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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1575

Introduced by

Representatives Weisz, Beltz, Dockter, Dressler, Hagert, Headland, Kempenich Senators Klein, Schaible, Thomas

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact threetwo new sections to chapter 54-27, two new sections 2 to chapter 57-02, and a new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 57-55-10 of the North 3 Dakota Century Code, relating to primary residence certification, a state reimbursed taxable 4 valuation reduction for primary residential property, and a legacy earnings fund, a legacy 5 property tax relief fund, a state reimbursed taxable valuation reduction for residential, 6 agricultural, and commercial property ewned by resident individuals or entities domiciled in the 7 state, and limitations on taxable valuation increases without voter approval; to amend and 8 reenact sections 57-02-01 section 6-09.4-10.1, subsection 1 of section 21-10-06, section 9 54-27-19.3, subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 57-02-08.1, subdivision b of subsection 2 of 10 section 57-02-08.1, section 57-02-08.10, 57-02-27, and 57-02-27.1 and subsections 1 and 7 of 11 section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to property classifications 12 and funds invested by the state investment board, the homestead tax credit and renters refund, 13 the primary residence credit certification and state reimbursement, income tax rates for 14 individuals, estates, and trusts and the marriage penalty credit; to repeal sections 15 21-10-12, 21-10-13, 57-02-08.9, and 57-38-01.28 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to 16 legacy fund definitions, the legacy earnings fund, the primary residence credit, and the marriage 17 penalty credit; to provide an appropriation; to provide for a transfer; to provide an effective date; 18 and to provide an expiration date.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

1	SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 57-02-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
2	amended and reenacted as follows:
3	57-02-01. Definitions.
4	As used in this title, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:
5	1. "Agricultural property" means platted or unplatted lands used for raising agricultural
6	crops or grazing farm animals, except lands platted and assessed as agricultural
7	property prior to March 30, 1981, shall continue to be assessed as agricultural
8	property until put to a use other than raising agricultural crops or grazing farm animals.
9	Agricultural property includes land on which a greenhouse or other building is located
10	if the land is used for a nursery or other purpose associated with the operation of the
11	greenhouse. The time limitations contained in this section may not be construed to
12	prevent property that was assessed as other than agricultural property from being
13	assessed as agricultural property if the property otherwise qualifies under this
14	subsection.
15	a. Property platted on or after March 30, 1981, is not agricultural property when any
16	four of the following conditions exist:
17	(1) The land is platted by the owner.
18	(2) Public improvements, including sewer, water, or streets, are in place.
19	(3) Topsoil is removed or topography is disturbed to the extent that the property
20	cannot be used to raise crops or graze farm animals.
21	(4) Property is zoned other than agricultural.
22	(5) Property has assumed an urban atmosphere because of adjacent
23	residential or commercial development on three or more sides.
24	(6) The parcel is less than ten acres [4.05 heetares] and not contiguous to
25	agricultural property.
26	(7) The property sells for more than four times the county average true and full
27	agricultural value.
28	b. Land that was assessed as agricultural property at the time the land was put to
29	use for extraction of oil, natural gas, or subsurface minerals as defined in section
30	38-12-01 must continue to be assessed as agricultural property if the remainder
31	of the surface owner's parcel of property on which the subsurface mineral activity

1		is occurring continues to qualify for assessment as agricultural property under
2		this subsection.
3	2 .	"Air carrier transportation property" means the operative property of each airline
4		whose property is assessed for taxation purposes pursuant to chapters 57-06 and
5		57-32.
6	-3.	"Assessed valuation" means fifty percent of the true and full value of property.
7	4.	"Centrally assessed property" means all property which is assessed by the state board
8		of equalization under chapters 57-05, 57-06, and 57-32.
9	5.	"Commercial property" means all property, or portions of property, not included in the
10		classes of property defined in subsections 1, 4, 11, and 10, 12, 13, and 14.
11	6.	"Credits" means and includes every claim and demand for money or other valuable
12		thing, and every annuity or sum of money receivable at stated periods, due or to
13		become due, and all claims and demands secured by deeds or mortgages, due or to
14		become due.
15	7.	"Governing body" means a board of county commissioners, city council, board of city
16		commissioners, school board, or board of education, or the similarly constituted and
17		acting board of any other municipality.
18	8.	"Money" or "moneys" means gold and silver coin, treasury notes, bank notes, and
19		every deposit which any person owning the same or holding in trust and residing in
20		this state is entitled to withdraw as money or on demand.
21	9.	"Municipality" or "taxing district" means a county, city, township, school district, water
22		conservation and flood control district, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, county
23		park district, joint county park district, irrigation district, park district, rural fire protection
24		district, or any other subdivision of the state empowered to levy taxes.
25	-10.	"Nonprimary residential property" means residential property, or portions of residential
26		property, not included in the class of property defined in subsection 12.
27	11	"Person" includes a firm, corporation, or limited liability company.
28	11.<u>12.</u>	"Primary residential property" means residential property certified as a primary
29		residence under section 2 of this Act.

