

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4030
(Senator Heckaman)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study joint powers associations and school district reorganizations, annexations, and dissolutions.

WHEREAS, there are 95,600 students enrolled in public elementary and high schools in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, this state has 156 high school districts, 34 elementary school districts, 5 one-room rural school districts, and 3 nonoperating school districts; and

WHEREAS, the continuing decline in the number of students will likely be paralleled by a continuing decline in the number of school districts; and

WHEREAS, under current law, a school district that is no longer self-sustaining has available the statutory options of reorganization with one or more contiguous districts or dissolution; and

WHEREAS, the statutory requirements for school district reorganizations and dissolutions need to be periodically examined to determine their appropriateness and continued relevancy given the numerous changes in the educational sector;

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

That the Legislative Council study joint powers associations and school district reorganizations, annexations, and dissolutions; the statutory requirements for effectuating each outcome, including the role of county superintendents and county committees; the impact of each on students, parents, teachers, taxpayers, and communities; and the continued relevancy of the processes in light of numerous changes in the educational sector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State