

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1056
(Energy and Natural Resources Committee)
(At the request of the Industrial Commission)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 54-17.4-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the collection of global positioning system data; and to repeal section 54-17.4-12 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the duties of the state geologist.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 54-17.4-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-17.4-02. Survey - Responsibilities.

There is created a North Dakota geological survey. The survey has the following responsibilities:

1. Serve as the primary source of geological information in the state.
2. Investigate, describe, and interpret the geological setting of the state with special reference to the economic products, geological hazards, and energy resources of the state's geology.
3. Conduct investigations designed to promote public understanding of the state's natural setting and natural resources.
4. Conduct research relative to the exploration, production, and regulation of oil, gas, coal, and other mineral resources of the state.
5. Conduct investigations and review externally prepared reports pertaining to geological aspects of the health and safety of the citizens and environment of the state.
6. Provide geological information contributing to the development of public health policies and to the use and management of natural resources.
7. Publish bulletins, circulars, maps, and other related materials that make available the results of the geological research and technical studies.
8. Provide educational information about the geology of the state to the public.
9. Operate and maintain a public repository for books, reports, maps, and other publications regarding the geology and mineral resources of the state.
10. Operate and maintain a public repository for fossil and rock specimens, rock cores, well cuttings, and associated data.
11. Provide technical advice and assistance concerning the geology of the state to local, state, and federal governmental agencies and to state educational institutions.
12. Aid in the regulation of the state's natural resources by providing the resource assessment and evaluation information necessary to create and maintain effective regulatory policy.
13. Investigate the kind, amount, and availability of the various mineral substances contained in state-owned lands, so as to contribute to the most effective and beneficial administration of these lands for the state.

14. Consider such other scientific and economic questions in the field of geology as in the judgment of the state geologist is deemed of value to the people of the state.
15. Carry out any other responsibilities assigned to it by the legislative assembly.
- ~~16. Cooperate with other agencies in maintaining a global positioning system community base station and make data gathered by the station available to the public.~~

SECTION 2. REPEAL. Section 54-17.4-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is repealed.

Kim A. Hoopes
Speaker of the House

Erin Spd
President of the Senate

Bruce J. Reed
Chief Clerk of the House

Brenda Meyer
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1056.

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 0 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Bruce J. Reed
Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at 5:23 P.M. on March 23, 2021.

Dora Bugner
Governor

Filed in this office this 24th day of March, 2021,

at 9:14 o'clock A. M.

Alvin Bugner
Secretary of State