

SENATE BILL NO. 2221

Introduced by

Senators Erbele, Oehlke, Robinson

Representatives Brandenburg, Onstad

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of transportation for grants to
2 counties and townships for improvements to scenic roadways and roadways providing access
3 to recreational areas; ~~and~~ to provide for a transfer; and to amend and reenact section
4 24-02-37.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the special road committee.

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

6 **SECTION 1. TRANSFER - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND -**
7 **SPECIAL ROAD FUND.** The office of management and budget shall transfer the sum of
8 \$20,000,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund to the special road fund on
9 July 1, 2013.

10 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SPECIAL ROAD FUND - DEPARTMENT OF**
11 **TRANSPORTATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the special road fund in the
12 state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$20,000,000, or so much of the sum as
13 may be necessary, to the department of transportation for the purpose of providing grants to
14 counties and townships for roadway improvements to scenic byway roads, scenic backways
15 roads, and roads that provide access to recreational areas, for the biennium beginning July 1,
16 2013, and ending June 30, 2015. The grant funds provided in this section must be distributed to
17 counties and townships for roadway improvement projects as determined by the special road
18 committee. The special road committee may require a county or township to provide matching
19 funds of up to twenty percent of the cost of the roadway improvement project in order to receive
20 a grant under this section. Subject to the availability of funds, the special road committee may
21 not limit the total grant funding that may be awarded for a project under this section. The special
22 road committee may distribute a maximum of \$2,500,000 of grants under this section for
23 projects located within the boundaries of each department of transportation district in the state.
24 To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, the county or township road project must be

1 located within a county that levies a combined total of seven or more mills for county road and
2 bridge, farm-to-market and federal aid road, and county road purposes.

3 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 24-02-37.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **24-02-37.2. Special road committee.**

6 The special road committee consists of one member of the ~~senate and one member of the~~
7 ~~house of representatives~~legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative
8 management, the chairmen of the senate and house of representatives transportation
9 committees, the senate minority leader, the house minority leader, the director of the game and
10 fish department, the director of the parks and recreation department, and the director of the
11 department of transportation. If any member of the committee, except the director of the
12 department of transportation, is unable to attend a meeting of the committee, the member may
13 appoint a designee to serve in the member's place. The director of the department of
14 transportation is chairman of the committee. The committee must meet at the call of the director
15 to review requests for funding from the special road fund. The committee shall decide which
16 project requests will receive funding. The director shall provide staff services to the committee.
17 The members of the committee who are members of the legislative assembly are entitled to
18 compensation from the department of transportation, from moneys appropriated from the
19 special road fund, for attendance at committee meetings at the rate provided for members of
20 the legislative assembly for attendance at interim committee meetings and are entitled to
21 reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending the meetings in the amounts provided by law
22 for other state officers.