

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3039
(Representatives Disrud, Wikenheiser)
(Senator Urlacher)

A concurrent resolution to encourage the Secretary of State to appoint a committee to conduct a comprehensive study of North Dakota election laws.

WHEREAS, it has been at least 10 years since the last comprehensive study of election laws in this state; and

WHEREAS, the presidential controversy debacle in Florida illustrates the need for regular comprehensive reviews of election laws and procedures; and

WHEREAS, rapidly evolving election technologies are paving the way for dramatic changes in voting and election procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State, in his role as the state's chief election officer, is the individual best suited to undertake a comprehensive study of election laws in this state;

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

That the Legislative Assembly encourages the Secretary of State to appoint a committee to conduct a comprehensive study of North Dakota election laws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Secretary of State appoints such a committee, the committee should include representation from cities, counties, townships, school districts, political parties, voter advocacy groups, disability groups, and the technology sector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Secretary of State appoints such a committee, the Legislative Council be authorized to appoint up to four members of the Legislative Assembly to the committee, with members from the majority and minority parties and from the House of Representatives and the Senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Secretary of State appoints such a committee, the committee conclude its deliberations so that the Secretary of State may recommend any necessary statutory changes to the Fifty-eighth 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 _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State