

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2120

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Kreun

Representative Monson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-16-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to the number of board members for water resource districts ~~encompassing one county.~~

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-16-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **61-16-07. Water resource board - Appointment and number.**

7 When a water resource district has been created, and the state water commission has filed
8 notice with the county auditor of a county where the district or a part thereof of the district is
9 situated, a water resource board shall ~~must~~ be appointed within ninety days, ~~as provided herein.~~
10 If the district's boundaries are confined to one county, the board of county commissioners shall
11 appoint a water resource board consisting of ~~three or five~~ an odd number of managers not to
12 exceed seven. A water resource board for a district including two or more counties must have
13 seven managers appointed by the boards of county commissioners of the respective counties in
14 the district pursuant to this section. When a district includes two counties, the water resource
15 board shall ~~must~~ consist of ~~five managers, three appointed by the board of county~~
16 ~~commissioners of~~ four managers from the county having ~~with~~ the larger aggregate taxable
17 valuation of property, and ~~two appointed by the board of county commissioners of~~ three
18 managers from the other county. If a district includes three counties, the water resource board
19 shall ~~must~~ consist of ~~five managers, one appointed by the board of county commissioners~~
20 ~~having~~ three managers from the county with the ~~lowest~~ largest aggregate taxable valuation of
21 property in the district, and two ~~appointed by the board of county commissioners of~~ managers
22 from each of the other two counties. If a district includes four ~~or six~~ counties, the water resource
23 board shall ~~must~~ consist of ~~two members~~ three managers from the county having ~~with~~ the largest
24 aggregate taxable valuation of property in the district, two managers from the county with the

1 second largest aggregate taxable valuation of property in the district, and one manager from
2 each of the other counties. If a district includes five ~~or seven~~ counties, the water resource board
3 ~~shall~~must consist of two managers from each of the two counties with the two largest aggregate
4 taxable valuations of property in the district, and one manager from each ~~county~~of the other
5 counties. ~~Appointments to the water resource board shall~~must ~~be made by the boards of county~~
6 ~~commissioners of the respective counties~~If a district includes six counties, the water resource
7 board must consist of two managers from the county with the largest aggregate taxable
8 valuation of property in the district, and one member from each of the other counties. If a district
9 includes seven counties, the water resource board must consist of one manager from each
10 county.