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1	<u> 13.</u>	"Railroad property" means the operating property, including franchises, of each
2		railroad operated in this state, including any electric or other street or interurban
3		railway.
4	12.<u>14.</u>	"Residential property" means all property, or portions of property, used by an individual
5		or group of individuals as a dwelling, including property upon which a mobile home is
6		located but not including hotel and motel accommodations required to be licensed
7		under chapter 23-09 nor structures providing living accommodations for four or more
8		separate family units nor any tract of land upon which four or more mobile homes are
9		located. The term includes nonprimary residential property and primary residential
10		property.
11	13.<u>15.</u>	"Taxable valuation" signifies the valuation remaining after deducting exemptions and
12		making other reductions from the original assessed valuation, and is the valuation
13		upon which the rate of levy finally is computed and against which the taxes finally are
14		extended.
15	14.<u>16.</u>	"Tract", "lot", "piece or parcel of real property", or "piece or parcel of land" means any
16		contiguous quantity of land in the possession of, owned by or recorded as the property
17		of, the same claimant, person, or company.
18	15.<u>17.</u>	"True and full value" means the value determined by considering the earning or
19		productive capacity, if any, the market value, if any, and all other matters that affect the
20		actual value of the property to be assessed. This shall include, for purposes of arriving
21		at the true and full value of property used for agricultural purposes, farm rentals, soil
22		capability, soil productivity, and soils analysis.
23	16.<u>18.</u>	"Unencumbered cash" means the total cash on hand in any fund, less the amount
24		belonging to the fund in closed banks and less the amount of outstanding warrants,
25		bills, accounts, and contracts which are chargeable against the fund.
26		17.19. There shall be a presumption that a unit of land is not a farm unless such unit
27		contains a minimum of ten acres [4.05 hectares], and the taxing authority, in
28		determining whether such presumption shall apply, shall consider such things as the
29		present use, the adaptability to use, and how similar type properties in the immediate
30		area are classified for tax purposes.

1	SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 57-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
2	and enacted as follows:
3	Primary residence certification - Eligibility for primary residential property
4	elassification - Application.
5	1. To be eligible for a primary residential property classification under this chapter, a
6	primary residence must be certified by the county director of tax equalization as
7	provided in this section.
8	2. A dwelling does not lose its character as a primary residence if the owner of the
9	dwelling does not reside in the primary residence because the individual is confined in
10	a nursing home, hospital, or other care facility, for as long as that confinement lasts
11	and the portion of the primary residence previously occupied by the individual is not
12	rented to another person.
13	3. To be certified as a primary residence and eligible for the primary residential property
14	classification under this chapter, an owner shall sign and file with the tax commissioner
15	an application containing a verified statement of facts establishing the owner's
16	property meets the eligibility requirements to be considered a primary residence under
17	this section as of the date of the application on a form and in the manner prescribed
18	by the tax commissioner.
19	a. For assessments for taxable year 2025 for a primary residence taxed as real
20	estate under this title and assessments for taxable years 2025 and 2026 for a
21	primary residence taxed as a mobile home under chapter 57-55:
22	(1) An application for primary residence certification must be filed by August 1,
23	2025, to request a primary residence certification for:
24	(a) Taxable year 2025 for a primary residence taxed as real estate under
25	this title.
26	(b) Taxable years 2025 and 2026 for a primary residence taxed as a
27	mobile home under chapter 57-55.
28	(2) By October 31, 2025, the tax commissioner shall:
29	(a) Review the applications received under this subdivision and
30	determine which applicants qualify for the primary residence
31	certification; and

1	(b) Provide to each county director of tax equalization a copy of each
2	approved or rejected application received under this subdivision which
3	identifies property located in the county.
4	(3) By November 28, 2025, the county director of tax equalization shall:
5	(a) Notify the applicant of the approval or denial of the application.
6	(b) Adjust the corresponding taxable year classification from a residential
7	classification to the appropriate classification of primary residential
8	property or nonprimary residential property and correct the
9	assessment list to reflect the appropriate classification of the property.
10	<u>b.</u> For assessments for taxable years after 2025 for a primary residence taxed as
11	real estate under this title and assessments after 2026 for a primary residence
12	taxed as a mobile home under chapter 57-55:
13	(1) An application for primary residence certification must be filed by February
14	first of each year after 2025 to request a primary residence certification for:
15	(a) The taxable year during which the application is filed for a primary
16	residence taxed as real estate under this title.
17	(b) The taxable year succeeding the taxable year during which the
18	application is filed for a primary residence taxed as a mobile home
19	under chapter 57-55.
20	(2) As soon as practicable after receiving the applications, no later than
21	February twenty-eighth of each year after 2025, the tax department shall:
22	(a) Review the applications received under this subdivision and
23	determine which applicants qualify for the primary residence
24	certification; and
25	(b) Provide to each county director of tax equalization a copy of each
26	approved or rejected application received under this subdivision which
27	identifies property located in the county.
28	(3) Within fifteen days of receipt of the applications from the tax department
29	under paragraph 2, no later than March fifteenth of each year after 2025.
30	the county director of tax equalization shall notify the applicant of the

1	approval or denial of the application and reflect the appropriate classification
2	of the property on the assessment list.
3	c. The tax department may request additional documentation from the applicant
4	when making the determination of eligibility.
5	d. Determinations of eligibility under this subsection may be appealed through the
6	informal equalization process and formal abatement process.
7	4. A primary residence certification under this section is valid for the entire taxable year
8	for which the application for certification was approved, without regard to any change
9	of ownership of the property which occurs after the application for certification was
10	approved.
11	5. The tax commissioner shall prescribe, design, and make available all forms necessary
12	to effectuate this section. Application forms must include the full name and address of
13	the applicant and any other information prescribed by the tax commissioner. The
14	county director of tax equalization shall make these forms available to applicants upon
15	request.
16	6. For purposes of this section:
17	a. "Owned" means the individual holds a present ownership interest, including
18	ownership in fee simple, holds a present life estate or other terminable present
19	ownership interest, holds a beneficial interest in a qualifying trust, or is a
20	purchaser under a contract for deed. The term does not include a mere right of
21	occupancy or a tenancy under a lease.
22	b. (1) "Primary residence" means a dwelling in this state, including the land,
23	appurtenances, and improvements used in the residential occupancy of the
24	dwelling, which is not exempt from property taxes as a farm residence and,
25	subject to subsection 2 and paragraph 2, as of the assessment date of the
26	taxable year, is:
27	(a) Owned by one or more individuals, either directly or through a
28	beneficial interest in a qualifying trust;
29	(b) Designed or adapted for human residence;
30	(c) Used as a residence; and

