

Introduced by

Representatives Steiner, Jones, Kasper, Kempenich, Kreidt, Laning, Longmuir, Schatz, Tveit
Senators Patten, Rust, Unruh

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 39-01 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the creation of a motor vehicle ferry; to provide a contingent
3 appropriation; and to provide a contingent effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 39-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Motor vehicle ferry.**

8 Upon reaching an agreement with the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold
9 Reservation for right-of-way access on tribal land, the director shall provide for the operation of
10 a motor vehicle ferry across Lake Sakakawea to serve as a connection of state highway 8
11 between the cities of Twin Buttes and Parshall. The department shall improve all roads leading
12 to the ferry access points. The department shall serve as the administrator for any federal grant
13 funds received for the creation and operation of a motor vehicle ferry under this section.

14 **SECTION 2. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in
15 the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
16 appropriated, the sum of \$10,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
17 department of transportation for the purpose of establishing a motor vehicle ferry across Lake
18 Sakakawea, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

19 **SECTION 3. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act becomes effective on June 30,
20 2020, if the commissioner of the board of university and school lands certifies to the director of
21 the office of management and budget that the strategic investment and improvements fund has
22 an unobligated and undesignated balance of at least \$10,000,000.