

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1003
(Appropriations Committee)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the attorney general; to provide a contingent appropriation; to provide exemptions; to authorize fees; to create and enact a new section to chapter 53-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to electronic pull tab device requirements; to amend and reenact section 27-01-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fee assessments for funding crime victim and witness programs; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide for reports; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the attorney general for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the attorney general, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Salaries and wages	\$40,503,865	\$675,178	\$41,179,043
Operating expenses	24,672,585	(8,315,304)	16,357,281
Capital assets	2,339,187	403,185	2,742,372
Grants	1,762,659	677,341	2,440,000
Litigation fees	50,000	100,000	150,000
Intellectual property attorney	418,323	8,601	426,924
Abortion litigation fees	400,000	(400,000)	0
Medical examinations	660,000	0	660,000
North Dakota lottery	5,282,778	54,019	5,336,797
Arrest and return of fugitives	10,000	0	10,000
Gaming commission	7,490	0	7,490
Criminal justice information sharing	4,151,701	(765,056)	3,386,645
Law enforcement	3,455,725	(554,117)	2,901,608
SAVIN cost-share program	0	315,000	315,000
Total all funds	\$83,714,313	(\$7,801,153)	\$75,913,160
Less estimated income	35,247,452	(4,005,132)	31,242,320
Total general fund	\$48,466,861	(\$3,796,021)	\$44,670,840
Full-time equivalent positions	250.00	(13.00)	237.00

SECTION 2. HEALTH INSURANCE INCREASE. The appropriation in section 1 of this Act includes the sum of \$645,074, of which \$590,945 is from the general fund, for increases in employee health insurance premiums from \$1,130 to \$1,241 per month.

SECTION 3. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO THE SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly adjusted for the 2015-17 biennium and the 2017-19 biennium one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
Bureau of criminal investigation vehicles	\$332,000	\$0
Grants	500,000	0
Higher education legal services	600,000	0
Criminal justice information sharing	957,856	0

Targeted equity - bureau of criminal investigation	1,276,301	0
Targeted equity - gaming	270,000	0
SAVIN cost-share program	0	315,000
Uniform crime reporting rewrite	0	280,000
DOS-based deposit system rewrite	0	100,000
Total all funds	\$3,936,157	\$695,000
Total special funds	653,333	595,000
Total general fund	\$3,282,824	\$100,000

The 2017-19 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2019-21 biennium. The attorney general shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-sixth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 4. TOBACCO SETTLEMENT TRUST FUND - USE. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$200,000 from the tobacco settlement trust fund which the attorney general may use for the purpose of enforcing the master settlement agreement and any disputes with the agreement, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 5. INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION LITIGATION FUNDS - ATTORNEY GENERAL PROTEST-RELATED EXPENSES - REPORT TO BUDGET SECTION. The attorney general may submit litigation-related expenses to the industrial commission which the industrial commission shall pay from litigation funding available to the industrial commission for expenses incurred by the attorney general as a result of the protests and related activities associated with the Dakota access pipeline project. The attorney general shall report quarterly to the budget section of the legislative management regarding all expenditures for litigation-related expenses from the industrial commission's litigation fund during the 2017-18 interim.

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE PROJECT PROTEST-RELATED COSTS. It is the intent of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly that the attorney general pursue all reasonable and available options to recoup all costs and expenses incurred by the state and its political subdivisions as a result of the protests and related activities associated with the Dakota access pipeline project.

SECTION 7. ADDITIONAL INCOME - APPROPRIATION - REPORT. In addition to the amounts appropriated to the attorney general in section 1 of this Act, there is appropriated from federal or other funds, the sum of \$250,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the attorney general for the purposes of defraying the expenses of the office, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The attorney general shall notify the office of management and budget and the legislative council of any funding made available pursuant to this section.

