

Sixtieth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4023**

Introduced by

Senators Lyson, Klein, Triplett

Representatives Kretschmar, Mueller, Weiler

1 A concurrent resolution for the amendment of section 8 of article VII of the Constitution of North  
2 Dakota, relating to the beginning of a term of office for a sheriff.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure provides that an individual elected to the office of sheriff takes office on  
5 December first following the individual's election.

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

8 That the following proposed amendment to section 8 of article VII of the Constitution of  
9 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at  
10 the primary election to be held in 2008, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the  
11 Constitution of North Dakota.

12 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 8 of article VII of the Constitution of North Dakota  
13 is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **Section 8.** Each county shall provide for law enforcement, administrative and fiscal  
15 services, recording and registration services, educational services, and any other governmental  
16 services or functions as may be provided by law. Any elective office provided for by the  
17 counties shall be for a term of four years. Elective officers shall be elected by the electors in  
18 the jurisdiction in which the elected officer is to serve. A candidate for election for sheriff must  
19 be a resident in the jurisdiction in which the candidate is to serve at the time of the election.  
20 The office of sheriff shall be elected, and the term of office of any individual elected as sheriff  
21 begins on December first following the general election at which the individual was elected.

22 The legislative assembly may provide by law for the election of any county elective officer, other  
23 than the sheriff, to serve one or more counties provided the affected counties agree to the  
24 arrangement and any candidate elected to the office is a qualified elector of one of the affected  
25 counties.