

Introduced by

Representatives Klemin, Devlin, Keiser, Roers Jones

Senators Dwyer, Larson, Lee

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-12-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to contingent fee arrangements.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-12-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-12-08.1. Contingent fee arrangements.**

7 The attorney general may not appoint or allow to be employed a special assistant attorney
8 general in a civil case in which the amount in controversy exceeds one ~~hundred fifty-~~
9 ~~thousand~~million dollars and the special assistant attorney general is compensated by a
10 contingent fee arrangement, unless the contingent fee arrangement is approved by the
11 emergency commission. A state governmental entity may not contract for legal services that are
12 compensated by a contingent fee arrangement, unless the entity receives an appointment from
13 the attorney general for a special assistant attorney general for each case in which there is a
14 contingent fee arrangement. Any proceeding or information used by the emergency commission
15 under this section is not subject to sections 44-04-18 and 44-04-19, unless made public by
16 order of the emergency commission.