

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4031

Introduced by

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Representatives Belter, Delmore, Timm

1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article X of the Constitution of
2 North Dakota, relating to the allocation of funds from settlements with tobacco product
3 manufacturers for long-term water development and water management purposes.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 This measure would require at least forty-five percent of the funds obtained by the state under
6 sections IX (payments) and XI (calculation and disbursement of payments) of the master
7 settlement agreement and consent agreement adopted by the east central judicial district court
8 in its judgment entered December 28, 1998, Civil No. 98-3778, be used for long-term water
9 development and water management purposes.

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

12 That the following proposed new section to article X of the Constitution of North Dakota
13 is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general
14 election to be held in 2004, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of
15 North Dakota.

16 **SECTION 1.** A new section to article X of the Constitution of North Dakota is created
17 and enacted as follows:

18 Of the funds received by the state pursuant to sections IX and XI of the master
19 settlement agreement and consent agreement adopted by the east central judicial district court
20 in its judgment entered December 28, 1998, Civil No. 98-3778, at least forty-five percent must
21 be deposited in a fund in the state treasury to be known as the water development trust fund.
22 Transfers to the water development trust fund must be used for the construction of the
23 long-term water development and water management needs of the state.