Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4051

Introduced by

Senator W. Stenehjem

Representative DeKrey

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the classification of criminal

2 offenses throughout the North Dakota Century Code.

3 **WHEREAS**, the last major review of criminal offenses was done during the 1973-74

4 interim, which resulted in a bill that amended 597 existing sections and repealed 245 existing

5 sections of the code; and

6 WHEREAS, there are over 247 offenses classified as felonies, over 708 offenses

7 classified as misdemeanors, and over 147 offenses classified as infractions; and

- 8 WHEREAS, the proper classification of offenses provides for equitable punishment
- 9 based upon the elements of the offense committed; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the appropriate classification of offenses may result in more efficient use of

11 state resources in determining levels of punishment, rehabilitation, and the appropriate

12 alternatives to incarceration;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE

14 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

15 That the Legislative Council study the classification of criminal offenses throughout the

16 North Dakota Century Code; 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.