrument of title or under a court order     |
| 26 |           |            | that:        |              |  |
| 27 |           |            | <u>(a)</u>   | <u>Des</u>   | cribes the property with sufficient certainty to identify it and the   |
| 28 |           |            |              | <u>inte</u>  | rest acquired; and   |
| 29 |           |            | <u>(b)</u>   | <u>ls re</u> | ecorded in the real property records of the county in which the        |
| 30 |           |            |              | prop         | perty is located.  |

| 1  |    | <u>d.</u>   | <u>"Tru</u> | stor" ı     | means an individual who transfers an interest in real or personal                        |
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| 2  |    |             | prop        | erty t      | o a qualifying trust, whether during the individual's lifetime or at death,              |
| 3  |    |             | or th       | ne indi     | vidual's spouse.   |
| 4  | 3. | An          | indivi      | dual w      | ho does not reside in the primary residence in this state is eligible for                |
| 5  |    | the         | credit      | unde        | r this section if the individual's absence is due to confinement in a                    |
| 6  |    | nur         | sing h      | ome,        | hospital, or other care facility, for as long as that confinement lasts and              |
| 7  |    | the         | portic      | n of tl     | ne primary residence previously occupied by the individual is not rented                 |
| 8  |    | to a        | nothe       | er indiv    | vidual.  |
| 9  | 4. | Onl         | y one       | credi       | under this section may be applied against the property taxes levied                      |
| 10 |    | aga         | inst a      | ny pri      | mary residence. A trust, corporation, or passthrough entity may not                      |
| 11 |    | <u>clai</u> | m a c       | redit f     | or more than one primary residence under this section.                                   |
| 12 | 5. | An          | indivi      | dual w      | hose primary residence is a farm structure exempt from taxation under                    |
| 13 |    | sub         | sectio      | n 15        | of section 57-02-08 is not eligible for a credit under this section.                     |
| 14 | 6. | The         | cred        | it may      | not reduce the liability for special assessments levied upon any                         |
| 15 |    | pro         | perty.      |             |  |
| 16 | 7. | <u>a.</u>   | To a        | pply f      | or a credit under this section, an applicant shall sign and file with the                |
| 17 |    |             | tax         | comm        | issioner <del>, by April first of each year</del> , an application containing a verified |
| 18 |    |             | state       | ement       | of facts establishing the applicant's eligibility as of the date of the claim            |
| 19 |    |             | on a        | form        | and in the manner prescribed by the tax commissioner.                                    |
| 20 |    | <u>b.</u>   | Sub         | ject to     | subsection 8:  |
| 21 |    |             | <u>(1)</u>  | <u>An a</u> | pplication must be filed by April 1, 2025, to request a credit beginning in              |
| 22 |    |             |             | taxa        | <u>ble year 2025.</u>  |
| 23 |    |             | <u>(2)</u>  | For o       | credits after 2025, an application must be filed by April first to request a             |
| 24 |    |             |             | cred        | it beginning:  |
| 25 |    |             |             | <u>(a)</u>  | The taxable year during which the application is filed for a primary                     |
| 26 |    |             |             |             | residence taxed as real estate under this title.   |
| 27 |    |             |             | <u>(b)</u>  | The taxable year succeeding the taxable year during which the                            |
| 28 |    |             |             |             | application is filed for a primary residence taxed as a mobile home                      |
| 29 |    |             |             |             | under chapter 57-55.   |
| 30 | 8. | A c         | redit ι     | ınder       | this subsection is valid for the entire taxable year for which the                       |
| 31 |    | <u>app</u>  | licatio     | n was       | s approved, without regard to any change of ownership of the property                    |

