

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1444
(Representatives Brandenburg, Beltz, Grueneich, Hagert, Kempenich)
(Senators Conley, Erbele, Kessel, Patten, Thomas, Wanzek)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 24-05-17 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the county road system.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 24-05-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

24-05-17. Responsibility for county road system.

The boards of county commissioners in their respective counties have the sole authority and responsibility to acquire land for, construct, maintain, and operate the county road system as designated and selected by them. If a board of county commissioners determines a local road meets the criteria in section 24-05-16 and is under the jurisdiction of the township, the board of county commissioners shall notify the township of its intention to add the road to the county system. The board of county commissioners shall hold a public meeting to receive input on the county's intention to add the road to the county system. Following the public meeting, the board of county commissioners shall make a decision at its subsequent scheduled meeting regarding adding the road to the county system.

Rob Weisz
Speaker of the House

Michelle L. Strindem
President of the Senate

Buell T. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Sharon Mays
Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1444.

House Vote: Yeas 74 Nays 16 Absent 4

Senate Vote: Yeas 29 Nays 15 Absent 3

Buell T. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 10:25A M. on April 1st, 2025.

Approved at 1:28 P M. on April 2nd, 2025.

[Signature]
Governor

Filed in this office this 3rd day of April, 2025,

at 10:44 o'clock A M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State