Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2364

Introduced by

Senators Klein, Luick, Sorvaag

Representatives Nelson, Weisz

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-24 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District and permanent
- 3 easements.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

- 5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 61-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
- 7 Permanent easements Limitations.
- 8 The district's use of the permanent easement property is restricted solely to the
- 9 construction, operation, and maintenance of water pipelines. The district may not rent, sell, or
- 10 <u>assign the rights to a permanent easement, except may reserve the right to assign the</u>
- 11 permanent easement to the state of North Dakota if necessary for the operation and
- 12 maintenance of a public water pipeline. If the district ceases operation, all permanent
- 13 easements must be transferred to the public water system receiving a beneficial use from the
- 14 water pipelines and other facilities. If no public water system exists, all permanent easements
- must transfer to the state. The state or public water system shall assume full responsibility for all
- 16 easement activities and responsibilities, including any environmental remediation obligations.