

SENATE BILL NO. 2122

Introduced by

Agriculture Committee

(At the request of the State Board of Higher Education)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-38 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to optional income tax contributions to the trees for North Dakota
3 program trust fund; to amend and reenact sections 4-21.2-01, 4-21.2-02, and 4-21.2-03 of the
4 North Dakota Century Code, relating to changing the centennial trees program to the trees for
5 North Dakota program; and to declare an emergency.

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

7 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-21.2-01 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
8 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 **4-21.2-01. ~~(Effective through June 30, 2001) Centennial trees~~ Trees for North**
10 **Dakota program.** The ~~centennial trees~~ for North Dakota program is created for the public
11 purpose of ~~fostering the goal of planting one hundred million trees in North Dakota during the~~
12 ~~decade of the 1990s~~ strengthening the tradition of tree planting and management in this state.

13 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-21.2-02 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
14 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **4-21.2-02. ~~(Effective through June 30, 2001) Centennial trees~~ Trees for North**
16 **Dakota program trust fund.** A special fund known as the ~~centennial trees~~ for North Dakota
17 program trust fund is established in the state treasury. Income earned on moneys in the fund
18 must be credited to the fund. The state forester shall deposit all program funds received ~~for the~~
19 ~~program~~ from governmental and private sources in the trust fund. ~~Moneys in the fund~~ Program
20 funds may be ~~spent directly or by~~ expended for direct costs or distributed for grants and
21 contracts by the state forester within the limits of legislative appropriations for defraying the
22 costs associated with execution of the ~~centennial trees~~ for North Dakota program.

23 The state treasurer shall transfer all funds in the centennial trees program trust fund to
24 the trees for North Dakota program trust fund.

1 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 4-21.2-03 of the 1999 Supplement to the North
2 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **4-21.2-03. (~~Effective through June 30, 2001~~) Authority for local governments to**
4 **participate.** Any political subdivision of the state may provide financial aid or supportive
5 services to the ~~centennial~~ trees for North Dakota program.

6 **SECTION 4.** A new section to chapter 57-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Optional contributions to trees for North Dakota program trust fund.** An individual
9 may designate on the tax return of that individual a contribution to the trees for North Dakota
10 program trust fund of any amount of one dollar or more to be added to tax liability or deducted
11 from any refund that would otherwise be payable by or to the individual. The tax commissioner
12 shall notify taxpayers of this optional contribution on the individual state income tax returns.
13 The tax commissioner shall transfer the amount of optional contributions under this section to
14 the state treasurer for deposit in the trees for North Dakota program trust fund for use as
15 provided in chapter 4-21.2.

16 **SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.