

Fifty-ninth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4014**

Introduced by

Senator Nething

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study vote by mail election  
2 processes.

3 **WHEREAS**, although the 1993 Legislative Assembly adopted procedures authorizing  
4 counties to conduct primary elections by mail ballot, counties have not opted to utilize those  
5 procedures; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the state of Oregon conducted its first statewide special election by mail  
7 ballot in June 1993 and, through the initiative process, the voters of Oregon expanded the vote  
8 by mail process to primary and general elections in 1998; and

9 **WHEREAS**, vote by mail elections in Oregon have resulted in higher voter turnout, have  
10 proven to be convenient, and have resulted in virtually no voter fraud; and

11 **WHEREAS**, although the Legislative Assembly has made voting by absentee ballot  
12 more accessible to voters in this state and enacted procedures to allow a county to establish an  
13 early voting precinct, a review of the vote by mail process could reveal methods through which  
14 voter turnout could be increased;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study vote by mail election processes; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and  
19 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
20 the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.