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Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

Representative Heilman

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 49 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a moratorium on issuing data center permits; to provide an effective date; and to provide an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new chapter to title 49 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Data centers - Permit moratorium.

1. For purposes of this section, "data center" means a facility constructed primarily for the storage, management, and processing of digital data, which houses computer and network systems, including associated components such as servers, network equipment and appliances, telecommunications systems, internet-related equipment and services, data communications connections, environmental control systems, fire protection systems, security systems, and other equipment and infrastructure necessary to support the operation of the facility.
2. A county, city, or township may not authorize or issue a permit for the construction, erection, reconstruction, alteration, or enlargement of a data center.
3. An ordinance enacted or adopted by a county, city, or township, including an ordinance enacted or adopted under a home rule charter, which conflicts with this section is void.

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

SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE. This Act is effective through June 30, 2027, and after that date is ineffective.