

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4022

Introduced by

Senators St. Aubyn, DeMers, Krebsbach

Representatives Christopherson, Delmore, Mickelson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the public utility territorial
2 integrity laws of this state.

3 **WHEREAS**, proposed legislation has been introduced in the Congress of the United
4 States which would allow retail customers the ability to choose their electricity providers; and

5 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota's public utility laws govern which electric service providers
6 will serve which customers; and

7 **WHEREAS**, there is a national trend toward competition in the electric industry and this
8 competition may have potential benefits for electric consumers, suppliers, and the residents of
9 this state; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the electricity marketplace has changed since the Territorial Integrity Act
11 was enacted by the Legislative Assembly in 1965; and

12 **WHEREAS**, it may be in the best interests of the residents of this state to allow new
13 customers the ability to choose their provider of electric energy; and

14 **WHEREAS**, a study of North Dakota's current electric distribution extension laws to
15 provide for customer choice may be in the interests of the consumers in this state;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study the public utility territorial integrity laws of this state;
19 and

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