| 1  |            | <u>whi</u>        | ch oc          | curs after the application date. A credit remains effective for succeeding      |
|----|------------|-------------------|----------------|---|
| 2  |            | tax               | able y         | rears without the owner filing an application for the credit unless there is a  |
| 3  |            | <u>cha</u>        | inge c         | of ownership in a succeeding taxable year.                                      |
| 4  | <u>9.</u>  | The               | e tax o        | commissioner may request additional documentation from the applicant when       |
| 5  |            | ma                | king t         | he determination of eligibility. Determinations of eligibility for an exemption |
| 6  |            | unc               | ler thi        | s subsection may be appealed through the equalization and abatement             |
| 7  |            | pro               | cess.          |   |
| 8  | <u>10.</u> | The               | e tax o        | commissioner, in consultation with the county auditors, shall prescribe, design |
| 9  |            | and               | l mak          | e available all forms necessary to effectuate this section. The tax             |
| 0  |            | con               | nmiss          | ioner shall make these forms available upon request.                            |
| 11 | SEC        | TIO               | N 6. A         | AMENDMENT. Section 57-02-08.10 of the North Dakota Century Code is              |
| 2  | amende     | d an              | d reer         | nacted as follows:  |
| 3  | 57-0       | 2-08              | 3.10. F        | Primary residence credit - Certification - Distribution. (Effective through     |
| 4  | June 30    | <del>, 20</del> 2 | <del>26)</del> |   |
| 5  | 1.         | Ву                | June           | first of each year, the tax commissioner shall:                                 |
| 6  |            | a.                | Rev            | view the applications received under section 57-02-08.9 and determine which     |
| 7  |            |                   | арр            | licants qualify for the credit allowed under section 57-02-08.9; and            |
| 8  |            | b.                | Pro            | vide to each county auditor:  |
| 9  |            |                   | (1)            | A copy of each approved or rejected application under subdivision a             |
| 20 |            |                   |                | whichthat identifies a primary residence located in the county; and             |
| 21 |            |                   | (2)            | The sum of the credits allowed under section 57-02-08.9 in the county for       |
| 22 |            |                   |                | the <del>current</del> corresponding taxable year.                              |
| 23 | 2.         | <u>a.</u>         | For            | taxable year 2025:  |
| 24 |            |                   | <u>(1)</u>     | The county auditor shall apply the credit under section 57-02-08.9 to each      |
| 25 |            |                   |                | primary residence taxed as real estate under this title and identified by the   |
| 26 |            |                   |                | tax commissioner as a qualifying primary residence on the corresponding         |
| 27 |            |                   |                | property tax statement.   |
| 28 |            |                   | <u>(2)</u>     | The county auditor shall consider an application received under section         |
| 29 |            |                   |                | 57-02-08.9 for a primary residence taxed as a mobile home under chapter         |
| 30 |            |                   |                | 57-55 and identified by the tax commissioner as a qualifying primary            |
| ₹1 |            |                   |                | residence under section 57-02-08 Q in tayable year 2025 as an application       |

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| 1 | for an abatement and refund of taxes in the amount of the credit allowed.    |
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| 2 | The county auditor shall present the application for abatement and refund of |
| 3 | taxes to the board of county commissioners at its next regular meeting. The  |
| 4 | county commissioners shall approve the applications filed under this         |
| 5 | paragraph as soon as practicable and refunds must be issued without delay    |
| 6 | according to the procedures in section 57-23-09. The application, notice,    |
| 7 | and hearing requirements and procedures under chapter 57-23 and              |
| 8 | sections 57-55-04.1 and 57-55-12 do not apply to an application for          |
| 9 | abatement and refund filed under this paragraph.                             |
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- b. For taxable years after 2025, the county auditor shall apply the credit under section 57-02-08.9 to each primary residence identified by the tax commissioner as a qualifying primary residence on the corresponding property tax statement or mobile home tax statement.
- 3. By January first fifteenth of each year, the county auditor shall certify to the tax commissioner the sum of the credits approved by the tax commissioner under subsection 1 which were applied toward property taxes owed on primary residences in the county for the preceding corresponding year.
- 4. By June first of each year after 2024, the tax commissioner shall review a sampling of information provided by the county auditor to verify the accuracy of the application of the credit and certify to the state treasurer for payment to each county the aggregate dollar amount of credits allowed under section 57-02-08.9 in each county for the preceding corresponding year.
- 5. Within fourteen days of receiving the payment from the state treasurer, but no later than June thirtieth of each year after 2024, the county treasurer shall apportion and distribute the payment to the county and to the taxing districts of the county on the same basis as property taxes for the preceding year and mobile home taxes were apportioned and distributed for the taxable year in which the taxes were levied.
- Supplemental certifications by the county auditor and the tax commissioner and supplemental payments by the state treasurer may be made after the dates prescribed in this section to make corrections necessary because of errors.

