

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1444**

Introduced by

Representative Dockter

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 29-26-22.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the authority of the county commission to compromise and settle debt obligations.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 29-26-22.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **29-26-22.2. Authority to compromise judgment by county commissioners.**

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8 1. If, after a lapse of two years from the filing of a judgment, the board of county  
9 commissioners determines the judgment cannot be collected in full, the board of  
10 county commissioners has authority to may compromise and settle any judgment for  
11 finer or costs arising from criminal proceedings which are payable to the county-  
12 treasury after a lapse of two years from the filing thereof, if in the opinion of said board  
13 said judgment cannot be collected in full state treasurer.

14 2. The county's compromise or settlement may include a request to the district court to  
15 convert any amount still owed to a civil judgment.

16 3. Upon receipt of a certified copy of the board's action, the state's attorney of said the  
17 county where the judgment was filed shall in accordance therewith make and file a  
18 partial or total satisfaction of said the judgment as attorney for the county.

19 4. Upon a compromise or settlement, the county may contract with a private debt  
20 collection company to collect any remaining balance. The county shall deposit any  
21 additional revenue collected under this subsection in the county general fund.