FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2225

Introduced by

Senators Schaible, Bowman, Erbele

Representatives Boehning, Rohr, Schmidt

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-01 of the North Dakota
- 2 Century Code, relating to the creation of a posted land register; to provide a report to the
- 3 legislative management; to provide an appropriation to the game and fish department for
- 4 defraying the cost of North Dakota information technology; and to provide an expiration date.

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

- 6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 20.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created 7 and enacted as follows:
- 8 <u>Posted land register Pilot program Report.</u>
- 9 <u>1. Notwithstanding section 20.1-01-17, the department, in cooperation with the</u>
- information technology department, shall develop and implement an electronic register
- and digital application of all posted land in up to five counties selected by the governor
- by January 15, 2019. A county selected by the governor for participation in the
- electronic register may not be included in the register unless the board of county
- 14 commissioners of the county approves of the county's participation within thirty days of
- notification by the governor of the selection.
- 16 <u>2. The electronic register must:</u>
- 17 a. Designate land open for hunting;
- b. <u>Designate land closed to hunting, with no trespassing; and</u>
- 19 <u>c. Allow landowners to provide contact information to prospective hunters.</u>
- 20 <u>3. If land located in a selected county is not designated in the electronic register as open</u>
- for hunting, the land is considered closed to hunting without permission from the
- 22 <u>landowner.</u>
- 4. The department shall provide a report to the legislative management during the
- 24 <u>2019-20 interim regarding the progress of the electronic register.</u>

- 1 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated from special funds derived from the
- 2 heritage fund, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the game
- 3 and fish department for the purpose of defraying the cost of North Dakota information
- 4 technology necessary to create a posted land register pilot program, for the biennium beginning
- 5 July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.
- 6 **SECTION 3. EXPIRATION DATE.** This Act is effective through July 31, 2021, and after that
- 7 date is ineffective.