

# PUBLIC BUILDINGS

## CHAPTER 364

S. B. No. 388

(Hernett, Wenstrom, Ringsak, Chesrown, Longmire, Meschke)

### CAPITOL GROUNDS PLANNING COMMISSION

#### AN ACT

To amend and reenact section 1 of chapter 314 of the 1965 Session Laws, relating to the capitol grounds planning commission and studies and plans for improvement in legislative facilities, use of assets of the capitol building fund, and providing for an appropriation.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

**§ 1. Amendment.)** Section 1 of chapter 314 of the 1965 Session Laws is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**§ 1. Capitol Grounds Planning Commission.)** There is hereby created a planning commission to be known as "the capitol grounds planning commission" consisting of the governor as chairman and six other members selected biennially in a manner as herein provided. The president of the senate shall appoint three senators, and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint three representatives, as members, who, together with the governor, shall constitute the capitol grounds planning commission and serve for a term of two years. The planning commission shall function for the purpose of conferring with qualified consultants retained by it to select sites for buildings to be constructed on the capitol grounds and otherwise developing and modifying long-term plans for the development of the capitol grounds and performing such other duties as may be prescribed by law. The planning commission shall approve or disapprove the basic style and exterior construction of any building or facility constructed upon the capitol grounds. Legislative members of the planning commission shall be entitled to per diem payments and expenses in such amount and in the same manner as provided by law for members of the legislative research committee.

**§ 2. Capitol Building Fund To Be Administered by the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission—Certain Funds Dedicated for Use to Construct Legislative Wing.)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the capitol grounds planning com-

mission, acting through the state land commissioner and the state land department, shall have general powers to superintend the administration of the capitol building fund, its interest and income fund, and its investments and properties. It may cause any lands now held in such funds to be sold at market value, direct the conversion of any securities now held by such funds to cash, approve expenditures from such funds subject to law and legislative appropriations, and to do all other things necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this section.

Provided further, all moneys and other property and the income therefrom in the capitol building fund, except as otherwise appropriated by section 3 of this Act or by other acts of the Fortieth Legislative Assembly, are hereby dedicated and reserved to the exclusive purpose of the construction of an addition to the legislative wing of the state capitol building, and the capitol grounds planning commission shall take necessary steps to accumulate and conserve the money and property and the income therefrom in the capitol building fund for such purpose.

**§ 3. Appropriation and Study of Legislative Facilities.)** There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the capitol building fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$30,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the capitol grounds planning commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission and carrying out its duties during the biennium beginning July 1, 1967, and ending June 30, 1969. The capitol grounds planning commission shall conduct a study of legislative facilities and shall explore the feasibility of adapting additional space within the existing capitol building for use by the legislative assembly for committee rooms, office space and other legislative needs. If, in the opinion of the commission the provision of additional space within the capitol building is not feasible, practical, or that such space cannot reasonably be made available, it shall then prepare specific plans or alternative plans for a suitable wing or an addition to the legislative wing for the provision of sufficient space to reasonably meet the present and foreseeable future needs of the legislative assembly.

Approved March 14, 1967.