

HOUSE BILL NO. 1400

Introduced by

Representatives Hofstad, Devlin, D. Johnson, Vigesaa

Senators Heckaman, Oehlke

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the purchase of inundated land under a terminal lake.

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

3 **SECTION 1. TERMINAL LAKE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - FUNDING.** The state water
4 commission shall create and administer a terminal lake assistance program for the purchase of
5 land under Devils Lake which was taken from the owner through the increase of navigable
6 water creating sovereign lands. The program is contingent on federal funding to supply
7 matching funds not to exceed the lesser of the fifty percent of the total purchase price, four
8 hundred dollars an acre for previous crop or hay land, or two hundred dollars an acre for
9 previous pasture or grazing land. The project must equitably distribute funding among
10 applicants who own eligible land under the federal program but the total purchase price may not
11 exceed the fair market value for the eligible land if the land had not been flooded. Of the funds
12 appropriated in the water and atmospheric resources line of Senate Bill No. 2020, the state
13 water commission shall use up to \$25,000,000 for the purposes of this Act.