

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the ethics  
2 commission; and to declare an emergency.

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, to the ethics commission for the purpose of defraying the  
7 expenses of the ethics commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
8 June 30, 2025, as follows:

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
11 <del>Ethics commission</del>	<del>\$623,984</del>	<del>\$427,992</del>	<del>\$1,051,976</del>
12 <del>Total general fund</del>	<del>\$623,984</del>	<del>\$427,992</del>	<del>\$1,051,976</del>
13 <del>Full-time equivalent positions</del>	<del>1.00</del>	<del>1.00</del>	<del>2.00</del>
14 Ethics commission	\$623,984	\$392,115	\$1,016,099
15 Total general fund	\$623,984	\$392,115	\$1,016,099
16 Full-time equivalent positions	1.00	1.00	2.00

17 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO SIXTY-**  
18 **NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items  
19 included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2021-23</u>	<u>2023-25</u>
20 Attorney fees	\$0	\$72,000
21 Office relocation	0	25,000
22 Total general fund	\$0	\$97,000

1       The 2023-25 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget  
2 for the 2025-27 biennium. The ethics commission shall report to the appropriations committees  
3 of the sixty-ninth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium  
4 beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025.

5       **SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** The sum of \$97,000 for attorney fees and office relocation  
6 costs included in the ethics commission line item in section 1 of this Act is declared to be an  
7 emergency measure.