1	(d) Occupied as a primary place of residence by an owner, an individual
2	who has a life estate in the property, or, for property owned through a
3	beneficial interest in a qualifying trust, by a trustor or beneficiary of the
4	trust who qualifies for the certification.
5	(2) For purposes of the term:
6	(a) An individual may not have more than one primary residence.
7	(b) A primary residence includes a primary residence taxed as a mobile
8	home under chapter 57-55.
9	c. "Qualifying trust" means a trust:
10	(1) In which the agreement, will, or court order creating the trust, an instrument
11	transferring property to the trust, or any other agreement that is binding on
12	the trustee provides that the trustor of the trust or a beneficiary of the trust
13	has the right to use and occupy as the trustor's or beneficiary's primary
14	residence rent free and without charge except for taxes and other costs and
15	expenses specified in the instrument or court order:
16	(a) For life;
17	(b) For the lesser of life or a term of years; or
18	(c) Until the date the trust is revoked or terminated by an instrument or
19	court order that describes the property with sufficient certainty to
20	identify it and is recorded in the real property records of the county in
21	which the property is located; and
22	(2) That acquires the property in an instrument of title or under a court order
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24 25	(a) Describes the property with sufficient certainty to identify it and the interest acquired; and
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24252627	(a) Describes the property with sufficient certainty to identify it and the interest acquired; and (b) Is recorded in the real property records of the county in which the property is located.

1	SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 6-09.4-10.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is		
2	amended and reenacted as follows:		
3	6-09.4-10.1. Legacy sinking and interest fund - Debt service requirements - Public		
4	finance authority.		
5	There is created in the state treasury the legacy sinking and interest fund. The fund consist		
6	of all moneys deposited in the fund under section 21-10-134 of this Act. Moneys in the fund may		
7	be spent by the public finance authority pursuant to legislative appropriations to meet the debt		
8	service requirements for evidences of indebtedness issued by the authority for transfer to the		
9	Bank of North Dakota for allocations to infrastructure projects and programs.		
10	SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 21-10-06 of the North Dakota Century		
11	Code is amended and reenacted as follows:		
12	1. Subject to the provisions of section 21-10-02, the board shall invest the following		
13	funds:		
14	a. State bonding fund.		
15	b. Teachers' fund for retirement.		
16	c. State fire and tornado fund.		
17	d. Workforce safety and insurance fund.		
18	e. Public employees retirement system.		
19	f. Insurance regulatory trust fund.		
20	g. State risk management fund.		
21	h. Budget stabilization fund.		
22	i. Water projects stabilization fund.		
23	j. Health care trust fund.		
24	k. Cultural endowment fund.		
25	I. Petroleum tank release compensation fund.		
26	m. Legacy fund.		
27	n. Legacy earnings fund.		
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29	p.o. A fund under contract with the board pursuant to subsection 3.		
30	SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Section 54-27-19.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is		
31	amended and reenacted as follows:		

54-27-19.3. Legacy earnings highway distribution fund.

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A legacy earnings highway distribution fund is created as a special fund in the state treasury into which must be deposited any allocations of legacy fund earnings made under section

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21-10-134 of this Act. Any moneys in the legacy earnings highway distribution fund must be

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allocated and transferred by the state treasurer, as follows:

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Ten percent must be transferred to the legacy earnings township highway aid fund; 2.

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- 3. One and five-tenths percent must be transferred to the public transportation fund; and

Sixty percent must be transferred to the department of transportation for deposit in the

4. Twenty-eight and five-tenths percent must be allocated to cities and counties using the formula established in subsection 4 of section 54-27-19. Moneys received by counties and cities must be used for roadway purposes in accordance with section 11 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota.

SECTION 4. A new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Legacy earnings fund - State treasurer - Legacy fund distribution - Allocations.

- There is created in the state treasury the legacy earnings fund. The fund consists of all moneys distributed by the state treasurer from the legacy fund pursuant to section 26 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota. The distribution from the legacy fund on July first of each odd-numbered year must be equal to seven percent of the five-year average value of the legacy fund balance as reported by the state investment board. The average value of the legacy fund balance must be calculated using the fund balance at the end of each fiscal year for the five-year period ending with the most recently completed even-numbered fiscal year.
- From the amount distributed to the legacy earnings fund under subsection 1, the state treasurer shall allocate funding in July of each odd-numbered year in the following order:
 - The first one hundred two million six hundred twenty-four thousand dollars or an amount equal to the amount appropriated from the legacy sinking and interest fund for debt service payments for a biennium, whichever is less, to the legacy sinking and interest fund under section 6-09.4-10.1.

- The next one hundred million dollars to the legacy earnings highway distribution fund for allocations under section 54-27-19.3.
- c. The remaining amount to the legacy property tax relief fund under section 5 of this Act.

SECTION 5. A new section to chapter 54-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Legacy property tax relief fund.

There is created in the state treasury the legacy property tax relief fund. The fund consists of all moneys allocated to the fund under section 4 of this Act and all moneys transferred to the fund by the legislative assembly.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT. Subdivision c of subsection 1 of section 57-02-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- c. The exemption must be determined according to the following schedule:
 - (1) If the person's income is not in excess of forty thousand fifty thousand dollars, a reduction of one hundred percent of the taxable valuation of the person's homestead up to a maximum reduction of nine thousand dollars of taxable valuation.
 - (2) If the person's income is in excess of forty thousand fifty thousand dollars and not in excess of seventy thousand eighty thousand dollars, a reduction of fifty percent of the taxable valuation of the person's homestead up to a maximum reduction of four thousand five hundred dollars of taxable valuation.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Subdivision b of subsection 2 of section 57-02-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

b. For the purpose of this subsection, twenty percent of the annual rent, exclusive of any federal rent subsidy and of charges for any utilities, services, furniture, furnishings, or personal property appliances furnished by the landlord as part of the rental agreement, whether expressly set out in the rental agreement, must be considered as payment made for property tax. When any part of the twenty percent of the annual rent exceeds four percent of the annual income of a qualified applicant, the applicant is entitled to receive a refund from the state

general fund for that amount in excess of four percent of the person's annual income, but the refund may not be in excess of four hundredsix hundred dollars. If the calculation for the refund is less than five dollars, a minimum of five dollars must be sent to the qualifying applicant.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 57-02-08.10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-02-08.10. Primary residence credit - Certification - Distribution. (Effective through June 30, 2026August 1, 2025)

