

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 4029**

Introduced by

Senators Tomac, Andrist

1 A concurrent resolution supporting the removal of the telecommunications local access  
2 transport area (LATA) line in this state; and directing the Legislative Council to study the  
3 feasibility and desirability of removing the telecommunications local access transport area line  
4 in this state.

5 **WHEREAS**, in 1982, the United States district court created two local access transport  
6 areas (LATAs) in this state as the result of the divestiture of AT & T; and

7 **WHEREAS**, this state is divided by area approximately two-thirds to the west and  
8 one-third to the east by a LATA line; and

9 **WHEREAS**, LATA lines restrict telecommunications services;

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

12 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly supports the removal of the LATA line in this  
13 state; and

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council study the feasibility and  
15 desirability of removing the telecommunications local access transport area line in this state;  
16 and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and  
18 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
19 the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
21 resolution to the appropriate federal authorities including the Federal Communications  
22 Commission and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, and to a  
23 representative of US West Communications, the North Dakota Association of Rural Telephone  
24 Cooperatives, and AT & T.