

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the public service  
2 commission; and to authorize a transfer.

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

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

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12 Salaries and wages	\$9,643,095	\$0	\$9,643,095
13 Operating expenses	1,877,562	0	1,877,562
14 Capital assets	26,400	0	26,400
15 Grants	20,000	0	20,000
16 Abandoned mined lands contractual	8,000,000	0	8,000,000
17 Rail rate complaint case	900,000	0	900,000
18 Railroad safety program	523,345	0	523,345
19 Specialized legal services	<u>150,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>150,000</u>
20 Total all funds	\$21,140,402	\$0	\$21,140,402
21 Less estimated income	<u>13,964,575</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,964,575</u>
22 Total general fund	\$7,175,827	\$0	\$7,175,827
23 Full-time equivalent positions	46.00	0.00	46.00

1       **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-**

2       **SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items  
3 approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly for the 2015-17 biennium and the 2017-19  
4 one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

5 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2015-17</u>	<u>2017-19</u>
6 Specialized legal services	\$575,624	\$0
7 Total all funds	\$575,624	\$0
8 Total special funds	<u>336,000</u>	<u>0</u>
9 Total general fund	\$239,624	\$0

10 The 2017-19 one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the  
11 2019-21 biennium. The public service commission shall report to the appropriations committees  
12 of the sixty-sixth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium  
13 beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

14       **SECTION 3. TRANSFER AND REPAYMENT - BEGINNING FARMER REVOLVING LOAN**

15       **FUND.** The Bank of North Dakota shall transfer from the beginning farmer revolving loan fund to  
16 the public service commission the sum of \$900,000, or so much of the sum as may be  
17 necessary, included in the estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act to pay for costs  
18 associated with a rail rate complaint case. Transfers must be made during the biennium  
19 beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, upon order of the commission. If any  
20 amounts are spent pursuant to this section, the public service commission shall reimburse the  
21 beginning farmer revolving loan fund using amounts available from damages or proceeds  
22 received, net of legal fees, from a successful outcome of a rail complaint case.