

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1053
(Representative Boucher)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 3 of section 10-06.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to acquisition of farmland or ranchland by nonprofit organizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

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

3. Before ~~any~~ farmland or ranchland may be purchased by ~~any~~ a nonprofit organization for the purpose of conserving natural areas and habitats for biota, the governor must approve the proposed acquisition. A nonprofit organization that desires to purchase farmland or ranchland for the purpose of conserving natural areas and habitats for biota shall first submit a proposed acquisition plan to the agriculture commissioner who shall convene an advisory committee consisting of the director of the parks and recreation department, ~~the state engineer,~~ the ~~commissioner~~ of agriculture commissioner, the state forester, the director of the game and fish department, the president of the North Dakota farmers union, the president of the North Dakota farm bureau, and the ~~manager of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District for acquisition plans containing lands within the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, or their designees~~ chairman of the county commission of any county affected by the acquisition. The advisory committee shall hold a public hearing with the board of county commissioners concerning the proposed acquisition plan and shall make recommendations to the governor within forty-five days after receipt of the proposed acquisition plan. The governor shall approve or disapprove any proposed acquisition plan, or any part thereof, within thirty days after receipt of the recommendations from the advisory committee.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1053.

House Vote: Yeas 95 Nays 0 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 43 Nays 0 Absent 6

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State