

**SENATE BILL NO. 2303**

Introduced by

Senators O'Connell, Hogue, Krebsbach

Representatives D. Anderson, Hunskor, Ruby

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the state water commission for the acquisition of  
2 flood-prone properties in the Mouse River basin; to provide legislative intent; to provide an  
3 exemption; and to declare an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - STATE WATER COMMISSION - MOUSE RIVER BASIN -**  
6 **FLOOD-PRONE PROPERTY ACQUISITION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the  
7 resources trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,650,000,  
8 or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the state water commission for the purpose of  
9 providing grants to political subdivisions for the acquisition of flood-prone properties in the  
10 Mouse River basin, for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending  
11 June 30, 2017. The state water commission shall establish criteria for the awarding of grants  
12 that must include a 25 percent local match for each grant award.

13 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - MOUSE RIVER BASIN - FLOOD-PRONE**  
14 **PROPERTY ACQUISITION.** It is the intent of the sixty-fourth legislative assembly that a total of  
15 \$24,000,000 be provided by the state for the acquisition of flood-prone properties in the Mouse  
16 River basin during the 2015-17 and 2017-2019 bienniums.

17 **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION.** The funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act are not subject to  
18 section 54-44.1-11, and any unexpended funds must be continued into the 2017-19 biennium  
19 and may be spent only for grants relating to the acquisition of flood-prone properties in the  
20 Mouse River basin.

21 **SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.