

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1077  
(Energy and Natural Resources Committee)  
(At the request of the Department of Water Resources)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to water storage contracts.

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

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 61-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Water storage contracts.**

A federal agency that enters into discussions with an entity relating to a water storage contract from a reservoir partially or wholly located within the state shall provide the department of water resources with a sixty-day notice once the discussions begin. Communications regarding a water storage contract must be copied to the department of water resources. The department of water resources must be provided with an executed copy of a water storage contract.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1077.

House Vote:    Yeas 93            Nays 0            Absent 1

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47            Nays 0            Absent 0

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State