

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3054**

Introduced by

Representatives Kretschmar, Kroeber

1 A concurrent resolution for the amendment of section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to sessions of the legislative assembly; and to provide an effective date.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure would limit the legislative assembly to a regular session not to exceed sixty days
5 in each odd-numbered year and twenty days in each even-numbered year. The amendment
6 would become effective January 1, 2013.

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

9 That the following proposed amendment to section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of
10 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at
11 the general election to be held in 2008, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
12 Constitution of North Dakota.

13 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota
14 is amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **Section 7.** The terms of members of the legislative assembly begin on the first day of
16 December following their election.

17 The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of
18 December following the election of the members thereof for organizational and orientation
19 purposes as provided by law and shall thereafter recess until twelve noon on the first Tuesday
20 after the third day in January or at such other time as may be prescribed by law but not later
21 than the eleventh day of January.

22 No regular ~~session~~ sessions of the legislative assembly may exceed eighty natural days
23 during the biennium. The organizational meeting of the legislative assembly may not be
24 counted as part of those eighty natural days, nor may days spent in session at the call of the
25 governor or while engaged in impeachment proceedings, be counted. Days spent in regular

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1 session need not be consecutive, and the legislative assembly may authorize its committees to
2 meet at any time during the biennium. As used in this section, a "natural day" means a period
3 of twenty-four consecutive hours.

4 In each odd-numbered year, the legislative assembly may meet for not more than sixty
5 days, and in each even-numbered year, the legislative assembly may meet for not more than
6 twenty days.

7 Neither house may recess nor adjourn for more than three days without consent of the
8 other house.

9 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** If approved by the voters, this measure becomes
10 effective on January 1, 2013.