

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 57-15-06.6, subsection 8 of section 57-15-10,
2 and section 57-15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to capital project levies; and to
3 provide an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-06.6 of the North Dakota Century Code is
6 amended and reenacted as follows:

7 **57-15-06.6. County capital projects levy.**

8 The board of county commissioners of each county may levy an annual tax not exceeding
9 ten mills plus any voter-approved additional levy as provided in subsection 8 of section
10 57-15-06.7 for the purpose of the following capital projects:

- 11 1. Constructing and equipping and maintaining structural and mechanical components of
12 regional or county corrections centers or for the purpose of contracting for corrections
13 center space capacity from another public or private entity.
- 14 2. Acquiring real estate as a site for public parks and construction and equipping and
15 maintaining structural and mechanical components of recreational facilities under
16 section 11-28-06.
- 17 3. Acquiring real estate as a site for county buildings and operations and constructing
18 and equipping and maintaining structural and mechanical components of county
19 buildings and property.
- 20 4. Acquiring real estate as a site for county fair buildings and operations and constructing
21 and equipping and maintaining structural and mechanical components of county fair
22 buildings and property as provided in section 4-02-26.

1 5. Acquiring and developing real estate, capital improvements, buildings, pavement,
2 equipment, and debt service associated with financing for county supported airports or
3 airport authorities.

4 6. Expenditures for the cost of leasing as an alternative means of financing for any of the
5 purposes for which expenditures are authorized under subsections 1 through 45.

6 Any voter-approved levy for the purposes specified in this section approved by the electors
7 before January 1, 2015, remains effective through 2024 or the period of time for which it was
8 approved by the electors, whichever is less, under the provisions of law in effect at the time it
9 was approved. After January 1, 2015, approval or re-authorization by electors of increased levy
10 authority under this section may not be effective for more than ten taxable years.

11 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 8 of section 57-15-10 of the North Dakota Century
12 Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

13 8. Taxes levied for a capital improvements fund ~~approved by a majority~~ approved by a majority ~~sixty percent or~~
14 more of the electors of the city in accordance with section 57-15-38 may be levied in
15 an amount not exceeding ten mills. Taxes levied for a capital improvements fund
16 approved by ~~sixty percent or more~~ sixty percent or more ~~a majority~~ of the electors of the city in accordance
17 with section 57-15-38 may be levied in an amount not exceeding an additional ten
18 mills.

19 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-38 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **57-15-38. City capital improvements fund levy.**

22 The governing body of any city may levy a tax for a capital improvements fund not
23 exceeding ten mills under section 57-15-10, ~~when authorized to do so by a majority~~ when authorized to do so by a majority
24 percent or more of the electors voting upon the question at a primary or general election.

25 When authorized by ~~sixty percent or more~~ sixty percent or more ~~a majority~~ of the qualified electors voting upon the
26 question at a regular or special election in the city, the governing body of the city may levy and
27 collect an additional tax of ten mills for capital improvements fund purposes under section
28 57-15-10.

29 Any excess levy for capital improvements under this section approved by the electors of a
30 city before July 1, 2015, remains effective for ten taxable years or the period of time for which it
31 was approved by the electors, whichever is less, after it was approved, under the provisions of

1 law in effect at the time it was approved. After June 30, 2015, approval or re-authorization by
2 electors of increased levy authority under this section may not be effective for more than ten
3 taxable years.

4 The capital improvements fund must be used for paying all or part of the construction of
5 waterworks systems, sewage systems, public buildings, or any other public improvements;
6 acquiring real estate as a site for public buildings, maintaining structural and mechanical
7 components of public buildings, and furnishing of public buildings; a city's participating share in
8 urban renewal programs; capital improvements and equipment acquisition and maintaining
9 structural and mechanical components for fire department stations; ~~and~~ capital improvements
10 and equipment acquisition and maintaining structural and mechanical components for stations
11 for police protection services and correctional facilities; and acquiring and developing real
12 estate, capital improvements, buildings, pavement, equipment, and supporting debt service
13 associated with financing for city supported airports or airport authorities. The governing body of
14 any city, when submitting to the electors of the city the question of authorizing the tax levy, shall
15 specify the purposes for which the capital improvements fund is to be used. The governing body
16 of the city may create the capital improvements fund which may be accumulated in an amount
17 not in excess of twenty percent of the current annual appropriation for all other purposes
18 combined, exclusive of the appropriations to pay interest and principal of the bonded debt, and
19 not in excess of the limitations prescribed by law.

20 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is effective for taxable years beginning after
21 December 31, 2016.