

Sixty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1172**

Introduced by

Representatives Kempenich, Brandenburg, Hagert

Senators Schaible, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 6-09.10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to agricultural mediation and negotiation services.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-09.10-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **6-09.10-04. Request for assistance - Negotiation - Mediation.**

7 A farmer, creditor, person dealing with a farmer, person eligible for mediation with an  
8 agency of the United States department of agriculture, a landowner, or an owner, lessee, or  
9 lessor of mineral interests may request assistance from the North Dakota mediation service.  
10 Upon receipt of the request, and upon consent of all parties to mediation, the administrator of  
11 the North Dakota mediation service may assign a negotiator or mediator to assist the parties in  
12 reaching a voluntary settlement. A party to negotiation or mediation under this section may not  
13 commence a civil action to resolve the dispute unless the party made a good-faith effort to  
14 resolve the dispute through negotiation or mediation and the party provided the administrator  
15 notice by registered mail at least fourteen days before commencing the action.