

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

SENATE BILL NO. 2065
(Energy and Natural Resources Committee)
(At the request of the Department of Water Resources)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 61-05-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the formation of irrigation districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 61-05-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

61-05-10. Hearing on petition - Notice - ~~Report~~Determination on feasibility - Copy of ~~report~~determination filed - Submitted to electors.

The department of water resources shall examine the petition, maps, papers, probable cost, and data pertaining to the proposed irrigation district and shall fix a time and place for hearing the petition. A notice stating the petition will be heard, and stating the time and place of hearing, must be filed with the county auditor of each county in which the proposed district is located. The notice must be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the newspapers of general circulation where the district is located and in the official newspaper of each county in which the district is located. The date set for the hearing on the petition may not be less than twenty days after the first publication of the notice. Before the hearing the department shall review the maps, preliminary designs, probable cost, and feasibility study and shall prepare, or shall cause to be prepared a ~~summary report showing the probable cost of the proposed irrigation works and~~determination outlining the practicability and feasibility of the plan of irrigation suggested or proposed by petitioners for the irrigation of the lands within the district. A copy of the ~~report~~determination must be filed with the county auditor of each county in which the proposed irrigation district is situated, and the ~~report~~determination must be open to public inspection. The department of water resources also shall submit the ~~report~~determination to the electors of the proposed district at the meeting set for hearing the petition for the organization of the proposed district.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

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. 2065.

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 1 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

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