

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 4014

Introduced by

Senators Grindberg, Krebsbach, Wogsland

Representatives Dalrymple, Mahoney, Torgerson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability  
2 of restructuring county government.

3 **WHEREAS**, proposals to consolidate services in counties of the state have been  
4 discussed frequently and considered by the Legislative Assembly; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in recent years counties have entered a variety of joint efforts to deliver  
6 services more cost effectively, but the efficiency and transferability of those joint efforts have  
7 not been evaluated; and

8 **WHEREAS**, consolidation and coordination efforts in other areas have proven to be  
9 difficult without sufficient technical assistance; and

10 **WHEREAS**, because there are potential advantages and disadvantages to changing  
11 the structure of county government, thoughtful review and study are needed to fully examine  
12 the legal and administrative issues necessary to make a decision in the best interest of all  
13 citizens of the state; and

14 **WHEREAS**, a comprehensive study of restructuring county government is a  
15 many-sided issue that needs thorough study and comment from citizens;

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,**  
17 **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

18 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of restructuring county  
19 government; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include an examination of examples of  
21 consolidation of services to determine the cost-effectiveness and transferability of those  
22 consolidations and an examination of methods through which the state may be able to provide  
23 affordable technical assistance to counties choosing to consolidate, merge, or share services  
24 and a review of the effect of 1993 Session Laws Chapter 401; and

- 1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 2   recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3   the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.