- 1. By June first of each year 2025, the tax commissioner shall:
 - a. Review the applications received under section 57-02-08.9, as it existed on
 December 31, 2024, and determine which applicants qualify for the credit allowed under section 57-02-08.9, as it existed on December 31, 2024; and
 - b. Provide to each county auditor:
 - A copy of each approved application under subdivision a which identifies a primary residence located in the county; and
 - (2) The sum of the credits allowed under section 57-02-08.9, as it existed on December 31, 2024, in the county for the current taxable year.
- The county auditor shall apply the credit under section 57-02-08.9, as it existed on
 December 31, 2024, to each primary residence identified by the tax commissioner as
 a qualifying primary residence on the corresponding property tax statement.
- By January first of each year, the county auditor shall certify to the tax commissioner
 the sum of the credits approved by the tax commissioner under subsection 1 which
 were applied toward property taxes owed on primary residences in the county for the
 preceding year.
- 4. By June first of each year after 20242025, the tax commissioner shall review a sampling of information provided by the county auditor to verify the accuracy of the application of the credit and certify to the state treasurer for payment to each county the aggregate dollar amount of credits allowed under section 57-02-08.9, as it existed on December 31, 2024, in each county for the preceding year.
- 5.4. Within fourteen days of receiving the payment from the state treasurer, but no later than June thirtieth of each year after 20242025, the county treasurer shall apportion

1		and distribute the payment to the county and to the taxing districts of the county on the
2		same basis as property taxes for the preceding year were apportioned and distributed.
3	6. <u>5.</u>	Supplemental certifications by the county auditor and the tax commissioner and
4		supplemental payments by the state treasurer may be made after the dates prescribed
5		in this section to make corrections necessary because of errors.
6	7. <u>6.</u>	The county auditors shall provide information requested by the tax commissioner to
7		effectuate this section.
8	8. 7.	The tax commissioner shall prescribe, design, and make available all forms necessary
9		to effectuate this section.
10	—SEC	CTION 4. A new section to chapter 57-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
11	and ena	eted as follows:
12	Prir	nary residential valuation reduction - Qualification - Certification - State
13	reimbu	rsement.
14	<u> 1.</u>	A taxpayer is entitled to a reduction of the taxable valuation of the taxpayer's parcel of
15		primary residential property as defined under section 57-02-01 equal to three percent
16		of the assessed value of the parcel of primary residential property. The reduction
17		under this section must be applied before other credits under this chapter, including
18		the credits under sections 57-02-08.1 and 57-02-08.8, have been applied.
19	<u>2.</u>	Individuals residing together who are co-owners of the property but who are not
20		spouses or dependents each are entitled to a percentage of a full reduction under
21		subsection 1 equal to their ownership interests in the property.
22	<u>3.</u>	a. For taxable year 2025:
23		(1) The county auditor shall apply the reduction under this section to each
24		parcel of primary residential property taxed as real estate under this title on
25		the corresponding tax statement.
26		(2) The county auditor shall consider an application received under section
27		2 of this Act for primary residential property certification for a parcel of primary
28		residential property taxed as a mobile home under chapter 57-55 and identified by the
29		tax commissioner as a certified primary residence under section 2 of this Act as an
30		application for an abatement and refund of taxes in an amount consistent with the
31		reduction allowed. The county auditor shall present the application for abatement and

1	refund of taxes to the board of county commissioners at its next regular meeting. The
2	county commissioners shall approve the applications filed under this paragraph as
3	soon as practicable and refunds must be issued without delay according to the
4	procedures in section 57-23-09. The application, notice, and hearing requirements and
5	procedures under chapter 57-23 and sections 57-55-04.1 and 57-55-12 do not apply
6	to an application for abatement and refund filed under this paragraph.
7	b. For taxable years after 2025, the county auditor shall apply the reduction under
8	this section to each parcel of primary residential property on the corresponding
9	property tax statement or mobile home tax statement.
10	4. A reduction under this section is valid for the entire taxable year for which the property
11	is certified as primary residential property, without regard to any change of ownership
12	of the property which occurs after the property was classified as primary residential
13	property for the taxable year.
14	5. This section does not reduce the liability of any individual for special assessments
15	levied upon any property.
16	6. A reduction of taxable valuation under this section may not be applied to reduce the
17	taxable valuation used for purposes of determining the amount subtracted from a
18	school district's state aid payment under subdivision a of subsection 4 of section
19	<u>15.1-27-04.1.</u>
20	7. a. Before January 15, 2026, the county auditor of each county shall certify to the tax
21	commissioner, on forms prescribed by the tax commissioner the following
22	information applicable to taxable year 2025 for primary residential property taxed
23	as real estate under this title and taxable years 2025 and 2026 for primary
24	residential property taxed as a mobile home under chapter 57-55:
25	(1) The full name, address, and social security or taxpayer identification number
26	of each individual or entity for whom the reduction under this section was
27	allowed:
28	(2) The legal description of the property:
29	(3) The taxable value of the property:
30	(4) The dollar amount of each reduction in taxable value allowed:

