

Introduced by

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the judicial election and
2 judicial selection process in North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, district judges and Supreme Court justices in North Dakota are elected on
4 a no-party ballot; and

5 **WHEREAS**, several federal cases have been decided recently which could have a
6 dramatic impact on judicial selection methods in North Dakota and throughout the country; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the 2005-06 interim Judicial Process Committee in cooperation with a State
8 Bar Association of North Dakota task force studied the judicial election and selection process in
9 North Dakota; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the 2005-06 interim Judicial Process Committee and the State Bar
11 Association of North Dakota task force recommended that no immediate legislative changes are
12 necessary as a result of the recent federal cases involving judicial election and selection; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the methodology of judicial selection in North Dakota is a complex issue
14 that requires additional study; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the 2005-06 interim Judicial Process Committee recommended that the
16 study of the judicial election and selection process continue into the 2007-08 interim;

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE _____ OF**
18 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE _____ CONCURRING THEREIN:**

19 That the Legislative Council study the judicial election and judicial selection process in
20 North Dakota; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
22 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
23 the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.