

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

SENATE BILL NO. 2319  
(Senator Kannianen)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-51.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to distribution of revenue from wells located outside reservation boundaries; and to provide for application.

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

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 57-51.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Straddle well distribution.**

1. By August 1, 2021, and on or before April thirtieth of each subsequent fiscal year, the industrial commission shall certify to the tax commissioner the on-reservation trust lands acreage ratio and the on-reservation nontrust lands acreage ratio for each reservation with on-reservation spacing unit acreage. For each reservation, the on-reservation trust lands acreage ratio is calculated by dividing the on-reservation spacing unit acreage consisting of trust lands by the total spacing unit acreage. For each reservation, the on-reservation nontrust lands acreage ratio is calculated by dividing the on-reservation spacing unit acreage consisting of nontrust lands by the total spacing unit acreage. The on-reservation acreage ratios for each reservation are effective for taxable production each fiscal year beginning July first. By August 1, 2021, and on or before June first of each subsequent fiscal year, the tax commissioner shall publish the on-reservation acreage ratios for each reservation.
2. The tax commissioner shall certify to the state treasurer the total oil and gas gross production and oil extraction taxes attributable to production from straddle wells drilled before July 1, 2019, by reservation, and the total oil and gas gross production and oil extraction taxes attributable to production from straddle wells drilled on or after July 1, 2019, by reservation. Before allocation of the state's share of oil and gas tax revenues under section 57-51.1-07.5, the state treasurer shall allocate monthly to the governing body of a tribe associated with a reservation that has on-reservation spacing unit acreage, an amount equal to:
  - a. Fifty percent of the taxes certified under this section for wells drilled before July 1, 2019, multiplied by the on-reservation trust lands acreage ratio calculated under subsection 1 for that reservation;
  - b. Fifty percent of the taxes certified under this section for wells drilled before July 1, 2019, multiplied by the on-reservation nontrust lands acreage ratio calculated under subsection 1 for that reservation;
  - c. Eighty percent of the taxes certified under this section for wells drilled on or after July 1, 2019, multiplied by the on-reservation trust lands acreage ratio calculated under subsection 1 for that reservation; and
  - d. Twenty percent of the taxes certified under this section for wells drilled on or after July 1, 2019, multiplied by the on-reservation nontrust lands acreage ratio calculated under subsection 1 for that reservation.
3. For purposes of this section:

- a. "On-reservation spacing unit acreage" means the mineral acreage located within the exterior boundaries of a reservation in this state from all spacing units with one or more straddle wells.
  - b. "Straddle well" means an oil and gas well located outside the exterior boundaries of a reservation which has one or more laterals penetrating a reservation boundary.
  - c. "Total spacing unit acreage" means the total mineral acreage from all spacing units with one or more straddle wells.
4. Upon accepting a payment under this section, if a tribe assesses any tax or fee or imposes any regulation on any current or future straddle well, or assesses an additional tax on any well subject to an agreement under chapter 57-51.2, the agreement under chapter 57-51.2 is void and the state treasurer may not distribute any funds to the tribe under this section or chapter 57-51.2.

**SECTION 2. APPLICATION.** This Act applies to oil and gas tax revenue collections allocated by the state treasurer after September 1, 2021.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2319.

Senate Vote:    Yeas 43            Nays 3            Absent 1

House Vote:    Yeas 79            Nays 13           Absent 2

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Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021,

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Secretary of State