

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. 4004
(Legislative Council)
(North Dakota/South Dakota Commission)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study methods through which North Dakota and South Dakota can collaborate to deliver government services more efficiently.

WHEREAS, during the latter portion of the 1995-96 interim, the North Dakota/South Dakota Commission studied methods through which the two states could cooperate to more efficiently provide government services; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota/South Dakota Commission identified several areas in which the two states are currently cooperating or could establish cooperative efforts to provide government services more efficiently; and

WHEREAS, because numerous opportunities for cooperation were identified which could improve services and reduce costs, further study of potential areas of cooperation may be necessary for implementation of cooperative efforts;

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

That the Legislative Council establish a committee of four senators and four representatives to work with a similar committee of South Dakota legislators to study methods through which North Dakota and South Dakota can collaborate to deliver governmental services more efficiently; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee solicit information and assistance from executive branch agencies and departments to determine areas in which the states can collaborate to deliver government services more efficiently and cost effectively; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee request reports annually from executive branch agencies and departments regarding efforts to cooperate with agencies and departments of South Dakota government; 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