

HOUSE BILL NO. 1200

Introduced by

Representative Carlson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 54-21-24 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to space obtained outside the state capitol; and to provide an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-21-24 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **54-21-24. Additional office space may be obtained outside state capitol - Legislative**
7 **approval of long-term leases.**

8 If office space in the state capitol becomes insufficient to accommodate the various state
9 departments, agencies, and boards, the director of the office of management and budget upon
10 request of the department, agency, or board shall negotiate for, contract for, and obtain
11 additional office space outside the state capitol in the city of Bismarck or in the Bismarck area
12 as is necessary in order to provide accommodations for all state departments, agencies, and
13 boards. When office space is obtained in this manner, the department, agency, or board that
14 occupies the office space is deemed to be located at the state capitol for purposes of statutes
15 that require that a department, agency, or board must be maintained at the state capitol, and
16 the director shall charge an amount equal to the fair value of the office space and other services
17 rendered to all departments that receive and expend moneys from other than the general fund,
18 except that for good cause the amounts charged may be waived by the director for a one-year
19 period of time with the waiver being subject to further annual renewals after proper application
20 has been filed with the director. The department, agency, or board for which the office space is
21 sought must approve the office space before the director may finalize a contract or lease for the
22 office space. The director may not enter a new contract or lease or extend or renew an existing
23 contract or lease for space for a term that exceeds the biennium or for an amount exceeding

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1 one hundred thousand dollars unless the director has received prior approval from the
2 legislative assembly.

3 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on June 30, 2019.