

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED 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 a board of county commissioners may determine the date that an
5 individual elected to the office of sheriff takes office on any date after November thirtieth, but no
6 later than the first Monday in January following the individual's election.

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

9 That the following proposed amendment to section 8 of article VII of the Constitution of
10 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at
11 the primary 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 8 of article VII of the Constitution of North Dakota
14 is amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **Section 8.** Each county shall provide for law enforcement, administrative and fiscal
16 services, recording and registration services, educational services, and any other governmental
17 services or functions as may be provided by law. Any elective office provided for by the
18 counties shall be for a term of four years. Elective officers shall be elected by the electors in
19 the jurisdiction in which the elected officer is to serve. A candidate for election for sheriff must
20 be a resident in the jurisdiction in which the candidate is to serve at the time of the election.
21 The office of sheriff shall be elected, and the board of county commissioners of a county may
22 elect to provide that the term of office of any individual elected as sheriff begins on any date
23 after November thirtieth, but no later than the first Monday in January following the general
24 election at which the individual was elected. The legislative assembly may provide by law for
25 the election of any county elective officer, other than the sheriff, to serve one or more counties

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- 1 provided the affected counties agree to the arrangement and any candidate elected to the
- 2 office is a qualified elector of one of the affected counties.