

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1444  
(Representative Dockter)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 29-26-22.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of the county commission to compromise and settle debt obligations.

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

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

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

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1. If, after a lapse of two years from the filing of a judgment, the board of county commissioners determines the judgment cannot be collected in full, the board of county commissioners has authority to may compromise and settle any judgment for fines or costs arising from criminal proceedings which are payable to the county treasury after a lapse of two years from the filing thereof, if in the opinion of said board said judgment cannot be collected in fullstate treasurer.
2. The county's compromise or settlement may include a request to the district court to convert any amount still owed to a civil judgment.
3. Upon receipt of a certified copy of the board's action, the state's attorney of saidthe county where the judgment was filed shall in accordance therewith make and file a partial or total satisfaction of saidthe judgment as attorney for the county.
4. In the absence of a compromise or settlement, or after one year has passed following the date of a compromise or settlement, the county may contract with a private debt collection company to collect any remaining balance. The county shall deposit any additional revenue collected under this subsection in the county general fund.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1444.

House Vote:      Yeas 92              Nays 1              Absent 1

Senate Vote:      Yeas 47              Nays 0              Absent 0

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Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019,

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State