

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Hogue

1 A BILL for an Act to provide appropriations to the information technology department and public
2 service commission; to provide contingent loan authorization; and to provide an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT -**
5 **DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of
6 any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
7 \$1,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the information technology
8 department for the purpose of updating state-controlled websites and digital content to comply
9 with digital accessibility provisions of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, for the period
10 beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2027. The funding
11 appropriated in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

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

18 **SECTION 3. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION - FEDERAL LAWSUIT INTERVENTION -**
19 **CONTINGENT LOAN AUTHORIZATION.** During the period beginning with the effective date of
20 this Act and ending June 30, 2025, if the funding appropriated in section 2 of this Act is not
21 sufficient for federal lawsuit intervention efforts, the public service commission may use the loan
22 authorization provided in section 4 of House Bill No. 1008, as approved by the sixty-ninth
23 legislative assembly, to obtain funds for federal lawsuit intervention efforts.

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