

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3049

Introduced by

Representatives Kretschmar, Dorso, Oban

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study additional improvements to the legislative process that ensure an accessible, productive citizen legislature.

WHEREAS, the citizen legislator tradition in North Dakota should be preserved and legislative productivity and citizen access should be enhanced to deal with the increasing number and complexity of issues facing the state; and

WHEREAS, the critical public issues in the future may strain the capacity of a citizen legislature, particularly the return of responsibilities from the federal government to the state and the return of responsibilities from the executive branch to the legislative branch of state government; and

WHEREAS, it is important to build upon the past commitment to the strength of the legislative institution and to ensure that the Legislative Assembly continues as a strong, effective institution that commands wide public respect and confidence; and

WHEREAS, the 1995-1996 interim Legislative Management Committee continued its leadership in the work of significant improvement in the processes of the Legislative Assembly, including development of technological tools for enhancing legislative productivity, independence, and citizen access, and articulation of principles of legislative ethical behavior; and

WHEREAS, continued discussion among legislators, former legislators, and other citizens may be beneficial to identify the future roles, responsibilities, and steps to strengthen the legislative institution in the state;

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

That the Legislative Council study additional improvements to the legislative process that ensure an accessible, productive citizen legislature; 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.