

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1077  
(Energy and Natural Resources Committee)  
(At the request of the Department of Water Resources)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 61-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to water storage contracts.

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

**SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 61-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Water storage contracts.**

A federal agency that enters into discussions with an entity relating to a water storage contract from a reservoir partially or wholly located within the state shall provide the department of water resources with a sixty-day notice once the discussions begin. Communications regarding a water storage contract must be copied to the department of water resources. The department of water resources must be provided with an executed copy of a water storage contract.

Dennis J. Gehman  
Speaker of the House

Paul Schulte  
President of the Senate

Buell T. Reek  
Chief Clerk of the House

Manda Meyer  
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1077.

House Vote:    Yeas 93            Nays 0            Absent 1

Senate Vote:    Yeas 47            Nays 0            Absent 0

Buell T. Reek  
Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 10:55 AM on March 14, 2023.

Approved at 7:32 PM on March 14, 2023.

Doug Burgum  
Governor

Filed in this office this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023,  
at 2:58 o'clock P. M.

Michael Howe  
Secretary of State