

HOUSE BILL NO. 1456

Introduced by

Representatives Brandenburg, Kretschmar, Rohr, Schmidt

Senators Erbele, Schaible

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 54-01-29 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to negotiation for the transfer of excess lands around Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 54-01-29 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as
5 follows:

6 **54-01-29. Negotiation for the transfer of excess lands - Generally.**

- 7 1. The state board of university and school lands shall negotiate with the United States
8 army corps of engineers for the return of excess lands around Lake Sakakawea above
9 elevation 1,854 feet mean sea level and excess lands around Lake Oahe above 1,617
10 feet mean sea level to the state for transfer to the appropriate persons.
- 11 2. If the United States army corps of engineers transfers land surrounding Lake
12 Sakakawea or Lake Oahe to the state government, the ownership of land located
13 within a Native American reservation is to be determined by the tribe and the
14 ownership of land not located within a reservation is to be determined by the
15 appropriate county. The state board of university and school lands shall accept
16 temporary transfer of the land.