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- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 49-22-08.1 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to the designation of a route for a transmission facility.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 5 of section 49-22-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:
 - 5. The commission shall designate a route for the construction of a transmission facility following the study and hearings provided for in this chapter. This designation shall be made in accordance with the evidence presented at the hearings, an evaluation of the information provided in the application, the criteria established pursuant to section 49-22-05.1, and the considerations set out in section 49-22-09 in a finding with reasons for the designation, and shall be made in a timely manner no later than six three months after the filing of a completed application. The time for designation of a route may be extended by the commission for just cause. The failure of the commission to act within the time limit provided in this section shall not operate to divest the commission of jurisdiction in any permit proceeding. Upon designation of a route the commission shall issue a permit to the applicant with such terms, conditions, or modifications deemed necessary.