

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1446

Introduced by

Representatives Wieland, Bellew

Senators Grindberg, Hogue, Mathern

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide for state funding of county office buildings containing court facilities;
2 and to provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
5 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000,000, or so
6 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the supreme court for the purpose of providing
7 funding for county office building projects, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending
8 June 30, 2011.

- 9 **SECTION 2. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FUNDS.** The supreme court may award
10 funds appropriated under section 1 of this Act subject to the following:
- 11 1. The funds may be used for either new construction or the remodeling of an existing
12 structure;
 - 13 2. The amount awarded to any one project may not exceed two million dollars;
 - 14 3. The funds must be matched by local funding of at least fifty percent from other
15 sources; and
 - 16 4. At least two of the following criteria must be met:
 - 17 a. A demonstrated growth in caseload by at least ten percent over a five-year
18 rolling base period;
 - 19 b. A demonstrated growth in judgeships by at least ten percent over a five-year
20 rolling base period; or
 - 21 c. A demonstrated space deficiency.