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Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1005

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Appropriations Committee

A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state treasurer; and to amend and reenact subsection 15 of section 6-07.2-19, sections 10-15-49, 47-30.2-01, and 47-30.2-03, subdivision j of subsection 1 of section 47-30.2-22, subsection 4 of section 47-30.2-23, subsection 1 of section 47-30.2-24, subdivision b of subsection 3 of section 47-30.2-28, section 47-30.2-44, subsection 2 of section 47-30.2-46, subdivision e of subsection 2 of section 47-30.2-50, section 47-30.2-53, subsection 1 of section 47-30.2-56, subsection 2 of section 47-30.2-57, sections 47-30.2-64 and 47-30.2-66, subsection 4 of section 47-30.2-67, section 47-30.2-75, section 54-11-13 and 54-27-15.1, subsection 6 of section 57-38-57, and subsections 3 and 8 of section 57-39.2-23 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the transfer of unclaimed property administration from the commissioner of university and school lands to the state treasurer and the salary of the state treasurer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds 13 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state 14 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the state treasurer for the purpose of defraying the 15 expenses of the state treasurer, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 16 17 2027, as follows: 18

Adjustments or

Base Level **Enhancements** Appropriation

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1	Salaries and wages	\$1,605,584	\$975,431	\$2,581,015
2	New and vacant FTE pool	0	54,672	54,672
3	Operating expenses	265,346	804,258	1,069,604
4	Coal severance payments	118,000	4,000	122,000
5	Carbon dioxide pipeline payments	<u>0</u>	2,000,000	2,000,000
6	Total all funds	\$1,988,930	\$3,838,361	\$5,827,291
7	Total-special funds	<u>0</u>	1,711,352	1,711,352
8	Total general fund	\$1,988,930	\$2,127,009	\$4,115,939
9	Full time equivalent positions	7.00	4.00	11.00
10	Salaries and wages	\$1,605,584	\$187,105	\$1,792,689
11	New and vacant FTE pool	0	36,646	36,646
12	Operating expenses	265,346	294,258	559,604
13	Coal severance payments	118,000	4,000	122,000
14	Carbon dioxide pipeline payments	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
15	Total all funds	\$1,988,930	\$1,522,009	\$3,510,939
16	Total special funds	0	295,000	295,000
17	Total general fund	\$1,988,930	\$1,227,009	\$3,215,939
18	Full-time equivalent positions	7.00	0.00	7.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act which are not included in the entity's base budget for the 2027-29 biennium and which the entity shall report to the appropriations committees of the seventieth legislative assembly regarding the use of this funding:

One-Time Funding Description	General Fund	Other Funds	<u>Total</u>
Information technology projects	\$0	\$110,000	\$110,000
Office furniture or equipment	<u>0</u>	8,000	8,000
Total	\$0	\$118,000	\$118,000
Information technology projects	\$0	\$295,000	\$295,000
Total	\$0	\$295,000	\$295,000

SECTION 3. NEW AND VACANT FTE POOL - LIMITATION - TRANSFER REQUEST. The state treasurer may not spend funds appropriated in the new and vacant FTE pool line item in

1	section 1 of this Act, but may request the office of management and budget to transfer funds
2	from the new and vacant FTE pool line item to the salaries and wages line item in accordance
3	with the guidelines and reporting provisions included in House Bill No. 1015, as approved by the
4	sixty-ninth legislative assembly.
5	SECTION 4. SPECIAL FUNDS - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS
6	FUND - OFFICE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS. The sum of
7	\$110,000\$295,000 included in the other funds line item in section 1 of this Act and identified as
8	one-time funding in section 2 of this Act is from the strategic investment and improvements fund
9	for information technology projects.
10	SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Subsection 15 of section 6-07.2-19 of the North Dakota
11	Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
12	15. Within one hundred twenty days after the final distribution to members is started, the
13	eredit union shall furnish to the commissioner's office a schedule of unpaid claims. The
14	board of directors of the credit union or the liquidating agent if appointed shall report
15	money in the account of a member who failed to surrender their passbooks or confirm
16	their balances, final distribution checks not cashed within one hundred twenty days,
17	and any unpaid claims to the unclaimed property division of the board of university and
18	school lands pursuant toadministrator under chapter 47-30.2.
19	SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Section 10-15-49 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20	amended and reenacted as follows:
21	—— 10-15-49. Amounts due unknown persons.
22	— Upon liquidation of a cooperative, the assets distributable to persons who are unknown or
23	cannot be found may be reduced to cash and transferred to the commissioner of university and
24	school landsunclaimed property administrator and shall be treated as abandoned and
25	unclaimed property under the escheat and abandoned property laws of the state.
26	SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 47-30.2-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
27	amended and reenacted as follows:
28	47-30.2-01. (102) Definitions.
29	- As used in this chapter:
30	1. "Administrator" means the administrator of the state abandoned property office under
31	the state treasurer.

