

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2217

Introduced by

Senator Holmberg

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-01-18 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to abstractor fees; and to provide for a legislative council study.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-01-18 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **43-01-18. Fees chargeable by abstractor.** An abstractor may charge no more than
7 the following fees for making and certifying to an abstract:

- 8 1. For each entry on an abstract or continuation ~~thereof~~ of an entry on an abstract,
9 ~~six ten~~ six ten dollars.
- 10 2. For a complete certification covering the records of the several county offices,
11 ~~seventy five one hundred~~ one hundred dollars.
- 12 3. For a certification covering lands in excess of one quarter section [64.75 hectares]
13 in the same abstract of title ~~an additional fee of nine dollars, and~~ and for each quarter
14 section [64.75 hectares] or portion ~~thereof~~ of a quarter section in excess of one,
15 ~~may be charged~~ an additional fee of ten dollars.
- 16 4. For a certification covering premises in more than one block in any subdivision in
17 the same abstract of title, ~~an additional fee of nine dollars, and~~ and for the premises in
18 each additional block in excess of one, ~~may be charged~~ an additional fee of ten
19 dollars.
- 20 5. For each name searched for judgments, real estate taxes, bankruptcy
21 proceedings, federal tax liens, and state tax liens, ~~mechanics' liens and~~
22 ~~mechanics' lien notices, three five~~ five dollars and fees charged to the abstractor by a
23 governmental ~~agencies~~ agency or governmental ~~entities~~ entity.

1 6. ~~For all miscellaneous instruments, two dollars for the first one hundred words, and~~
2 ~~one dollar for each additional hundred words or fraction thereof.~~

3 7. The fees as may be fixed by special statute.

4 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - ABSTRACTERS, TITLE OPINIONS,**
5 **AND TITLE INSURANCE.** The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2007-08
6 interim, abstracters, title opinions, and title insurance, including a review of the orderly and
7 efficient transfer of real property which provides adequate assurances of title. The legislative
8 council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to
9 implement the recommendations, to the sixty-first legislative assembly.