

**SENATE BILL NO. 2120**

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Kreun

Representative Monson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 61-16-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the number of board members for water resource districts encompassing one county.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 61-16-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **61-16-07. Water resource board - Appointment and number.**

7 When a water resource district has been created, and the state water commission has filed  
8 notice with the county auditor of a county where the district or a part thereof of the district is  
9 situated, a water resource board shallmust be appointed within ninety days, ~~as provided herein.~~  
10 If the district's boundaries are confined to one county, the board of county commissioners shall  
11 appoint a water resource board consisting of ~~three or five~~ an odd number of managers not to  
12 exceed seven. When a district includes two counties, the water resource board shallmust  
13 consist of five managers, three appointed by the board of county commissioners of the county  
14 having with the larger aggregate taxable valuation of property, and two appointed by the board of  
15 county commissioners of the other county. If a district includes three counties, the water  
16 resource board shallmust consist of five managers, one appointed by the board of county  
17 commissioners having with the lowest aggregate taxable valuation of property in the district, and  
18 two appointed by the board of county commissioners of each of the other two counties. If a  
19 district includes four or six counties, the water resource board shallmust consist of two  
20 members from the county having with the largest aggregate taxable valuation of property in the  
21 district, and one manager from each of the other counties. If a district includes five or seven  
22 counties, the water resource board shallmust consist of one manager from each county.  
23 Appointments to the water resource board shallmust be made by the boards of county  
24 commissioners of the respective counties.