1	2. "Administrator's agent" means a person with which the commissionerstate treasurer
2	contracts to conduct an examination under sections 47-30.2-54, 47-30.2-55,
3	47 30.2 56, 47 30.2 57, 47 30.2 58, 47 30.2 59, 47 30.2 60, 47 30.2 61, and
4	47-30.2-62 on behalf of the administrator. The term includes an independent
5	contractor of the person and each individual participating in the examination on behalf
6	of the person or contractor.
7	3. "Apparent owner" means a person whose name appears on the records of a holder as
8	the owner of property held, issued, or owing by the holder.
9	4. "Board" means the board of university and school lands.
10	5. "Business association" means a corporation, joint stock company, investment
11	company, partnership, unincorporated association, joint venture, limited liability
12	company, business trust, trust company, land bank, safe deposit company,
13	safekeeping depository, financial organization, insurance company, federally chartered
14	entity, utility, sole proprietorship, or other business entity, whether or not for profit.
15	- 6. <u>5.</u> "Cashier's check" means a check that:
16	a. Is purchased by a remitter and made payable to a designated payee;
17	b. Is signed by an officer or employee of the financial organization;
18	e. Authorizes payment of the amount shown on the check's face to the payee;
19	d. Is a direct obligation of the financial organization; and
20	e. Is provided to a customer of the financial institution or acquired from the financial
21	institution for remittance purposes.
22	7. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of university and school lands.
23	-8.6. "Confidential record" has the same meaning as defined in section 44-04-17.1.
24	9. "Department" means the department of trust lands.
25	-10.7. "Domicile" means:
26	a. For a corporation, the state of its incorporation;
27	b. For a business association whose formation requires a filing with a state, other
28	than a corporation, the state of its filing;
29	e. For a federally chartered entity, the state of its home office; and
30	d. For any other holder, the state of its principal place of business.

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1	11.8. "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless,
2	optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.
3	12.9. "Electronic mail" means a communication by electronic means, together with
4	attachments, which is automatically retained and stored and may be readily accessed
5	or retrieved.
6	13.10. "Financial organization" means a savings and loan association, building and loan
7	association, savings bank, industrial bank, bank, banking organization, private banker,
8	trust company, credit union, or an organization defined as a bank or banking
9	organization under the laws of this state or of the United States.
10	14.11. "Game-related digital content" means digital content that exists only in an electronic
11	game or electronic game platform.
12	a. The term includes:
13	(1) Game-play currency such as a virtual wallet, even if denominated in United
14	States currency; and
15	(2) The following if for use or redemption only within the game or platform or
16	another electronic game or electronic game platform:
17	(a) Points sometimes referred to as gems, tokens, gold, and similar
18	names; and
19	(b) Digital codes; and
20	b. The term does not include an item that the issuer:
21	(1) Permits to be redeemed for use outside a game or platform for:
22	(a) Money; or
23	(b) Goods or services that have more than minimal value; or
24	(2) Otherwise monetizes for use outside a game or platform.
25	15.12. "Gift card" means a record that:
26	a. Is usable at:
27	(1) A single merchant; or
28	(2) A specified group of merchants;
29	b. Is prefunded before the record is used; and
30	e. Can be used for purchases of goods or services.

