

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 1042
(Energy and Natural Resources Committee)
(At the request of the Department of Water Resources)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 61-04-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to extending time for the application of water to a beneficial use.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 61-04-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

61-04-14. Extending time for application to beneficial use.

The department of water resources may extend the time for the application of water to the beneficial use cited in the conditional water permit for good cause shown. When the time has expired, the department may renew and extend the time upon application. However, a conditional water permit, or any portion of the ~~application~~ permit must be considered forfeited if no request for renewal is received by the department within sixty days after the date the permitholder is informed the period for applying water to the beneficial use cited in the conditional water permit has expired. If a request to extend the time for application to beneficial use for any conditional water permit, or portion of the permit, is denied, the conditional water permit, or portion of the permit, must be considered forfeited. Sections 61-04-23 through 61-04-25 do not apply to this section.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1042.

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 0 Absent 4

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State