

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1007
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the labor commissioner; and to amend and reenact section 34-05-01.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the labor commissioner.

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 as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds, to the labor commissioner for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the labor commissioner for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as follows:

Salaries and wages	\$592,761
Operating expenses	101,200
Equipment	<u>7,000</u>
Total all funds	\$700,961
Less estimated income	<u>74,926</u>
Total general fund appropriation	\$626,035

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - LINE ITEM TRANSFER FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE. It is the intent of the fifty-fifth legislative assembly that the labor commissioner utilize available funds within the 1997-99 appropriation for the purchase of a new printer. The emergency commission may authorize the transfer of funds between lines, if requested by the labor commissioner, for the purchase of a new printer.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 34-05-01.2 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

34-05-01.2. (For effective date, see Note) Department of labor to be administered by commissioner of labor. The department of labor must be administered by a commissioner of labor who must be elected for a four-year term on a no-party ballot in the year 1966 and every four years thereafter in the same manner as provided for no-party candidates pursuant to title 16.1. The term of the commissioner of labor commences on the same day following the commissioner's election as the terms for other elected state officials. The commissioner of labor shall possess the same qualifications for office as the commissioner of agriculture. The annual salary of the commissioner of labor is ~~fifty-two~~ fifty-four thousand two ~~nine~~ nine hundred ~~ninety-seven~~ forty-eight dollars through June 30, ~~1996~~ 1998, and ~~fifty-three~~ fifty-six thousand ~~three~~ five hundred ~~forty-three~~ ninety-two dollars thereafter.

(For effective date, see Note) Labor commissioner to administer department of labor. Beginning January 1, 1999, the governor shall appoint a labor commissioner to administer the department of labor. The labor commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

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 Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1007.

House Vote: Yeas 93 Nays 0 Absent 4

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 3

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 1997.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State