1	16.13. "Holder" means a person obligated to hold for the account of, or to deliver or pay to,
2	the owner, property subject to this chapter.
3	17.14. "Insurance company" has the same meaning as defined in section 26.1-02-01, and
4	also includes a benevolent society, nonprofit health service corporation, and a health
5	maintenance organization.
6	18.15. "Loyalty card" means a record given without monetary consideration under an award,
7	reward, benefit, leyalty, incentive, rebate, or promotional program which may be used
8	or redeemed only to obtain goods or services or a discount on goods or services. The
9	term does not include a record that may be redeemed for money or otherwise
10	monetized by the issuer.
11	19.16. "Mineral proceeds" means an obligation:
12	a. To pay resulting from the production and sale of minerals, including net revenue
13	interest, royalties, overriding royalties, production payments, and joint operating
14	agreements; or
15	b. For the acquisition and retention of a mineral lease, including bonuses, delay
16	rentals, shut-in royalties, and minimum royalties.
17	20.17. "Money order" means a payment order for a specified amount of money. The term
18	includes an express money order and a personal money order on which the remitter is
19	the purchaser.
20	21.18. "Municipal bond" means a bond or evidence of indebtedness issued by a municipality
21	or other political subdivision of a state.
22	22.19. "Net card value" means the original purchase price or original issued value of a stored-
23	value card, plus amounts added to the original price or value, minus amounts used
24	and any service charge, fee, or dormancy charge permitted by law.
25	23.20. "Non-freely transferable security" means a security that cannot be delivered to the
26	administrator by the depository trust clearing corporation or similar custodian of
27	securities providing post-trade clearing and settlement services to financial markets or
28	cannot be delivered because there is no agent to effect transfer. The term includes a
29	worthless security.

1	[2] A security that is subject to a lien, legal hold, or restriction
2	evidenced on the records of the holder or imposed by operation
3	of law, if the lien, legal hold, or restriction restricts the holder's or
4	owner's ability to receive, transfer, sell, or otherwise negotiate
5	the security;
6	(d) A bond, debenture, note, or other evidence of indebtedness;
7	(e) Money deposited to redeem a security, make a distribution, or pay a
8	dividend;
9	(f) An amount due and payable under an annuity contract or insurance
10	policy;
11	(g) An amount distributable from a trust or custodial fund established
12	under a plan to provide health, welfare, pension, vacation, severance,
13	retirement, death, stock purchase, profit sharing, employee savings,
14	supplemental-unemployment insurance, or a similar benefit;
15	(h) Intangible property and any income or increment derived from the
16	intangible property held in a fiduciary capacity for the benefit of
17	another person;
18	(i) Mineral proceeds; and
19	(j) An in-store credit for returned merchandise.
20	b. The term does not include:
21	(1) Property held in a plan described in section 529A of the Internal Revenue
22	Code, as amended, [26 U.S.C. 529A];
23	(2) Game-related digital content;
24	(3) A loyalty card; or
25	(4) A gift card.
26	28.25. "Putative holder" means a person believed by the administrator to be a holder, until the
27	person pays or delivers to the administrator property subject to this chapter or the
28	administrator or a court makes a final determination that the person is or is not a
29	holder.
30	29.26. "Record" has the same meaning as defined in section 44-04-17.1.
31	30.27. "Security" means:

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1	owners for whom property that meets or exceeds the searchable value as set by
2	the commissionerstate treasurer is being held by the administrator. Property that
3	dees not meet or exceed the searchable value must continue to be held by the
4	administrator but may not appear in the searchable website or database.
5	SECTION 13. AMENDMENT. Section 47-30.2-44 of the North Daketa Century Code is
6	amended and reenacted as follows:
7	47-30.2-44. (801) Deposit of funds by administrator.
8	 Except as otherwise provided in this section, the departmentstate treasurer shall
9	deposit to the credit of the common schools trust fund all funds received under this
10	chapter, including proceeds from the sale of property under sections 47-30.2-40,
11	47-30.2-41, 47-30.2-42, and 47-30.2-43.
12	2. The departmentstate treasurer shall maintain an account with an amount of funds the
13	commissionerstate treasurer reasonably estimates is sufficient to pay claims allowed
14	under this chapter.
15	SECTION 14. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 47-30.2-46 of the North Dakota
16	Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
17	2. There is appropriated annually the The amounts necessary are appropriated to the
18	state treasurer on a continuing basis to pay all expense deductions under this section,
19	including:
20	 a. Any costs in connection with the sale of abandoned property;
21	 b. Costs of mailing, publication, and outroach efforts in connection with any
22	abandoned property;
23	e. Reasonable service charges;
24	 d. Costs incurred in examining records of holders of property and in collecting the
25	property from those holders;
26	e. Funds for the payment of claims;
27	f. Funds for the payment of holder refunds; and
28	g. Funds for attorney's fees and all other reasonable costs and expenses incurred in
29	an action or suit.
30	SECTION 15. AMENDMENT. Subdivision c of subsection 2 of section 47-30.2-50 of the

