Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1056

Introduced by

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the Industrial Commission)

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-17.4-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to the collection of global positioning system data; and to repeal section 54-17.4-12 of
- 3 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the duties of the state geologist.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-17.4-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is

6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 54-17.4-02. Survey - Responsibilities.

- 8 There is created a North Dakota geological survey. The survey has the following
- 9 responsibilities:
- 10 1. Serve as the primary source of geological information in the state.
- 1 2. Investigate, describe, and interpret the geological setting of the state with special
- reference to the economic products, geological hazards, and energy resources of thestate's geology.
- Conduct investigations designed to promote public understanding of the state's natural
 setting and natural resources.
- Conduct research relative to the exploration, production, and regulation of oil, gas,
 coal, and other mineral resources of the state.
- 5. Conduct investigations and review externally prepared reports pertaining to geological
 aspects of the health and safety of the citizens and environment of the state.
- 20 6. Provide geological information contributing to the development of public health policies21 and to the use and management of natural resources.
- Publish bulletins, circulars, maps, and other related materials that make available theresults of the geological research and technical studies.
- 8. Provide educational information about the geology of the state to the public.

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1	9.	Operate and maintain a public repository for books, reports, maps, and other
2		publications regarding the geology and mineral resources of the state.
3	10.	Operate and maintain a public repository for fossil and rock specimens, rock cores,
4		well cuttings, and associated data.
5	11.	Provide technical advice and assistance concerning the geology of the state to local,
6		state, and federal governmental agencies and to state educational institutions.
7	12.	Aid in the regulation of the state's natural resources by providing the resource
8		assessment and evaluation information necessary to create and maintain effective
9		regulatory policy.
10	13.	Investigate the kind, amount, and availability of the various mineral substances
11		contained in state-owned lands, so as to contribute to the most effective and beneficial
12		administration of these lands for the state.
13	14.	Consider such other scientific and economic questions in the field of geology as in the
14		judgment of the state geologist is deemed of value to the people of the state.
15	15.	Carry out any other responsibilities assigned to it by the legislative assembly.
16	16.	Cooperate with other agencies in maintaining a global positioning system
17		community-base station and make data gathered by the station available to the public.
18 SECTION 2. REPEAL. Section 54-17.4-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.		