

HOUSE BILL NO. 1269

Introduced by

Representatives Kempenich, Schatz, Zubke

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 15-04-25, 15-04-25.1, and 15-04-25.2 of the
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the state land advisory board.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 15-04-25 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as
5 follows:

6 **15-04-25. State land advisory board - Appointment - Qualifications - Term.**

7 1. The state land advisory board consists of eight members, one from each of the
8 following districts, appointed by the governor:

9 a. District one consists of Divide, McKenzie, and Williams Counties.

10 b. District two consists of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville,
11 and Ward Counties.

12 c. District three consists of Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette, and Towner
13 Counties.

14 d. District four consists of Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina, and Walsh Counties.

15 e. District five consists of Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, and Traill
16 Counties.

17 f. District six consists of Barnes, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh,
18 Stutsman, and Wells Counties.

19 g. District seven consists of Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer,
20 Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux Counties.

21 h. District eight consists of Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley,
22 Hettinger, Slope, and Stark Counties.

1 2. All members must be bona fide farmers or ranchers. Each appointment must be made
2 from a list of three names submitted by agricultural organizations requested by the
3 governor to submit the list.

4 3. Appointments are for a term of four years from July first of the year of appointment,
5 and continue until a successor has been appointed and qualified. Vacancies occurring
6 other than by the expiration of an appointive term may be filled by appointment for the
7 remainder of the term. No member of the board may serve longer than two full terms.
8 The members of the advisory board are subject to removal by the governor for cause
9 only.

10 4. The advisory board shall select from its members a chairman, vice chairman, and
11 secretary who serve in these positions until June thirtieth of the year next following
12 their selection.

13 **SECTION 2.** Section 15-04-25.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
14 as follows:

15 **15-04-25.1. Compensation.**

16 Each member of the advisory board is entitled to be paid a per diem of sixty-two dollars and
17 fifty cents for each day of service, including time of travel between home and the meeting
18 location, for each meeting required by section 15-04-25.2 held in that member's respective
19 district and for meetings of the advisory board. Each member is entitled to be reimbursed for
20 necessary and actual expenses at the rates and in the manner provided by law for other state
21 officers. The compensation and expenses must be paid out of the board of university and
22 school lands' appropriations.

23 **SECTION 3.** Section 15-04-25.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
24 as follows:

25 **15-04-25.2. Meetings and duties.**

26 1. Each board member shall hold a public meeting at least twice each fiscal year in the
27 board member's district to make presentations and determine the needs and opinions
28 of those interested in leasing state land.

29 2. The board shall meet at least once each fiscal year.

30 3. The board may advise the commissioner of university and school lands regarding any
31 policy relating to the lease of state land and may make general recommendations

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- 1 concerning the operation and auction of state lands. The board shall forward its
- 2 recommendations to the governor.