

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4012

Introduced by

Senator Kelsh

Representative Gulleason

1 A concurrent resolution requesting that the Congress of the United States propose for
2 ratification by the states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to state
3 legislative redistricting.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that membership in both
5 houses of a bicameral state legislative body must be apportioned according to population; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the rulings of the Supreme Court deny to the people of the respective
7 states the right to establish state legislative bodies upon a pattern of representation deemed
8 suitable to the needs of each state or similar to the pattern deemed advantageous for the
9 Congress of the United States and provided by the Constitution of the United States; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the actions of the Supreme Court have restricted the ability of the citizens
11 of states to designate the manner in which they are represented in their respective legislative
12 bodies and have deprived the people of their right to determine how they are to be governed;

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

15 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
16 propose to the several states for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United
17 States to allow states to apportion one house of state legislative bodies on factors other than
18 population; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
20 resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the
21 United States Senate, and the members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.