

SENATE BILL NO. 2138

Introduced by

Agriculture Committee

(At the request of the Agriculture Commissioner)

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 the composition of the natural areas acquisition advisory committee.

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