

**SENATE BILL NO. 2203**

Introduced by

Senator Bowman

(At the request of the Office of Management and Budget)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-40.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to distribution of mineral royalties to counties and school districts; to provide an  
3 effective date; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-40.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **15-40.1-13. Receipts from federal funds - Distribution to counties and school**  
8 **districts.** All moneys paid to the state by the secretary of the treasury of the United States  
9 under the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal,  
10 phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain" [Pub. L. 66-146; 41 Stat. 437;  
11 30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.], must be credited to the state general fund and must be distributed only  
12 pursuant to ~~the terms of this chapter~~ this section.

13 Three months following the calendar quarters ending in March, June, September, and  
14 December, the state auditor shall certify to the state treasurer the amount of money the state  
15 received during the preceding calendar quarter for royalties under the Act of Congress cited  
16 above. The state treasurer shall allocate the percentage of the total moneys received as  
17 required by this section among the counties in which the minerals were produced based on the  
18 proportion each county's mineral royalty revenue bears to the total mineral royalty revenue  
19 received by the state for that calendar quarter. The state treasurer shall pay the amount  
20 calculated to each county. The moneys must be used by the counties for planning,  
21 construction, and maintenance of public facilities, and the provision of public services.

22 The percentage of mineral royalty revenues received by the state under the Act of  
23 Congress cited above which is to be allocated and paid to the counties under this section is ten  
24 percent for collections in 2000, twenty percent for collections in 2001, thirty percent for

1 collections in 2002, forty percent for collections in 2003, and fifty percent for collections in 2004  
2 and thereafter. The funds needed to make the distribution to counties provided for in this  
3 section are hereby appropriated on a continuing basis for making these payments.

4 ~~Such~~ The balance of all revenue received under the Act of Congress cited above must  
5 be distributed only to school districts under this chapter and such moneys must be deemed the  
6 first moneys withdrawn or expended from the general fund for state school aid purposes.

7 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for all revenues received under  
8 the Act of Congress cited in section 1 of this Act after December 31, 1999.