

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1392**

Introduced by

Representatives Schatz, Brandenburg, Christensen, D. Johnson, Kempenich, Longmuir,  
Monson, Simons

Senators Anderson, Elkin, Erbele

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15-04-01 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the duration of school and public land leases.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15-04-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15-04-01. Leasing of school and other public lands - Rent.**

7 1. All lands granted by the United States to this state for the establishment and support  
8 of common schools and of educational, penal, or charitable institutions may be leased  
9 for pasturage and meadow purposes at public auction after notice as provided by this  
10 chapter. The

11 2. A lease under this section may be for a period of not more than to exceed five years.  
12 Grant lands ~~which~~that have never been placed under cultivation by a contract  
13 purchaser, ~~in the event such~~if the contract is canceled, may be leased for pasturage or  
14 meadow purposes for a period of not more than to exceed five years. Grant lands  
15 ~~which~~that have been placed under cultivation by a contract purchaser, ~~in~~if the event  
16 such contract is canceled, may be leased at the discretion and under the control of the  
17 board of university and school lands for other than pasturage and meadow purposes  
18 until the land is resold.

19 3. All rents are payable annually in advance.

20 4. Notwithstanding subsection 2, if the governor declares a state of emergency under  
21 chapter 37-17.1 which impacts the ability of the commissioner to hold a live auction  
22 under section 15-04-10, a lease under this section may extend beyond five years.