

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

SENATE BILL NO. 2243
(Senator Nodland)
(Representatives Heller, Schatz)

AN ACT to authorize counties to accept certain payments by credit card, wire transfer, electronic transfer, or debit card.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Acceptance of payment by credit card or other payment method. A county may accept payment by wire transfer, electronic transfer, automated clearinghouse, or a nationally recognized credit or debit card for any fee charged by, or compensation, tax, or assessment due to a county. A reasonable fee not exceeding the discount, exchange fee, or other fee incurred by the county may be added to the payment as a service charge for the acceptance of payment by a method authorized by this section. The county auditor or individual functioning as county auditor for a county may determine which nationally recognized cards or other payment methods will be accepted for payments made under this section and the amount of the applicable service charge. A person's liability for a payment is not discharged until the county has received payment or credit from the institution responsible for making the payment or credit.

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-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2243.

Senate Vote: Yeas 42 Nays 5 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 84 Nays 1 Absent 9

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2009.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State