

Introduced by

Representatives Bosch, Heinert, Nathe, Porter

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 57-40.6-02 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the statewide interoperable radio network; to repeal section 6 of
3 chapter 293 of the 2019 Session Laws, relating to a line of credit authorized for the statewide
4 interoperable radio network project; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to
5 provide for a legislative management study; and to declare an emergency.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 57-40.6-02 of the North Dakota
8 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 2. A political subdivision shall add a fee of fifty cents to the fee imposed on assessed
10 communications services established under subsection 1. The additional fifty cents per
11 communication connection must be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the
12 statewide interoperable radio network fund in accordance with section 37-17.3-12 for
13 ~~implementing a ongoing administrative and operational maintenance costs of the~~
14 statewide interoperable radio network. The funds collected under this subsection must
15 be expended in a manner consistent with the recommendations of the statewide
16 interoperability executive committee.

17 **SECTION 2. TRANSFER - BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA PROFITS TO STATEWIDE**
18 **INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK FUND.** The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer the
19 sum of \$20,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, from the Bank's current
20 earnings and undivided profits to the statewide interoperable radio network fund during the
21 biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

22 **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT - LINE**
23 **OF CREDIT REPAYMENT - STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK FUND -**
24 **ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the statewide interoperable

1 radio network fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$20,000,000, or
2 so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the information technology department for the
3 purpose of repaying the Bank of North Dakota line of credit authorized in section 6 of
4 chapter 293 of the 2019 Session Laws, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending
5 June 30, 2025. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.

6 **SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT -**
7 **STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE RADIO NETWORK PROJECT - FEDERAL STATE FISCAL**
8 **RECOVERY FUND - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated from federal funds derived

9 from the state fiscal recovery fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$80,000,000, or so
10 much of the sum as may be necessary, to the information technology department for the
11 purpose of the statewide interoperable radio network project, for the biennium beginning July 1,
12 2023, and ending June 30, 2025. This funding is considered a one-time funding item.

13 **SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - EMERGENCY AND**
14 **INTEROPERABLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM GOVERNANCE.** During

15 the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying emergency and
16 interoperable public safety communications system governance needs and options. The study
17 must:

- 18 1. Include an analysis of options to manage and operate state and local emergency and
19 interoperable public safety systems, including the statewide interoperable radio
20 network;
- 21 2. Evaluate the current and most appropriate governance roles for each state and local
22 emergency and interoperable public safety government entity;
- 23 3. Determine the most appropriate state or local emergency and interoperable public
24 safety government entity to have responsibility for the ongoing administrative and
25 operational maintenance cost of the statewide interoperable radio network; and
- 26 4. Consider input from the information technology department, department of emergency
27 services division of state radio, statewide interoperability executive committee,
28 emergency services communications coordinating committee, North Dakota
29 association of counties, and local public safety entities.

30 The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any
31 legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative assembly.

- 1 **SECTION 6. REPEAL.** Section 6 of chapter 293 of the 2019 Session Laws is repealed.
- 2 **SECTION 7. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.