

**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. 4014**  
(Senators Grindberg, Krebsbach, Wogsland)  
(Representatives Dalrymple, Mahoney, Torgerson)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of restructuring county government.

**WHEREAS**, proposals to consolidate services in counties of the state have been discussed frequently and considered by the Legislative Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years counties have entered a variety of joint efforts to deliver services more cost effectively, but the efficiency and transferability of those joint efforts have not been evaluated; and

**WHEREAS**, consolidation and coordination efforts in other areas have proven to be difficult without sufficient technical assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, because there are potential advantages and disadvantages to changing the structure of county government, thoughtful review and study are needed to fully examine the legal and administrative issues necessary to make a decision in the best interest of all citizens of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive study of restructuring county government is a many-sided issue that needs thorough study and comment from citizens;

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

That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of restructuring county government; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include an examination of examples of consolidation of services to determine the cost-effectiveness and transferability of those consolidations and an examination of methods through which the state may be able to provide affordable technical assistance to counties choosing to consolidate, merge, or share services and a review of the effect of 1993 Session Laws Chapter 401; 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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State