

Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3068
(Representatives DeKrey, Delmore, Gulleson)
(Senator W. Stenehjem)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of an equitable sharing, between the state and counties, of the costs of providing facilities for the delivery of state-funded judicial and clerk of court services.

WHEREAS, current statutes require the counties to provide adequate chamber, court, and law library quarters, and lights and fuel for state-funded district courts and to provide appropriate facilities for state-funded clerk of court service; and

WHEREAS, since July 1, 1995, the majority of revenue derived from court filing fees and traffic bond forfeitures has been transferred from the counties to the state general fund; and

WHEREAS, there is uncertainty concerning the adequacy of current court-related facilities and the extent to which existing facilities can or should be improved to ensure the delivery of efficient and effective judicial and clerk of court services to the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, state and local taxpayers would benefit from the development of a plan, in consultation with the Association of Counties, the Clerk of Court Association, the Association of County Commissioners, and the Supreme Court, which identifies facility requirements and addresses the equitable sharing of costs necessary to provide adequate facilities for the delivery of judicial and clerk of court services;

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

That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of an equitable sharing, between the state and the counties, of the costs of providing facilities for the delivery of state-funded judicial and clerk of court services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council request and consider any plans developed by the Association of Counties, the Clerk of Court Association, the Association of County Commissioners, and the Supreme Court which address the adequacy of existing court-related facilities, any improvements considered necessary for the delivery of judicial and clerk of court services, and methods of equitably sharing the costs associated with such facilities; 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-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State