

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4031
(Senators Cook, J. Lee, Stenehjem)
(Representatives Belter, Kasper, Weiler)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study political subdivisions that receive property tax revenue and any changes that may increase efficiencies and reduce property taxes.

WHEREAS, this state relies heavily upon government employment with 21 percent of all workers being government employees as compared to 15 percent nationwide; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota ranks first in the number of statewide elected officials and units of government as compared to the other states and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of governmental units per 10,000 population, this state has over six times the governmental units of Minnesota, over three times the governmental units of Montana, and almost two times the governmental units of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, many of the governmental units are funded primarily or entirely by property taxes; and

WHEREAS, property taxes on the same parcel of property have increased faster than increases in other taxes and inflation and efficiency in local government would benefit taxpayers;

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

That the Legislative Council study political subdivisions that receive property tax revenue and any changes that may increase efficiencies and reduce property taxes; 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 Sixty-first 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 _____, 2007,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State