

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2210
(Senators Weber, Dwyer, Luick, Sorvaag)
(Representatives Brandenburg, Schreiber-Beck)

AN ACT to provide for a legislative management study relating to the management of water based on watershed boundaries.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - WATER MANAGEMENT BASED ON WATERSHED BOUNDARIES. During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative management shall study the feasibility and desirability of assigning management authority for the waters of the state to the area located in the naturally occurring watershed, rather than assigning management authority based on political subdivision boundaries. The study must review the approaches used for managing water in surrounding states; the powers, duties, and organizational structure of watershed boards; dispute resolution procedures afforded to individuals residing within the boundaries of a watershed district; the mechanism to initiate, implement, and improve works projects within a watershed district; and the role of the department of water resources in mapping and establishing watershed boundaries. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2210.

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 2 Absent 0

House Vote: Yeas 85 Nays 3 Absent 6

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State