

Sixty-third
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1206

Introduced by

Representatives Schmidt, Devlin, Kasper, Pollert, Skarphol, Streyle, Thoreson

Senators Bowman, Lyson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact section 61-02-01.3 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to development of a comprehensive water development plan; and to provide for a
3 legislative management study.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 61-02-01.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
6 as follows:

7 **61-02-01.3. Comprehensive water development plan.**

8 Biennially, the commission shall develop and maintain a comprehensive water development
9 plan organized on a river basin perspective, including an inventory of future water projects for
10 budgeting and planning purposes. As part of the commission's planning process, in order to
11 facilitate local project sponsor participation and project prioritization and to assist in project
12 cost-benefit analysis for projects expected to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars, the
13 commission shall develop a policy that outlines procedures for commissioner-hosted meetings
14 within the Red River, James River, Mouse River, upper Missouri River, lower Missouri River,
15 and Devils Lake drainage basins.

16 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - WATER PROJECT**

17 **PRIORITIZATION.** During the 2013-2014 interim, the legislative management shall conduct a
18 study to evaluate current water project prioritization processes for effectiveness in determining
19 high-priority water projects for state water commission funding. The legislative management
20 shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to
21 implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fourth legislative assembly.