

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4004

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(North Dakota/South Dakota Commission)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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