SECTION 8. BUDGETARY SAVINGS - CONTINGENT ALLOCATION FROM BOARD OF UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL LANDS - FUNDING FOR STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS - APPROPRIATION. Of the funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act for rent expense, the attorney general shall use up to \$500,000 made available from rent savings as a result of the attorney general relocating a portion of its operations to the job service North Dakota central office building, for the purpose of enhancing the statewide automated victim information and notification program, as defined in section 12.1-34-01, to provide the notifications necessary to comply with section 25 of article I of the Constitution of North Dakota, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. If the attorney general does not relocate a portion of its operations to the job service North Dakota central office building and does not realize rent savings, the board of university and school lands, from funds designated in subsection 3 of section 5 of chapter 463 of the 2015 Session Laws, shall provide a grant of up to \$500,000 to the attorney general, the sum of which is appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of enhancing the statewide automated victim information and notification program, as defined in section 12.1-34-01, to provide the notifications necessary to comply with section 25 of article I of the Constitution of North Dakota, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 9. STATEWIDE AUTOMATED VICTIM INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS - COST-SHARING PROGRAM - ESTIMATED INCOME. The attorney general, in consultation with the North Dakota association of counties and the North Dakota league of cities, shall establish a cost-sharing program to defray the expenses related to the enhancement of the statewide automated victim information and notification program, in addition to the amounts appropriated in section 9 of this Act. The cost-sharing program must apportion the sum of \$315,000 among the political subdivisions of the state for each political subdivision's share of the cost of the statewide automated victim information and notification program and the political subdivision shall contribute funds to the attorney general as set forth in the cost-sharing program. The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$315,000 of funding received as payments from political subdivisions for the cost-sharing program for the purpose of enhancing the statewide automated victim information and notification program, as defined in section 12.1-34-01, to provide the notifications necessary to comply with section 25 of article I of the Constitution of North Dakota, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 10. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - COST-SHARING PROGRAM. It is the intent of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly that the funding for the political subdivision's cost-sharing program identified in section 9 of this Act, be provided from any additional income collected from the victim witness fee as required in section 11 of this Act, or a proportionate contribution from the counties and cities that utilize the odyssey system, or a combination of both.

SECTION 11. AMENDMENT. Section 27-01-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

27-01-10. Fee assessments for funding crime victim and witness programs.

1. The governing body of a county ~~may~~shall, by resolution, authorize the district judges serving that county to assess a fee under subsection 3 of not more than twenty-five dollars as part of a sentence imposed on a defendant who pleads guilty to or is convicted of a criminal offense or of violating a municipal ordinance for which the maximum penalty that may be imposed by law for the offense or violation includes imprisonment.
2. The governing body of a city ~~may~~shall, by ordinance, authorize a municipal judge to assess a fee under subsection 3 of not more than twenty-five dollars as part of a sentence imposed on a defendant who pleads guilty to or is convicted of violating a municipal ordinance for which the maximum penalty that may be imposed under the ordinance for the violation includes imprisonment.
3. The governing body of the county or city ~~may~~shall determine the amount of the fee to be assessed in all cases or it may authorize the district or municipal judge to determine the amount of the fee to be assessed in each case. The fee assessed under this section is in addition to any fine, penalty, costs, or administrative fee prescribed by law. The district or municipal judge ~~may~~shall assess the fee when sentence is imposed or when sentence is suspended or imposition of sentence is deferred, unless the defendant is indigent and unable to pay the fee. All fees paid to a district or municipal court under this section must be deposited monthly in the county or city treasury for allocation by the governing body of the county or city to one or more of the following programs as determined by the governing body or by agreement of the attorney general, the North Dakota league of cities, and the North Dakota association of counties:
 - a. A private, nonprofit domestic violence or sexual assault program.
 - b. A victim and witness advocacy program of which the primary function is to provide direct services to victims of and witnesses to crime.
 - c. The statewide automated victim information and notification system, as provided for under chapter 12.1-34.

SECTION 12. A new section to chapter 53-06.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Electronic pull tab device requirements.

An electronic pull tab device must display an electronic pull tab in which the player may win credits that can be redeemed for cash or used to purchase more pull tabs. The device may not directly dispense coins, cash, tokens, or anything else of value other than a credit ticket voucher.

SECTION 13. CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS - FEES. Any person or entity requesting a criminal history record check from the bureau of criminal investigation, as a result of legislation enacted by the sixty-fifth legislative assembly, shall pay a reasonable fee established by the attorney general to the attorney general to be deposited in the state's general fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 14. EXEMPTION - STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND. The amount appropriated to the attorney general from the strategic investment and improvements fund for awarding grants to law enforcement agencies, for crime-related needs of the attorney general's office, and for development of a uniform law enforcement and custody manual, as contained in section 11 of chapter 471 of the 2013 Session Laws and as continued in section 5 of chapter 37 of the 2015 Session Laws, is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation are available to the attorney general for crime-related needs of the attorney general's office, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 15. EXEMPTION - HUMAN TRAFFICKING GRANTS. The amount appropriated to the attorney general from the general fund for providing human trafficking grants as contained in section 1 of chapter 375 of the 2015 Session Laws, is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from this appropriation are available to the attorney general for providing grants to organizations involved in providing prevention and treatment services related to human trafficking victims, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 16. EXEMPTION - ATTORNEY GENERAL REFUND FUND. Notwithstanding section 54-12-18, the attorney general may retain the balance in the attorney general refund fund that would otherwise be transferred to the general fund on June 30, 2017.

SECTION 17. EXEMPTION - ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR LITIGATION FEES. Of the funding appropriated to the attorney general in section 6 of chapter 3 of the 2015 Session Laws, up to \$100,000 is not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may be continued for defraying the cost of litigation fees for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 18. EMERGENCY. Sections 5, 8, and 9 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1003 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 84 Nays 4 Absent 6

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 2 Absent 1

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2017.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2017.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2017,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State