

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1543

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-08 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to preferences for North Dakota food products.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 44-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

North Dakota food products - Preference.

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the office of management and budget, any other state entity, and any political subdivision purchasing food products shall provide a preference for food products grown or produced in this state.
2. When the office of management and budget, any other state entity, or any political subdivision purchases food products through a formal or informal bidding procedure, the purchaser may enter a contract under which the price to be paid for a food product grown or produced in this state reasonably exceeds the price offered by other bidders, provided:
 - a. The quality of the food product is similar to or exceeds that of products available from other states or countries;
 - b. The vendor is able to supply the requisite amount of the food product;
and
 - c. The purchaser has sufficient resources available in its budget to pay the higher price.
3. As used in this section, "food products" means food and drinks consumed by humans and products that are components of food and drinks consumed by humans."

Renumber accordingly