

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3057

Introduced by

Representatives Winrich, Kretschmar, Wolf

Senator Bakke

1 A concurrent resolution for the amendment of section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to the length of legislative sessions.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure extends from 80 days to 120 days the maximum number of days the
5 legislative assembly may meet in regular session during a biennium.

6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
7 **SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

8 That the following proposed amendment to section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of
9 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at
10 the general election to be held in 2010, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
11 Constitution of North Dakota.

12 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota
13 is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **Section 7.** The terms of members of the legislative assembly begin on the first day of
15 December following their election.

16 The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of
17 December following the election of the members ~~thereof~~ of the legislative assembly for
18 organizational and orientation purposes as provided by law and following this organizational
19 meeting shall ~~thereafter~~ recess until twelve noon on the first Tuesday after the third day in
20 January or at such other time as may be prescribed by law but not later than the eleventh day
21 of January.

22 ~~No~~ A regular session of the legislative assembly may not exceed ~~eighty one hundred~~
23 twenty natural days during the biennium. The organizational meeting of the legislative
24 assembly may not be counted as part of those ~~eighty one hundred twenty~~ natural days, nor
25 may days spent in session at the call of the governor or while engaged in impeachment

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1 proceedings, be counted. Days spent in regular session need not be consecutive, and the
2 legislative assembly may authorize its committees to meet at any time during the biennium. As
3 used in this section, a "natural day" means a period of twenty-four consecutive hours.

4 Neither house may recess nor adjourn for more than three days without consent of the
5 other house.