

Sixty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2340

Introduced by

Senators Meyer, Burckhard, Casper

Representatives Beadle, Louser, Delmore

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 1 of section 11-18-05 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to fees charged by a county recorder for filing mortgage disclosures.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 11-18-05 of the North Dakota Century  
5 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 1. For recording an instrument affecting title to real estate:

7 a. Deeds, mortgages, and all other instruments not specifically provided for in this  
8 subsection, ~~ten~~fifteen~~twenty~~ dollars for the first page and three dollars for each  
9 additional ~~page~~documents containing one to ~~four~~six pages and ~~sixty~~sixty-five  
10 dollars for documents containing more than ~~four~~six pages plus three dollars for  
11 each additional page after the first twenty-five pages. In addition, for all  
12 documents recorded under this section that list more than ~~five~~ten sections of  
13 land, a fee of one dollar for each additional section listed which is to be recorded  
14 in the tract index. Three dollars of the fee collected for the first page of each  
15 instrument recorded under this subdivision must be placed in the document  
16 preservation fund.

17 (1) "Page" means one side of a single legal size sheet of paper not exceeding  
18 eight and one-half inches [21.59 centimeters] in width and fourteen inches  
19 [35.56 centimeters] in length.

20 (2) The printed, written, or typed words must be considered legible by the  
21 recorder before the page will be accepted for recording and, unless the form  
22 was issued by a government agency, must have a font size equal to or  
23 larger than ten point calibri.

- 1           (3) Each real estate instrument must have a legal description considered to be  
2           adequate by the recorder before such instrument will be accepted for  
3           recording.
- 4           (4) A space of at least four inches by three and one-half inches [10.16 by  
5           8.89 centimeters] square ~~three inches [7.62 centimeters]~~ must be provided  
6           on ~~across the top of the first or last page~~ of each instrument for the  
7           recorder's recording information. ~~If~~ Except as provided in paragraph 5, if  
8           ~~recording information can only be placed on the reverse side of an~~  
9           ~~instrument~~ a space of at least three inches [7.62 centimeters] is not  
10          provided across the top of the first page, the recorder ~~may~~ shall add a page,  
11          and an additional page charge ~~must~~ may be levied in accordance with the  
12          fee structure.
- 13          b. Instruments satisfying, releasing, assigning, subordinating, continuing, amending,  
14          or extending more than ~~one instrument~~ ten instruments previously recorded in the  
15          county in which recording is requested, ~~ten dollars for the first page and three~~  
16          ~~dollars for each additional page plus a fee of~~ fifteen ~~twenty~~ dollars for documents  
17          containing one to ~~four~~ six ~~pages~~, ~~sixty~~ sixty-five ~~dollars for documents containing~~  
18          more than ~~four~~ six ~~pages plus three dollars for each additional page after the first~~  
19          twenty-five pages, and three dollars for each such additional document number  
20          or book and page after the first ten referenced instruments. In addition, for all  
21          documents recorded under this section which list more than ~~five~~ ten separate  
22          sections of land, a fee of one dollar for each additional section listed which is to  
23          be recorded in the tract index. Three dollars of the fee collected for the ~~first page~~  
24          of each instrument recorded under this subdivision must be placed in the  
25          document preservation fund.
- 26          c. Plats, twenty dollars for twenty lots or fewer and fifty dollars for more than twenty  
27          lots.
- 28          d. All instruments presented for recording after June 30, 2001, must contain a  
29          one-inch [2.54-centimeter] top, bottom, or side margin on each page of the  
30          instrument for the placement of computerized recording labels. An instrument that

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- 1 does not conform to this margin requirement may be recorded upon payment of
- 2 an additional fee of ten dollars.