

HOUSE BILL NO. 1350

Introduced by

Representatives Richter, Hatlestad, Longmuir

Senator Bekkedahl

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 7 of section 21-03-07 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to voter approval for school construction bonds.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 7 of section 21-03-07 of the North Dakota Century
5 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 7. a. The governing body of a public school district having a total population of:

7 (1) At least four thousand but fewer than twenty thousand according to the last
8 federal decennial census may issue bonds upon a vote equal to fifty-seven
9 percent of the qualified electors of the school district voting on the question.

10 (2) Twenty thousand or more according to the last federal decennial census
11 may issue bonds upon a vote equal to fifty-five percent of the qualified
12 electors of the school district voting on the question.

13 b. The governing body of any public school district may also by resolution adopted
14 by a two-thirds vote dedicate the tax levies as authorized by section 15.1-09-47,
15 15.1-09-49, or 57-15-16 and may authorize and issue general obligation bonds to
16 be paid by these dedicated levies for the purpose of providing funds for the
17 purchase, construction, reconstruction, or repair of public school buildings or for
18 the construction or improvement of a project under section 15.1-36-02 or
19 15.1-36-08. The initial resolution authorizing the tax levy dedication and general
20 obligation bonds must be published in the official newspaper of the school district,
21 and any owner of taxable property within the school district may, within sixty days
22 after publication, file with the business manager of the school district a protest
23 against the adoption of the resolution. Protests must be in writing and must
24 describe the property that is the subject of the protest. If the governing body finds

1 the protests have been signed by the owners of taxable property having an
2 assessed valuation equal to five percent or more of the assessed valuation of all
3 taxable property within the school district, as theretofore last finally equalized, all
4 further proceedings under the initial resolution are barred.