

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Special Session Commencing Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

SENATE BILL NO. 2404
(Senator Hogue)

AN ACT to provide appropriations to the information technology department and public service commission; to provide contingent loan authorization; and to provide an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT - DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE - ONE-TIME FUNDING. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the information technology department for the purpose of updating state-controlled websites and digital content to comply with digital accessibility provisions of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027. The funding appropriated in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION - FEDERAL LAWSUIT INTERVENTION - ONE-TIME FUNDING. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$325,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the public service commission for federal lawsuit intervention efforts, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027. The funding appropriated in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION - FEDERAL LAWSUIT INTERVENTION - CONTINGENT LOAN AUTHORIZATION. During the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 2027, if the funding appropriated in section 2 of this Act is not sufficient for federal lawsuit intervention efforts, the public service commission may use the loan authorization provided in section 4 of House Bill No. 1008, as approved by the sixty-ninth legislative assembly, to obtain funds for federal lawsuit intervention efforts.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act becomes effective immediately upon its filing with the secretary of state.

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. 2404.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 92 Nays 0 Absent 2

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2026.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2026.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2026,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State