1	(5) The total of the tax mill rates used to calculate taxes for the corresponding
2	year of all taxing districts in which the property was contained, exclusive of
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	any state mill rates; and
4	(6) Any other information prescribed by the tax commissioner.
5	<u>b.</u> <u>Before January fifteenth of each year after 2026, the county auditor of each</u>
6	county shall certify to the tax commissioner, on forms prescribed by the tax
7	commissioner the following information applicable to the taxable year during
8	which the application under section 2 of this Act is filed for primary residential
9	property taxed as real estate under this title and the taxable year succeeding the
10	taxable year during which the application under section 2 of this Act is filed for
11	primary residential property taxed as a mobile home under chapter 57-55:
12	(1) The full name, address, and social security or taxpayer identification number
13	of each individual or entity for whom the reduction under this section was
14	allowed for the corresponding taxable year;
15	(2) The legal description of the property:
16	(3) The taxable value of the property:
17	(4) The dollar amount of each reduction in taxable value allowed;
18	(5) The total of the tax mill rates used to calculate taxes for the corresponding
19	year of all taxing districts in which the property was contained, exclusive of
20	any state mill rates; and
21	(6) Any other information prescribed by the tax commissioner.
22	8. a. By March 15, 2026, the tax commissioner shall:
23	(1) Review the certifications under subdivision a of subsection 7, make any
24	required corrections, and certify to the state treasurer for payment to each
25	county the sum of the amounts computed by:
26	(a) For primary residential valuation reductions for primary residential
27	property taxed as real estate for taxable year 2025, multiplying the
28	reduction allowed for each qualifying parcel of primary residential
29	property taxed as real estate under this title in the county for taxable
30	year 2025 by the total of the tax mill rates for taxable year 2025 of all
31	taxing districts in which the property was located.

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1	(b) For primary residential valuation reductions for primary residential
2	property taxed as mobile homes under chapter 57-55 for taxable year
3	2025, multiplying the reduction allowed for each qualifying parcel of
4	primary residential property taxed as a mobile home under chapter
5	57-55 in the county for taxable year 2025 by the total of the tax mill
6	rates used to calculate mobile home taxes under chapter 57-55 in
7	taxable year 2025 of all taxing districts in which the property was
8	located.
9	(c) For primary residential valuation reductions for primary residential
10	property taxed as mobile homes under chapter 57-55 for taxable year
11	2026, multiplying the reduction allowed for each qualifying parcel of
12	primary residential property taxed as a mobile home under chapter
13	57-55 in the county for taxable year 2026 by the total of the tax mill
14	rates used to calculate mobile home taxes under chapter 57-55 in
15	taxable year 2026 of all taxing districts in which the property was
16	located.
17	(2) Certify to the state treasurer for deposit in the state medical center fund the
18	amount computed by multiplying one mill times the reduction allowed under
19	this section for primary residential property taxed as real estate for taxable
20	year 2025 and primary residential property taxed as mobile homes under
21	chapter 57-55 for taxable years 2025 and 2026.
22	b. By March fifteenth of each year after 2026, the tax commissioner shall:
23	(1) Review the certifications under subdivision b of subsection 7, make any
24	required corrections, and certify to the state treasurer for payment to each
25	county the sum of the amounts computed by:
26	(a) Multiplying the reduction allowed for each qualifying parcel of primary
27	residential property taxed as real estate under this title in the county
28	for the preceding year by the total of the tax mill rates for the
29	preceding year of all taxing districts in which the property was located.
30	(b) Multiplying the reduction allowed for each qualifying parcel of primary
31	residential property taxed as a mobile home under chapter 57-55 in

1	the county for the current year by the total of the tax mill rates used to
2	calculate mobile home taxes under chapter 57-55 for the current
3	taxable year of all taxing districts in which the property was located.
4	(2) Certify annually to the state treasurer for deposit in the state medical center
5	fund the amount computed by multiplying one mill times the reduction
6	allowed under this section for all eligible parcels of primary residential
7	property in the state for:
8	(a) The taxable year during which the application under section 2 of this
9	Act is filed for primary residential property taxed as real estate under
10	this title.
11	(b) The taxable year succeeding the taxable year during which the
12	application under section 2 of this Act is filed for primary residential
13	property taxed as a mobile home under chapter 57-55.
14	c. In reviewing certifications, the tax commissioner may refer to any income tax
15	return information or other information available to the tax commissioner.
16	9. Within fourteen days of receiving the payment from the state treasurer, the county
17	treasurer shall apportion and distribute the payment without delay to the county and to
18	the taxing districts of the county on the same basis property taxes under this chapter
19	and mobile home taxes under chapter 57-55 were apportioned and distributed for the
20	taxable year in which the taxes were levied.
21	10. Supplemental certifications by the county auditor and the tax commissioner and
22	supplemental payments by the state treasurer may be made after the dates prescribed
23	in this section to make any corrections necessary because of errors or approval of any
24	application for equalization or abatement filed by an individual or entity because all or
25	part of the reduction under this section was not allowed.
26	11 The tax commissioner shall prescribe, design, and make available all forms necessary
27	to effectuate this section.
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29	SECTION 9. A new section to chapter 57-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
30	and enacted as follows:

1	Qua	lifying Residential, agricultural, and commercial property valuation reduction -
2	Qualific	ation - Certification - State reimbursement.
3	<u>1.</u>	A taxpayer is entitled to a reduction of the taxable valuation of the taxpayer's parcel of
4		qualifying residential property, agricultural property, or commercial property or
5		qualifying agricultural property as provided in this section. The reduction is equal to:
6		a. For a parcel of qualifying agricultural residential property, two and three-fourths
7		percent of the assessed value of the parcel property.
8		b. For a parcel of qualifying agricultural property and commercial property, one and
9		one-half percent of the assessed value of the parcel property.
0	<u>2.</u>	The reduction under this section must be applied before other credits under this
11		chapter.
12	<u>3.</u>	Persons who are co-owners of the property but who are not spouses or dependents
13		each are entitled to a percentage of a full reduction under subsection 1 equal to their
14		ownership interests in the property.
15	<u>4.</u>	To apply for the reduction under this section, an owner shall sign and file with the tax
16		commissioner by August first of each year an application containing a verified
17		statement of facts establishing the owner's property meets the eligibility requirements
18		to be considered qualifying commercial property or qualifying agricultural property
19		under this section as of the date of the application on a form and in the manner
20		prescribed by the tax commissioner.
21	<u>5.</u> _	By October first of each year, the tax commissioner shall:
22	-	a. Review the applications received under subsection 4 and determine which
23		applicants qualify for the reduction under this section; and
24	:	b. Provide to each county director of tax equalization a copy of each approved or
25		rejected application which identifies property located in the county.
26	<u> 6.</u>	The county director of tax equalization shall attach each approved application to the
27		assessment list and list the amount of the reduction allowed on the assessment list.
28		The tax department may request additional documentation from the applicant when
29		making the determination of eligibility.
30	<u>8.</u>	If an applicant is found to have claimed a reduction fraudulently under this section to
31		which that applicant is not entitled, all reductions under this section for that applicant

