

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with House Amendments
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 the game and fish department;
 - 14 d. Director of the parks and recreation department;
 - 15 e. Water resource board of any water resource district that would be impacted;
 - 16 f. Director of the department of trust lands;
 - 17 g. Director of the department of mineral resources;
 - 18 h. County commission of any county impacted;
 - 19 i. Legislators of any district impacted;
 - 20 j. Grazing associations impacted; and
 - 21 k. Public service commission.
- 22 2. Any written communications between the political subdivision and federal agencies
23 regarding such designation must be copied to the list in subsection 1.
- 24 3. The county commission shall hold a public hearing regarding the potential designation.

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