

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Water Topics Overview Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-35-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the water topics overview committee.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-35-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-35-02.7. Water topics overview committee - Duties.**

7 The legislative management, during each interim, shall appoint a water topics overview  
8 committee in the same manner as the legislative management appoints other interim  
9 committees. The committee must meet quarterly and is responsible for legislative overview of  
10 water topics and related matters, the Garrison diversion project, and for any necessary  
11 discussions with adjacent states on water topics. The committee shall work collaboratively with  
12 the state water commission to develop policies to further define the state role in major flood-  
13 control projects. The committee shall prepare a schedule of priorities with respect to water  
14 projects. The state water commission and state engineer shall assist the committee in  
15 developing the schedule of priorities, and the committee may seek input from stakeholders  
16 within the state regarding water project priorities. The committee also shall study policies  
17 regarding the development and financing of municipal projects, including water treatment  
18 plants; pipelines, including pipeline expansion, public and industrial use of water, cost analysis  
19 of future project development, and ongoing maintenance cost of current and future projects; and  
20 technology, including the use of technology for permitting and electronic metering. During the  
21 2013-14 interim, the committee shall review water supply routes and alternatives for the Red  
22 River valley water supply project and may meet with the state water commission. The legislative  
23 management shall designate the chairman of the committee. The committee shall operate

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- 1 according to the statutes and procedure governing the operation of other legislative
- 2 management interim committees.