

Introduced by

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the Department of Water Resources)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-15 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to wild and scenic river designations.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 61-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Wild and scenic rivers.**

7 1. Before a political subdivision engages in meetings with federal agencies to have any  
8 waterbody in the state designated a wild, scenic, or recreational river under the Wild  
9 and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271, et seq.] the political subdivision must notify  
10 the:

- 11 a. Director of department of water resources;
- 12 b. Director of department of environmental quality;
- 13 c. Director of game and fish;
- 14 d. Director of parks and recreation; ~~and~~
- 15 e. The water resource board of any water resource district that would be impacted.;
- 16 f. Director of department of land trust;
- 17 g. Director of department of mineral resources;
- 18 h. The county commission of any county impacted;
- 19 i. The legislators of any district impacted; and
- 20 j. The grazing associations impacted.

21 2. Any written communications between the political subdivision and federal agencies  
22 regarding such designation must be copied to the list in subsection 1.

23 3. The county commission shall hold a public hearing regarding the potential designation.

- 1 | 4. The governor and the county commission of any county impacted must express
- 2 | written support before the state or a federal agency designates a wild, scenic, or
- 3 | recreational river under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.