North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1	e. The property has a value as provided by rules adopted by the commissionerstate				
2	treasurer.				
3	SECTION 16. AMENDMENT. Section 47-30.2-53 of the North Dakota Century Code is				
4	amended and reenacted as follows:				
5	47-30.2-53. (906) Action by person whose claim is denied.				
6	Not later than one hundred eighty days after filing a claim under subsection 1 of section				
7	47-30.2-50, the claimant may commence an action against the boardstate treasurer in the				
8	Burleigh County district court to establish a claim that has been denied or deemed denied under				
9	section 47-30.2-50. If the boardstate treasurer is successful in a proceeding brought under this				
10	section, the district court shall allow the boardstate treasurer to recover court costs; reasonable				
11	costs, foos, disbursements, and expenses incurred by the boardstate treasurer in the				
12	preceeding; and reasonable attorney's fees.				
13	SECTION 17. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 47-30.2-56 of the North Dakota				
14	Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:				
15	1. The commissionerstate treasurer shall adopt rules governing an examination under				
16	section 47-30.2-55, including rules for use of an estimation, extrapolation, and				
17	statistical sampling in conducting an examination. An examination commenced after				
18	adoption of rules under this subsection must comply with the rules.				
19	SECTION 18. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 47-30.2-57 of the North Dakota				
20	Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:				
21	— 2. The records subject to subsection 1:				
22	a. May be used by the boardstate treasurer in an action to collect property or				
23	otherwise enforce this chapter;				
24	b. May be used in a joint examination conducted with or pursuant to agreements				
25	with other states, the federal government, or other governmental entities;				
26	e. May be disclosed at the discretion of the commissionerstate treasurer, on				
27	request, to the person that administers the unclaimed property law of another				
28	state for that state's use in circumstances equivalent to circumstances described				
29	in sections 47-30.2-54, 47-30.2-55, 47-30.2-56, 47-30.2-57, 47-30.2-58,				
30	47-30.2-59, 47-30.2-60, 47-30.2-61, and 47-30.2-62. A state to which information				
31	is disclosed shall maintain the confidentiality and security of information obtained				

1	in a manner substantially equivalent to sections 47-30.2-71, 47-30.2-72, and
2	47-30.2-73;
3	d. May be required to be produced under section 44-04-18.11; and
4	 — e. May be required to be produced by the administrator on request of the person
5	subject to the examination in an administrative or judicial proceeding relating to
6	the property.
7	SECTION 19. AMENDMENT. Section 47-30.2-64 of the North Dakota Century Code is
8	amended and reenacted as follows:
9	47-30.2-64. (1203) Action involving another state or foreign country.
0	1. The administrator may join another state or foreign country to examine and seek
1	enforcement of this chapter against a putative holder.
2	2. The boardstate treasurer may pursue an action on behalf of this state to recever
3	property subject to this chapter but delivered to the custody of another state if the
4	administrator believes the property is subject to the custody of the administrator.
5	3. The boardstate treasurer may retain an attorney in this state, another state, or a
6	foreign country to commence an action to recover property on behalf of the beardstate
7	treasurer and may agree to pay attorney's fees based in whole or in part on a fixed
8	fee, hourly fee, or a percentage of the amount or value of property recovered in the
9	action.
0	4. Expenses incurred by this state in an action under this section must be paid in
1	accordance with section 47-30.2-46.
2	SECTION 20. AMENDMENT. Section 47-30.2-66 of the North Dakota Century Code is
3	amended and reenacted as follows:
4	47-30.2-66. (1205) Other civil penalties.
5	1. If a holder enters into a contract or other arrangement for the purpose of evading an
6	obligation under this chapter or otherwise willfully fails to perform a duty imposed on
7	the holder under this chapter, the commissionerstate treasurer may require the holder
8	to pay the administrator, in addition to interest as provided in subsection 1 of section
9	47-30.2-65, a civil penalty of one thousand dollars for each day the obligation is
0	evaded or the duty is not performed, up to a cumulative maximum amount of twenty-
1	five thousand dollars, plus twenty-five percent of the amount or value of property that

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54-11-13. Salary of state treasurer.

The annual salary of the state treasurer is one hundred thirty thousandone hundred thirty-nine thousand two hundred fifty-six dollars through June 30, 20242026, and one hundred

should have been, but was not reported, paid, or delivered as a result of the evasion or failure to perform.

