

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4023
(Senators Cook, Campbell, Wardner)
(Representatives Belter, Carlson, Headland)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study whether political subdivisions can become more efficient and effective to reduce costs to taxpayers.

WHEREAS, North Dakota ranks first among states in the number of local government elected officials and units of local government; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of governmental units per 10,000 population, North Dakota 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, an appropriate balance must be determined between the desire for accessibility of local government and the cost taxpayers are willing to bear to maintain the current level of governmental units and officials; and

WHEREAS, local government representatives should have a forum to suggest measures to make local government more efficient and effective to reduce costs to taxpayers;

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

That the Legislative Management study whether political subdivisions can become more efficient and effective to reduce costs to taxpayers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-fourth 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 _____, 2013,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State