

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2097

Introduced by

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the Department of Water Resources)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-15 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to wild and scenic river designations.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 61-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Wild and scenic rivers.**

7 1. Before a political subdivision engages in meetings with federal agencies to have any
8 waterbody in the state designated a wild, scenic, or recreational river under the Wild
9 and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271, et seq.] the political subdivision must notify
10 the:

11 a. Director of ~~the~~ department of water resources;

12 b. Director of ~~the~~ department of environmental quality;

13 c. Director of game and fish;

14 d. Director of parks and recreation;

15 e. ~~The water~~Water resource board of any water resource district that would be
16 impacted;

17 f. Director of ~~the~~ department of ~~land~~ trust lands;

18 g. Director of ~~the~~ department of mineral resources;

19 h. ~~The county~~County commission of any county impacted;

20 i. ~~The legislators~~Legislators of any district impacted; ~~and~~

21 j. ~~The grazing~~Grazing associations impacted; ~~and~~

22 k. ~~Public service commission.~~

23 2. Any written communications between the political subdivision and federal agencies
24 regarding such designation must be copied to the list in subsection 1.

- 1 3. The county commission shall hold a public hearing regarding the potential designation.
- 2 4. The governor and the county commission of any county impacted must express
- 3 written support before the state or a federal agency designates a wild, scenic, or
- 4 recreational river under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.