

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. 4024
(Senators Mathern, DeMers, Lee, G. Nelson)
(Representatives Boucher, Dorso)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the development of an electronic mail and records management policy for governmental entities.

WHEREAS, various state agencies and institutions and numerous political subdivisions operate or maintain electronic mail systems through which government officials and employees and others are able to communicate and transmit information; and

WHEREAS, state law does not address the impact of open records laws with respect to the use of electronic mail, nor does it address the privacy issues surrounding monitoring of electronic mail; and

WHEREAS, before the state adopts an electronic mail policy, comprehensive study of privacy issues such as monitoring of electronic communications and what types of electronic communications are subject to open records laws is needed; and

WHEREAS, official business may be conducted electronically using digital signatures; and

WHEREAS, standards and procedures need to be reviewed for the effective management of the electronic records;

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

That the Legislative Council study the development of an electronic mail and records management policy for governmental entities; 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