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Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4009

Introduced by

Senator Traynor

Representative Maragos

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability

2 of eliminating county states' attorneys and creating district attorneys to provide prosecutorial

3 services for judicial districts.

4   **WHEREAS**, there are are 53 counties in North Dakota; and

5   **WHEREAS**, the population in many rural counties is declining; and

6   **WHEREAS**, many rural counties lack sufficient caseload to justify full-time state's

7 attorneys; and

8   **WHEREAS**, the abolition of county courts and county judges has been accomplished by

9 the unification of the judicial system into a single trial court of general jurisdiction; and

10   **WHEREAS**, the use of district attorneys rather than states' attorneys may be a more

11 efficient method of providing prosecutorial services to citizens of the state;

12   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**

13 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

14   That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of eliminating county

15 states' attorneys and creating district attorneys to provide prosecutorial services for judicial

16 districts.

17   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and

18 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to

19 the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.