## FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1234**

Introduced by

Representatives Heinert, Bosch, Dockter, Hagert, Kasper, Novak, Porter, M. Ruby Senators Kannianen, Patten

- 1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 11-10 and a new section to
- 2 chapter 40-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to prohibiting a county or city from
- 3 prohibiting the connection or reconnection of utilities services.

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

- 5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 11-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:
- 7 **Prohibition Connection of utility services.**
- 8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a county may not adopt or enforce an
- 9 ordinance, resolution, or policy that prohibits or impedes, or has the effect of prohibiting or
- 10 impeding, the connection or reconnection of an electric, natural gas, propane, or other energy
- 11 utility service based on fuel source provided by a public utility, municipal utility, cooperative
- 12 <u>utility, or propane service.</u>
- 13 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 40-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
- 14 and enacted as follows:
- 15 <u>Prohibition Connection of utility services.</u>
- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a city may not adopt or enforce an ordinance,
- 17 resolution, or policy that prohibits or impedes, or has the effect of prohibiting or impeding, the
- 18 connection or reconnection of an electric, natural gas, propane, or other energy utility service
- based on fuel source provided by a public utility, municipal utility, cooperative utility, or propane
- 20 service.