

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1340**

Introduced by

Representatives Klemin, Haas

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to a property tax exemption for a teacher's residence in a  
3 teacher-shortage school district; and to provide an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 57-02-08 of the North Dakota Century Code  
6 is created and enacted as follows:

7 Up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars of the true and full value of real property  
8 owned and occupied as a homestead, as defined in section 47-18-01, by a full-time  
9 teacher employed by a teacher-shortage school district is exempt from property  
10 taxes levied by that school district for up to five taxable years if all of the following  
11 conditions are met:

12 a. The superintendent of public instruction has designated the school district as  
13 a teacher-shortage school district for the taxable year in which the exemption  
14 is approved and in which the property owner is employed by the school  
15 district. A school district seeking designation as a teacher-shortage school  
16 district shall apply to the superintendent by July first for that designation for  
17 the taxable year and shall present evidence satisfactory to the superintendent  
18 that the school district has experienced extraordinary difficulty in filling teacher  
19 positions for the upcoming school year.

20 b. The school board of the school district in which the property is located has  
21 held a public hearing on the question of granting the exemption and has  
22 approved the exemption by resolution that specifically identifies the number of  
23 taxable years for which the exemption is granted.

- 1           c.    The school district providing the exemption under this subsection has certified  
2                   to the county auditor by November first of the taxable year of exemption which  
3                   teachers are eligible for the credit.
- 4           d.    The exemption under this subsection terminates for the entire taxable year in  
5                   which the teacher ceases to be an owner of the property and applies for the  
6                   entire taxable year in which the teacher acquires ownership of the property  
7                   and occupies the property as a homestead.
- 8           e.    The exemption under this subsection is contingent upon the owner's  
9                   continued employment as a full-time teacher and terminates for the taxable  
10                  year in which the owner ceases to be employed as a full-time teacher by the  
11                  school district.

12           **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for taxable years beginning after  
13   December 31, 2000.