

**Land Department
Budget 226
House Bill No. 1013**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 legislative appropriation	17.75		\$7,573,834	\$7,573,834
2001-03 legislative appropriation	<u>18.50</u>	<u> </u>	<u>7,515,303</u>	<u>7,515,303</u>
2003-05 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriation	(0.75)	\$0	\$58,531	\$58,531

Item Description

Unclaimed property claims by state agencies - Section 6 of House Bill No. 1013 creates a new section of the North Dakota Century Code requiring the Land Department to notify a state agency by certified mail of unclaimed property within one year of the receipt of the property. This section also requires the Land Department to present a report to the Budget Section identifying every state agency that has not submitted a claim for property belonging to that agency within one year of the receipt of the date of the certified mail receipt. Upon approval of the Budget Section, the agency's right to recover its property is relinquished.

Notice and publication of lists of abandoned property - Section 7 of House Bill No. 1013 amended the North Dakota Century Code to provide that one annual notice of abandoned property must be a display advertisement, and that property clearly identified as belonging to a state agency may not be published in the notice.

Status/Result

In January 2004, the Land Department sent certified letters to state agencies with unclaimed property. After January 2005, the Land Department will report to the Budget Section on state agency property claims that were not claimed and will request Budget Section approval for the relinquishment of agency rights to recover the property.

The Land Department is publishing its annual notices to comply with this section.