

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Representative Koppelman

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study election processes and
2 procedures and the security and integrity of elections in this state, and any possible changes to
3 election laws to ensure the security and integrity of future elections.

4 **WHEREAS**, the security and integrity of elections in the United States has become a
5 growing concern in the wake of election irregularities in a number of states; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the methods through which elections are conducted have changed
7 significantly over the last several years; and

8 **WHEREAS**, this state has had a long history of honesty in elections and citizens of the
9 state desire that tradition to continue as new election practices and procedures are adopted;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, this state is the only state that does not require voters to register and voters
12 in this state are proud of that tradition; and

13 **WHEREAS**, since 1997 voters in this state have been allowed to vote by absentee
14 ballot without being required to state a reason for voting by absentee ballot; and

15 **WHEREAS**, although voters who are unable or unprepared to verify their identity or
16 residence are about to vote by signing an affidavit, the affidavits are rarely verified and the
17 ballots of those voters are counted along with the voters who have proven their eligibility to
18 vote; and

19 **WHEREAS**, several counties in this state have held mail ballot elections and have
20 reduced the number of polling places in a county to as few as one; and

21 **WHEREAS**, counties have also utilized the ability to establish early voting precincts;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, the integrity of elections is in the best interest of a representative republic
24 and all citizens;

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

3 That the Legislative Council study election processes and procedures and the security
4 and integrity of elections in this state, and any possible changes to election laws to ensure the
5 security and integrity of future elections.

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