- The county auditors shall provide information requested by the tax commissioner to
   effectuate this section.
  - The tax commissioner shall prescribe, design, and make available all forms necessary to effectuate this section.
- **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-02-11.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

### 57-02-11.1. Townhouses - Common areas - Assessment and taxation.

Townhouse property must be classified and valued as is other property except that the value of the townhouse property must be increased by the value added by the right to use any common areas in connection with the townhouse development. The common areas of the development may not be separately taxed. The value of a common area of the townhouse development must be assessed in an equal amount to each townhouse in the development unless a declaration setting out a different apportionment is recorded in the office of the county recorder. The total value of the townhouse property, including the value added as provided herein, must have the benefit of any homestead credit under section 57-02-08.1 or other special classification if the townhouse otherwise qualifies.

**SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 57-23-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

Within ten days after receiving an application for abatement, the city auditor or the township clerk shall give the applicant a notice of a hearing to be held before the governing body of the city or township, or such other committee as it may designate, in which the assessed property is located. SaidThe hearing must be set for no more than sixty days after the date of the notice of hearing, and in any event, must be held before the recommendations provided for in subsection 2 are made. The applicant may waive, in writing, the hearing before suchthe governing body or designated committee at any time before the hearing. Any recommendations provided for in subsection 2 must be transmitted to the county auditor no more than thirty days after the date set for the hearing. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to applications for abatement pursuant to section 57-02-08.2.

**SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-55-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

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## 1 57-55-10. Exemptions - Exceptions.

- 1. A mobile home described in this subsection to the extent herein limited is exempt from taxation under this chapter; provided, that the mobile home shall have a tax permit as provided in section 57-55-06:
  - a. If it is owned and used as living quarters of a military personindividual on active military duty in this state who is a resident of another state.
  - b. If it is owned and occupied by a welfare recipient, provided the mobile home is not permanently attached to the land and classified as real property. For the purposes of this subdivision, "welfare recipient" means any personindividual who is certified to the county director of tax equalization by the human service zone as receiving the major portion of income from any state or federal public assistance program.
  - c. If it is owned and used as living quarters by a disabled veteran or unremarried surviving spouse who meets the requirements of subsection 20 of section 57-02-08 or section 57-02-08.8.
  - d. If it is owned and used as living quarters by a permanently and totally disabled personindividual or unremarried surviving spouse who meets the requirements of subsection 20 of section 57-02-08.
  - e.d. If it is owned and used as the living quarters for a blind personindividual who meets the requirements of subsection 22 of section 57-02-08.
  - f.e. If it is owned and used by a personan individual who uses it as living quarters and who qualifies for the homesteadprimary residence credit provided in section 57-02-08.157-02-08.9, and the mobile home shall be regarded for the purposes of this exemption as the homesteadprimary residence of the personindividual claiming the exemption.
- 2. This chapter does not apply to a mobile home that:
  - a. Is used only for the temporary living quarters of the owner or other occupant while the personindividual is engaged in recreational or vacation activities, provided the unit:
    - (1) Displays a current travel trailer license; or

measure.

1 Is a park model trailer that is used only for seasonal or recreational living (2) 2 quarters and not as a primary residence, and which is located in a trailer 3 park or campground, and for which the owner has paid a park model trailer 4 fee under section 39-18-03.2. For purposes of this paragraph, "park model" 5 trailer means a recreational vehicle not exceeding forty feet [12.19 meters] 6 in length which is primarily designed to provide temporary living quarters for 7 recreation, camping, or seasonal use, is built on a single chassis, is 8 mounted on wheels, has a gross trailer area not exceeding four hundred 9 square feet [37.16 square meters] of enclosed living space in the setup 10 mode, and is certified by the manufacturer as complying with American 11 national standards institute standard A119.5. 12 b. Qualifies as a farm residence as described by subsection 15 of section 57-02-08. 13 provided such the mobile home is permanently attached to a foundation. 14 Is permanently attached to a foundation and is assessed as real property. C. 15 provided the owner of suchthe mobile home also owns the land on which suchthe 16 mobile home is located or is in possession of the real property under the terms of 17 a lease in recordable form which has a term that continues for at least twenty 18 years after the date of execution with the consent of the lessor of the real 19 property. 20 Is owned by a licensed mobile home dealer who holds suchthe mobile home d. 21 solely for the purpose of resale, and provided that suchthe mobile home is not 22 used as living quarters or as the place for the conducting of any business. 23 **SECTION 10. REPEAL.** Sections 57-02-08.1, 57-02-08.2, and 57-02-08.8 of the North 24 Dakota Century Code are repealed. 25 **SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 10 of this Act are effective for 26 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024. Section 6 of this Act becomes effective on 27 June 1, 2025. 28 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY. Sections 5 and 6 of this Act are declared to be an emergency