

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  
INTERVENTION - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
13 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$325,000, or so much  
14 of the sum as may be necessary, to the public service commission for federal lawsuit  
15 intervention efforts, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending  
16 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.

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