

HOUSE BILL NO. 1053

Introduced by

Representative Boucher

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 acquisition of farmland or ranchland by nonprofit organizations.

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

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

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