

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1130

Introduced by

Representatives Lefor, Steiner

Senator Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact sections 40-18-14.1, 40-18-14.2, 40-18-14.3, 40-18-14.4,
2 and 40-18-14.5 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the authority of the municipal
3 court to execute judgments.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 40-18-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
6 as follows:

7 **40-18-14.1. Judgment for fine or costs.**

8 If the judgment provided for in section 40-18-14 imposes a fine or assesses a cost, the
9 municipal judge may order an authenticated copy of the judgment be filed in the office of the
10 clerk of any district court of any county in the state. The clerk of district court shall treat the
11 municipal court judgment in the same manner as a civil judgment of any district court of any
12 county of the state.

13 **SECTION 2.** Section 40-18-14.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
14 as follows:

15 **40-18-14.2. Notice of filing.**

- 16 1. At the time of filing a judgment under section 40-18-14, the municipal court judge shall
17 order an affidavit providing the name and last known mailing address of the defendant
18 and otherwise complying with section 28-20-15 be filed.
- 19 2. Upon the filing of the judgment and affidavit as provided in section 40-18-14, the clerk
20 of district court shall mail notice of the filing of the municipal judgment to the defendant
21 at the address provided and make a note of the mailing in the docket. The notice must
22 include the name and mailing address of the municipal court. In addition, the municipal
23 judge may order notice of the filing of the judgment be mailed to the defendant and
24 proof of the filing may be filed with the clerk of district court. If proof of mailing by the

1 municipal court has been filed, a failure of the clerk of district court to mail a notice
2 may not effect the enforcement of the proceedings.

3 3. An execution of other process for enforcement of a municipal court judgment filed
4 under this section may not be issued until ten days after the date the judgment is filed.

5 **SECTION 3.** Section 40-18-14.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
6 as follows:

7 **40-18-14.3. Stay.**

8 If the defendant shows the district court of any county that an appeal from the judgment
9 provided in section 40-18-14 is pending or will be taken, the court shall stay enforcement of the
10 municipal court judgment until the appeal is concluded or the time of appeal expires.

11 **SECTION 4.** Section 40-18-14.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
12 as follows:

13 **40-18-14.4. Fees.**

14 The municipal judge shall order a filing fee of ten dollars to be paid to the clerk of the district
15 court.

16 **SECTION 5.** Section 40-18-14.5 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted
17 as follows:

18 **40-18-14.5. Effect of filing.**

19 Upon filing of a judgment under section 40-18-14 with the district court in accordance with
20 this chapter, the judgment is enforceable only in the same manner as provided for a judgment
21 for money in a civil action.