If a holder makes a fraudulent report under this chapter, the commissionerstate treasurer may require the holder to pay to the administrator, in addition to interest under subsection 1 of section 47-30.2-65, a civil penalty of one thousand dollars for each day from the date the report was made until corrected, up to a cumulative maximum of twenty-five thousand dollars, plus twenty-five percent of the amount or value of any property that should have been reported, but was not included in the report or was underreported.

SECTION 21. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 47-30,2-67 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

The commissionerstate treasurer may waive up to twenty five thousand dollars of the penalty or reduce interest. A request for a waiver or reduction of penalty in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars must be presented to the board, with the commissioner's recommendation, state treasurer for review and decision.

SECTION 22. AMENDMENT. Section 47-30.2-75 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

47-30.2-75. Enforcement - Appeals.

The administrator may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce this chapter. A person in this state aggrieved by an audit that in any form requests the payment of money or a civil penalty is entitled to a hearing before the beardstate treasurer. A demand for a hearing must be made within thirty days of the request by the administrator. The request by the administrator must contain notice of the right to a hearing. The board'sstate treasurer's decision is the final order of the agency and is appealable to the district court. Any amount of money requested by the administrator which may increase over time is tolled at the time of filing an appeal, retroactive to the date of the request.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 54-11-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

chapter 57-40.2, together with the addresses and tax department file identification numbers of those permitholders. The agency may use the list or lists only for the purpose of administering the duties of the agency. The commissioner may furnish to the unclaimed property division of the board of university and school landsadministrator, upon its request, the name, address, and the permitholder's federal identification number for the sole purpose of identifying the owner of an unclaimed voucher authorized by the commissioner.

SECTION 27. AMENDMENT. Subsection 8 of section 57-39.2-23 of the North Dakota

Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8. Upon request, the commissioner may furnish to the unclaimed property division of the board of university and school lands<u>administrator</u>, a taxpayer's name, address, and federal identification number for identifying the owner of an unclaimed voucher authorized by the commissioner or to locate the apparent owner of unclaimed property as provided under chapter 47-30.2.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1005 - State Treasurer - Senate Action

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$1,605,584	\$2,581,015	(\$788,326)	\$1,792,689
New and vacant FTE pool	38 COLD # 100 COLD 10	54,672	(18,026)	36,646
Operating expenses	265,346	1,069,604	(510,000)	559,604
Coal severance payments	118,000	122,000	1	122,000
Carbon dioxide pipeline payments	,	2,000,000	(1,000,000)	1,000,000
Total all funds	\$1,988,930	\$5,827,291	(\$2,316,352)	\$3,510,939
Less estimated income	0	1,711,352	(1,416,352)	295,000
General fund	\$1,988,930	\$4,115,939	(\$900,000)	\$3,215,939
FTE	7.00	11.00	(4.00)	7.00

Department 120 - State Treasurer - Detail of Senate Changes

Salaries and wages New and vacant FTE pool Operating expenses Coal severance payments Carbon dioxide pipeline	Removes a Transfer of Unclaimed Property ¹ (\$888,326) (18,026) (695,000)	Adds Salary Equity Funding ² \$100,000	Adjusts Funding for Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Payments ³ (\$1,000,000)	Increases Funding for One-Time Items ⁴ \$185,000	Total Senate Changes (\$788,326) (18,026) (510,000) (1,000,000)
payments					
Total all funds Less estimated income General fund	(\$1,601,352) (1,601,352) \$0	\$100,000 0 \$100,000	(\$1,000,000) 0 (\$1,000,000)	\$185,000 185,000 \$0	(\$2,316,352) (1,416,352) (\$900,000)
FTE	(4.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(4.00)

¹ Funding of \$1,601,352 from special funds, including \$8,000 of one-time funding, and 4 FTE positions related to a transfer of unclaimed property from the Department of Trust Lands to the State Treasurer are removed. The House added the funding and FTE positions.

The Senate version removes various sections, which were added in the House version, related to the transfer of unclaimed property from the Department of Trust Lands to the State Treasurer.

² Funding of \$100,000 from the general fund is added for salary equity increases. The House version did not include this funding.

³ Funding for carbon dioxide pipeline payments is decreased by \$1 million, from \$2 million to \$1 million. The House version provided \$2 million.

⁴ One-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund for operating expenses related to information technology costs is increased by \$185,000, from \$110,000 to \$295,000. The House version provided \$110,000 of one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund.

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