

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3023

Introduced by

Representative Kretschmar

1 A concurrent resolution for the amendment of section 2 of article IV of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to the election of representatives; and to provide an effective date.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This amendment provides that representatives must be elected from subdistricts of senatorial
5 districts. The amendment will be effective for any legislative redistricting plan enacted after
6 completion of the 2000 federal decennial census.

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

9 That the following proposed amendment to section 2 of article IV of the Constitution of
10 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at
11 the primary election to be held in 1998, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
12 Constitution of North Dakota.

13 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 2 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota
14 is amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **Section 2.** The legislative assembly shall fix the number of senators and
16 representatives and divide the state into as many senatorial districts of compact and contiguous
17 territory as there are senators. The districts thus ascertained and determined after the 1990
18 federal decennial census shall continue until the adjournment of the first regular session after
19 each federal decennial census, or until changed by law.

20 The legislative assembly shall guarantee, as nearly as is practicable, that every elector
21 is equal to every other elector in the state in the power to cast ballots for legislative candidates.
22 A senator and at least two representatives must be apportioned to each senatorial district ~~and~~.
23 The representatives must be elected at-large or from subdistricts from those of the senatorial
24 districts. The legislative assembly may combine two senatorial districts only when a single
25 member senatorial district includes a federal facility or federal installation, containing over

1 two-thirds of the population of a single member senatorial district, and may provide for the
2 election of senators at large from those districts and representatives at large ~~or~~ from those
3 subdistricts ~~from those districts~~.

4 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** If approved by the voters, this measure becomes
5 effective for any legislative redistricting plan enacted after completion of the 2000 federal
6 decennial census.