

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1384

Page 1, line 1, replace "a" with "two" and replace "section" with "sections"

Page 1, line 16, after the underscored period insert "Have a student enrollment that is in excess of five hundred twenty and cover a geographical area that is in excess of six hundred square miles [155398.8 hectares]:

c."

Page 1, line 17, after "miles" insert "[207198.4 hectares]"

Page 1, line 18, replace "c" with "d" and remove "two hundred"

Page 1, line 19, after "miles" insert "[258998 hectares]"

Page 1, after line 19, insert:

"SECTION 2. A new section to chapter 15.1-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Isolation - Waiver of reorganization criteria.

1. If the boards of two or more school districts vote to pursue a reorganization, but fail because of isolation to meet the criteria of section 1 of this Act, the boards may jointly petition the superintendent of public instruction for a waiver of those requirements. The superintendent may waive the requirements only if:
 - a. The proposed reorganized district will offer within its boundaries all grade levels from one through twelve;
 - b. The geographic location of the proposed reorganized district negates other practical reorganization alternatives;
 - c. The proposed reorganized district covers a geographical area of at least six hundred square miles [155398.8 hectares];
 - d. The proposed reorganized district will offer students academic opportunities and other educational opportunities not otherwise available; and
 - e. The proposed reorganized district appears able to sustain a viable financial base into the foreseeable future.
2. Any board aggrieved by a decision of the superintendent of public instruction under this section may appeal the decision to the state board of public school education. A decision by the state board is final."

Renumber accordingly