

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2356  
(Senators Meyer, Lee)  
(Representatives Louser, Meier)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 47-19-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the contents of a legal description for a deed and a contract for deed.

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

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 47-19-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**47-19-03.1. Deeds and contracts for deeds to include name and address of drafter of legal description.**

1. The recorder may not record a deed or contract for deed containing a metes and bounds legal description which affects the title to or possession of real property that otherwise may be recorded under this chapter unless the name and address of the individual who drafted the legal description contained in the deed or contract for deed appears on the instrument in a legible manner.
2. A deed or contract for deed complies with this section if it contains a statement substantially in the following form: "The legal description was prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (address) or obtained from a previously recorded instrument." The recording of an instrument containing a metes and bounds legal description obtained from a previously recorded instrument of conveyance under this section may not be rejected based on section 57-02-39.
3. This section does not apply to any instrument executed before January 1, 2000, or any instrument executed or acknowledged outside the state. The validity and effect of the record of any instrument in a recorder's office may not be lessened or impaired by the fact the instrument does not contain the statement required by this section.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2356.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47            Nays 0            Absent 0

House Vote:    Yeas 89            Nays 1            Absent 4

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Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State