

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1206
(Representatives Schmidt, Devlin, Kasper, Pollert, Skarphol, Streyle, Thoreson)
(Senators Bowman, Lyson)

AN ACT to create and enact section 61-02-01.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to development of a comprehensive water development plan; and to provide for a legislative management study.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Section 61-02-01.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

61-02-01.3. Comprehensive water development plan.

Biennially, the commission shall develop and maintain a comprehensive water development plan organized on a river basin perspective, including an inventory of future water projects for budgeting and planning purposes. As part of the commission's planning process, in order to facilitate local project sponsor participation and project prioritization and to assist in project cost-benefit analysis for projects expected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars, the commission shall develop a policy that outlines procedures for commissioner-hosted meetings within the Red River, James River, Mouse River, upper Missouri River, lower Missouri River, and Devils Lake drainage basins.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - WATER PROJECT PRIORITIZATION.

During the 2013-2014 interim, the legislative management shall conduct a study to evaluate current water project prioritization processes for effectiveness in determining high-priority water projects for state water commission funding. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1206.

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 0 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2013,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State