

Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4014
(Senators Grindberg, Krebsbach, Wogsland)
(Representatives Dalrymple, Mahoney, Torgerson)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State