

Introduced by

Senators Heckaman, Oehlke

Representatives Devlin, Hofstad, D. Johnson, Vigesaa

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the purchase of inundated land under a terminal lake; and to  
2 provide an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1. TERMINAL LAKE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.** The state water commission  
5 shall create and administer a terminal lake assistance program for the purchase of land under  
6 Devils Lake which was taken from the owner through the increase of navigable water creating  
7 sovereign lands. The program is contingent on federal funding to supply matching funds not to  
8 exceed the lesser of the fifty percent of the total purchase price, four hundred dollars an acre for  
9 previous crop or hay land, or two hundred dollars an acre for previous pasture or grazing land.  
10 The project must equitably distribute funding among applicants who own eligible land under the  
11 federal program but the total purchase price may not exceed the fair market value for the  
12 eligible land if the land had not been flooded.

13 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general  
14 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$25,000,000, or so much of  
15 the sum as may be necessary, to the state water commission for the purpose of providing at  
16 minimum fifty percent of the funds for the purchase of certain land under a terminal lake in this  
17 state under section 1 of this Act, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30,  
18 2017.