

HOUSE BILL NO. 1249

Introduced by

Representatives DeKrey, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 10-06.1-10 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to approval of farmland or ranchland acquisitions by nonprofit
3 organizations.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 3 of section 10-06.1-10 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 3. Before any farmland or ranchland may be purchased by any nonprofit organization
8 for the purpose of conserving natural areas and habitats for biota, the ~~governor~~
9 board of county commissioners of the county in which the property is located must
10 approve the proposed acquisition. A nonprofit organization that desires to
11 purchase farmland or ranchland for the purpose of conserving natural areas and
12 habitats for biota shall ~~first~~ submit a proposed acquisition plan to the ~~agriculture~~
13 ~~commissioner who shall convene an advisory committee consisting of the director~~
14 ~~of the parks and recreation department, the state engineer, the commissioner of~~
15 ~~agriculture, the state forester, the director of the game and fish department, the~~
16 ~~president of the North Dakota farmers union, the president of the North Dakota~~
17 ~~farm bureau, and the manager of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District for~~
18 ~~acquisition plans containing lands within the Garrison Diversion Conservancy~~
19 ~~District, or their designees. The advisory committee shall hold a public hearing~~
20 ~~with the board of county commissioners concerning the proposed acquisition plan~~
21 ~~and shall make recommendations to the governor within forty five days after~~
22 ~~receipt of the proposed acquisition plan. The governor~~ board shall approve or
23 disapprove ~~any~~ the proposed acquisition plan, ~~or any part thereof, within thirty~~
24 ~~days after receipt of the recommendations from the advisory committee.~~