

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3002

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Judicial Process Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the judicial election and
2 judicial selection process in North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, district judges and Supreme Court justices in North Dakota are elected on
4 a no-party ballot; and

5 **WHEREAS**, several federal cases have been decided recently which could have a
6 dramatic impact on judicial selection methods in North Dakota and throughout the country; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the 2005-06 interim Judicial Process Committee in cooperation with a State
8 Bar Association of North Dakota task force studied the judicial election and selection process in
9 North Dakota; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the 2005-06 interim Judicial Process Committee and the State Bar
11 Association of North Dakota task force recommended that no immediate legislative changes are
12 necessary as a result of the recent federal cases involving judicial election and selection; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the methodology of judicial selection in North Dakota is a complex issue
14 that requires additional study; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the 2005-06 interim Judicial Process Committee recommended that the
16 study of the judicial election and selection process continue into the 2007-08 interim;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study the judicial election and judicial selection process in
20 North Dakota; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council pursue a public information
22 and education program with the State Bar Association of North Dakota which includes public
23 forums around the state regarding judicial selection methodology and the conduct of judicial
24 elections; and

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