1		for i	that taxable year must be canceled. If an applicant received a reduction that is
2		can	celed under this section, the auditor of the county in which the property is located
3		sha	Il enter the amount of the canceled reduction as omitted property on the
4		ass	essment list of property that has escaped taxation.
5	<u>9.</u>	– <u>Det</u>	erminations of eligibility for a reduction under this section may be appealed through
6		<u>the</u>	equalization and abatement process.
7	10. 5.	The	county auditor shall apply the reduction under this section to each parcel of
8		qua	lifying commercial property or qualifying agricultural property on the corresponding
9		pro	perty tax or mobile home tax statement.
10	<u>-11.</u>	A re	eduction under this section is valid for the entire taxable year for which the claim
11		was	approved, without regard to any change of ownership of the property which
12		000	urs after the claim was approved for the taxable year.
13	12. 6.	<u>This</u>	s section does not reduce the liability of any owner for special assessments levied
14	ı	<u>upo</u>	n any property.
15	13. 7.	A re	eduction of taxable valuation under this section may not be applied to reduce the
16		taxa	able valuation used for purposes of determining the amount subtracted from a
17		<u>sch</u>	ool district's state aid payment under subdivision a of subsection 4 of section
18	i	<u>15.</u>	1-27-04.1 <u>.</u>
19	14. 8.	<u>Bef</u>	ore January fifteenth of each year after 2025, the county auditor of each county
20	ı	<u>sha</u>	Il certify to the tax commissioner, on forms prescribed by the tax commissioner, the
21		follo	owing information applicable to the preceding taxable year for property taxed as
22		rea	estate under this title and the current taxable year for property taxed as a mobile
23		hon	ne under chapter 57-55:
24		<u>a.</u>	The full name, address, and social security or taxpayer identification number of
25	I		each individual or entity for whom the reduction under this section was allowed
26			for the preceding corresponding taxable year;
27		<u>b.</u>	The legal description of the property;
28		<u>C.</u>	The taxable value of the property:
29		<u>d.</u>	The dollar amount of each reduction in taxable value allowed;

1	í í	<u>e.</u>	The	total of the tax mill rates used to calculate taxes for the
2			prec	edingcorresponding year of all taxing districts in which the property was
3			<u>cont</u>	ained, exclusive of any state mill rates; and
4	1	<u>f.</u>	<u>Any</u>	other information prescribed by the tax commissioner.
5	15. 9.	Ву	March	fifteenth of each year after 2025, the tax commissioner shall:
6		<u>a.</u>	Revi	ew the certifications under subsection 148, make any required corrections,
7			<u>and</u>	certify to the state treasurer for payment to each county the sum of the
8			<u>amo</u>	unts computed by multiplying:
9			(1)	Multiplying the reduction allowed for each parcel of qualifying residential
10				property, agricultural property, and qualifying commercial property taxed as
11				real estate under this title in the county for the preceding taxable year by the
12				total of the tax mill rates for the preceding taxable year of all taxing districts
13				in which the property was located.
14			(2)	Multiplying the reduction allowed for each parcel of residential property and
15				commercial property taxed as a mobile home under chapter 57-55 in the
16				county for the current taxable year by the total of the tax mill rates used to
17				calculate mobile home taxes under chapter 57-55 for the current taxable
18				year of all taxing districts in which the property was located.
19		<u>b.</u>	Cert	ify annually to the state treasurer for deposit in the state medical center fund
20			the a	amount computed by multiplying one mill times the reduction allowed under
21			this s	section for all parcels of qualifyingresidential property, agricultural property.
22			and-	qualifying commercial property in the state for the:
23	-		(1)	The preceding taxable year for property taxed as real estate under this title.
24	-		(2)	The current taxable year for property taxed as a mobile home under chapter
25				<u>57-55.</u>
26	<u>16.</u>	<u>In r</u>	e viewi	ng certifications, the tax commissioner may refer to any income tax return
27		info	rmatic	on or other information available to the tax commissioner.
28	17. 10.	Wit	hin fou	urteen days of receiving the payment from the state treasurer, the county
29		trea	surer	shall apportion and distribute the payment without delay to the county and to
30		the	taxing	districts of the county on the same basis property taxes under this chapter

