

SENATE BILL NO. 2126

Introduced by

Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the State Water Commission)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-36-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to membership of the Devils Lake outlet management advisory committee.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-36-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **61-36-01. Devils Lake outlet management advisory committee - Members -**
7 **Terms - Vacancies.** The Devils Lake outlet management advisory committee consists of the
8 state engineer or the state engineer's designee, one member appointed by the Red River joint
9 water resource board, one member appointed by the Devils Lake joint water resource board,
10 one member appointed by the upper Sheyenne River joint water resource board, one county
11 commissioner from Ramsey County appointed by the Ramsey County board of county
12 commissioners, one county commissioner from Benson County appointed by the Benson
13 County board of county commissioners, a representative of the Spirit Lake Nation appointed by
14 the tribal council of the Spirit Lake Nation, and three members appointed by the governor. The
15 members appointed by the governor must represent the interests affected by downstream
16 impacts of operating an outlet to Devils Lake. An appointed member may designate a
17 substitute to serve in that person's capacity at such meetings that person may be unable to
18 attend. Except for the first term, all appointed members serve for a term of four years or until
19 their successors are appointed and qualified. For the first term, two of the members from the
20 Devils Lake basin must serve two-year terms and two of the other appointed members must
21 serve two-year terms, provided that at least one member representing the interests affected by
22 downstream impacts of operating an outlet to Devils Lake must remain on the committee for a
23 four-year term. The chairman shall hold the first meeting within two months after August 1,
24 1997. Terms expire on the first day of July. Each appointed member must be a qualified

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- 1 elector of the state and is subject to removal by judicial procedure. A vacancy must be filled in
- 2 the same manner as original appointments for the remainder of the unexpired term. Before
- 3 entering upon the discharge of official duties, each appointed member shall take, subscribe,
- 4 and file with the secretary of state the oath prescribed for civil officers.