1		and	I mobile home taxes under chapter 57-55 were apportioned and distributed for the
2		pre	ceding taxable year in which the taxes were levied.
3	18. 11.	<u>Su</u> p	pplemental certifications by the county auditor and the tax commissioner and
4		sup	plemental payments by the state treasurer may be made after the dates prescribed
5		<u>in tl</u>	nis section to make any corrections necessary because of errors or approval of any
6		<u>app</u>	lication for equalization or abatement filed by an individual or entity because all or
7	ì	par	t of the reduction under this section was not allowed.
8	19. 12.	<u>The</u>	e tax commissioner shall prescribe, design, and make available all forms necessary
9		to e	effectuate this section. Application forms must include the full name and address of
10		the	applicant and any other information prescribed by the tax commissioner. The
11		<u>cou</u>	nty director of tax equalization shall make these forms available to applicants upon
12		req	uest.
13	20. 13.	<u>For</u>	purposes of this section:
14		<u>a.</u>	"Domicile" has the meaning provided under section 47-30.2-01"Commercial
15			property" means commercial property as defined under section 57-02-01 and
16			mobile homes used for commercial purposes and taxed under chapter 57-55.
17		<u>b.</u>	"Owned" means an individual or entity holds a present ownership interest,
18			including ownership in fee simple, holds a present life estate or other terminable
19			present ownership interest, or is a purchaser under a contract for deed. The term
20			does not include a mere right of occupancy or a tenancy under a lease.
21	:	C.	"Qualifying agricultural property" means agricultural property, as defined under
22			section 57-02-01, which is owned by an individual who is a resident of the state
23			or an entity that is domiciled in the state.
24	-	<u>d.</u>	"Qualifying commercial property" means commercial property, as defined under
25			section 57-02-01, which is owned by an individual who is a resident of the state
26			or an entity that is domiciled in the state "Residential property" means residential
27			property as defined under section 57-02-01 and mobile homes used for
28			residential purposes and taxed under chapter 57-55.
29	—SEC	TIOI	4 6. AMENDMENT. Section 57-02-27 of the North Dakota Century Code is
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assessed as agricultural property prior to March 30, 1981, must be assessed as agricultural property for ad valorem property tax purposes until put to another use. Such valuation must be uniform with the valuation of adjoining unannexed agricultural land.

SECTION 8. AMENDMENT. Section 57-02-27.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

57-02-27.1. Property to be valued at true and full value.

- All assessors and boards of equalization shall place the values of all items of taxable property at the true and full value of the property except as otherwise specifically provided by law, and the amount of taxes that may be levied on such property must be limited as provided in this chapter. For the purposes of sections 57-02-27, 57-02-27.1, 57-02-27.2, and 57-55-04, the term "true and full value" has the same meaning as provided in subsection 15 of section 57-02-01, except that "true and full value" of agricultural lands must be as determined pursuant to section 57-02-27.2.
- The governing body of the city or township may establish valuations that recognize the supply of vacant lots available for sale.

SECTION 10. A new section to chapter 57-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Limitation on taxable valuation increases.

- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the taxable valuation on any parcel of taxable property may not exceed by more than three percent the amount of the taxable valuation on that parcel of taxable property in the preceding taxable year, except to the extent improvements to the property have been made which were not included in the taxable valuation of the property in the preceding taxable year. The limitation in this section applies regardless of a sale, transfer, or other change in ownership of the property.
- Taxable valuations exceeding the limitations under subsection 1 may be imposed upon approval of a ballot measure, stating the proposed maximum allowable percentage increase in taxable valuation, by a majority of the qualified electors of the taxing district voting on the guestion at a statewide general or primary election. Taxable valuations

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29 30 exceeding the limitations under subsection 1 may be approved by electors for not more than six taxable years at a time.

A city or county may not supersede or modify the application of this section under home rule authority.

SECTION 11. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 57-38-30.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- A tax is hereby imposed for each taxable year upon income earned or received in that taxable year by every resident and nonresident individual, estate, and trust. A taxpayer computing the tax under this section is only eligible for those adjustments or credits that are specifically provided for in this section. Provided, that for purposes of this section, any person required to file a state income tax return under this chapter, but who has not computed a federal taxable income figure, shall compute a federal taxable income figure using a pro forma return in order to determine a federal taxable income figure to be used as a starting point in computing state income tax under this section. The tax for individuals is equal to North Dakota taxable income multiplied by the rates in the applicable rate schedule in subdivisions a through d corresponding to an individual's filing status used for federal income tax purposes. For an estate or trust, the schedule in subdivision e must be used for purposes of this subsection.
 - Single, other than head of household or surviving spouse, and married filing a. separately.

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If North Dakota taxable income is:

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\$0	\$0.00 + 0.00%	\$44,725	\$0
\$44,725	\$0.00 + 1.95%	\$225,975	\$44,725
\$225,975	\$3,534.38 + 2.50%		\$225,975
\$0	\$0.00 + 0.00%	\$48,475	\$0
\$48,475	\$0.00 + 1.95%	\$244,825	\$48,475
\$244,825	\$3,828.83 + 2.50%		\$244,825

b. Married filing jointly and surviving spouse. If North Dakota taxable income is:

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1		Over	Not over	The tax is equal to	Of amount over
2		\$0	\$74,750	\$0.00 + 0.00%	
3		\$74,750	\$275,100	\$0.00 + 1.95%	
4		\$275,100		\$3,906.83 + 2.50%	
5		Over	Not over	The tax is equal to	
6		\$0	\$96,950	\$0.00 + 0.00%	SHIP SHIP SHIP SHIP SHIP SHIP SHIP SHIP
7	200	\$96,950	\$489,650	\$0.00 + 1.95%	\$96,950
8		\$489,650		\$7,657.65 + 2.50%	
9	C.	Married filing	separately.		
10		If North Dake	ota taxable income is:		
11	W-	-Over	Not over	The tax is equal to	Of amount over
12		\$0	\$37,375	\$0.00 + 0.00%	\$0
13		\$37,375	\$137,550	\$0.00 + 1.95%	\$37,375
14		\$137,550		\$1,953.41 + 2.50%	\$137,550
15	d.	—Head of hous	ehold.		
16		If North Dako	ta taxable income is:		
17		Over	Not over	The tax is equal to	Of amount over
18		\$0	\$59,950	\$0.00 + 0.00%	\$0
19		\$59,950	\$250,550	\$0.00 + 1.95%	\$59,950
20		\$250,550		\$3,716.70 + 2.50%	\$250,550
21		\$0	\$72,713	\$0.00 + 0.00%	\$0
22		\$72,713	\$367,238	\$0.00 + 1.95%	\$72,713
23		\$367,238		\$5,743.24 + 2.50%	\$367,238
24	e. <u>d.</u>	Estates and t	rusts.		
25		If North Dako	ta taxable income is:		
26		Over	Not over	The tax is equal to	Of amount over
27		\$0	\$3,000	\$0.00 + 0.00%	\$0
28		\$3,000	\$10,750	\$0.00 + 1.95%	\$3,000
29		\$10,750		\$151.13 + 2.50%	\$10,750
30		\$0	\$3,250	\$0.00 + 0.00%	\$0

1		\$3,250	\$11,650	\$0.00 + 1.95%	\$3,250
2		\$11,650		\$163.80 + 2.50%	\$11,650
3	<u>f.e.</u>	For an individual	who is not a resident of this	s state for the entire year,	or for a
4		nonresident estate	e or trust, the tax is equal t	to the tax otherwise compl	uted under
5		this subsection m	ultiplied by a fraction in wh	ich:	
6		(1) The numerat	tor is the federal adjusted o	gross income allocable an	d
7		apportionabl	e to this state; and		
8		(2) The denomin	nator is the federal adjuste	d gross income from all so	ources
9		reduced by t	he net income from the am	nounts specified in subdivi	sions a and
10		b of subsecti	on 2.		
11		In the case of mai	rried individuals filing a joir	nt return, if one spouse is	a resident
12		of this state for the	e entire year and the other	spouse is a nonresident f	or part or
13		all of the tax year,	the tax on the joint return	must be computed under	this
14		subdivision.			
15	g. 1.	The tax commissi	oner shall prescribe new ra	ate schedules that apply in	n lieu of the
16		schedules set fort	h in subdivisions a through	n ed. The new schedules r	must be
17		determined by inc	reasing the minimum and	maximum dollar amounts	for each
18		income bracket fo	r which a tax is imposed b	y the cost-of-living adjustr	ment for the
19		taxable year as de	etermined by the secretary	of the United States treas	sury for
20		purposes of section	on 1(f) of the United States	Internal Revenue Code of	of 1954, as
21		amended. For this	s purpose, the rate applica	ble to each income bracke	et may not
22		be changed, and	the manner of applying the	e cost-of-living adjustment	must be
23		the same as that	used for adjusting the inco	me brackets for federal in	come tax
24		purposes.			
25	h.g.	The tax commissi	oner shall prescribe an op	tional simplified method o	f computing
26		tax under this sec	tion that may be used by a	an individual taxpayer who	is not
27		entitled to claim a	n adjustment under subse	ction 2 or credit against in	come tax
28		liability under sub	section 7.		
29			T. Subsection 7 of section	57-38-30.3 of the North D	akota
30			reenacted as follows:		
31	7. A ta	xpayer filing a retu	rn under this section is ent	itled to the following tax or	redits:

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1	a.	Family care tax credit under section 57-38-01.20.
2	b.	Renaissance zone tax credits under sections 40-63-04, 40-63-06, and 40-63-07.
3	C.	Agricultural business investment tax credit under section 57-38.6-03.
4	d.	Seed capital investment tax credit under section 57-38.5-03.
5	e.	Planned gift tax credit under section 57-38-01.21.
6	f.	Biodiesel fuel or green diesel fuel tax credits under sections 57-38-01.22 and
7		57-38-01.23.
8	g.	Internship employment tax credit under section 57-38-01.24.
9	h.	Workforce recruitment credit under section 57-38-01.25.
10	i.	Marriage penalty credit under section 57-38-01.28.
11	j.	Research and experimental expenditures under section 57-38-30.5.
12	k. j.	Geothermal energy device installation credit under section 57-38-01.8.
13	<u> </u>	Long-term care partnership plan premiums income tax credit under section
14		57-38-29.3.
15	m.l.	Employer tax credit for salary and related retirement plan contributions of
16		mobilized employees under section 57-38-01.31.
17	n. m.	Income tax credit for passthrough entity contributions to private education
18		institutions under section 57-38-01.7.
19	o. n.	Angel investor tax credit under section 57-38-01.26.
20	p. 0.	Income tax credit for employment of individuals with developmental disabilities or
21		severe mental illness under section 57-38-01.16.
22	q. p.	Adoption tax credit under section 57-38-01.38.
23	r. q.	Tax credit for contributions to a maternity home, child-placing agency, or
24		pregnancy help center under section 57-38-01.39.
25	s. r.	Apprenticeship tax credit under section 57-38-01.40.
26	t. <u>s.</u>	Twenty-first century manufacturing and animal agricultural workforce incentive
27		under section 57-38-01.41.
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SECTION 13. A new subdivision to subsection 1 of section 57-55-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

 If it is owned by an individual who a taxpayer that qualifies for the primary residential valuation reduction under section 49 of this Act, to the extent to which the individual taxpayer is entitled to the reduction.

SECTION 14. REPEAL. Sections 21-10-12 and 21-10-13 of the North Dakota Century Code are repealed.

SECTION 15. REPEAL. Section Sections 57-02-08.9 and 57-38-01.28 of the North Dakota Century Code is are repealed.

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER - GENERAL FUND TO LEGACY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND - TAX COMMISSIONER.

- 1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$85,001,793, which the office of management and budget shall transfer to the legacy property tax relief fund, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. For legislative council budget status reporting purposes, the transfer under this subsection is considered an ongoing funding item.
- 2. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the legacy property tax relief fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$483,400,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the tax commissioner for the state reimbursement of the residential property, agricultural property, and commercial property taxable valuation reduction for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. Of the \$483,400,000, \$85,001,793 is from the general fund pursuant to subsection 1, and \$398,398,207 is from the legacy earnings fund.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{4}{5}$, $\frac{5}{6}$, $\frac{89}{10}$, $\frac{10}{11}$, $\frac{12}{13}$, and $\frac{915}{10}$ of this Act are effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024.