

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4052**

Introduced by

Senator Thompson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study options for holding regular
2 legislative sessions either annually or in even-numbered years.

3 **WHEREAS**, the session schedule of the Legislative Assembly should ensure the most
4 efficient and effective use of legislators' and the public's time and resources; and

5 **WHEREAS**, a different session structure could allow more efficiency in addressing
6 budget matters, in making better use of the interim process, in allowing more committee time
7 for bill processing, in providing more time for legislator orientation and training, and in providing
8 opportunities for leadership to develop agendas, budget alternatives, and support for major
9 legislation; and

10 **WHEREAS**, any study to consider changes to the scheduling of the legislative session
11 needs to include consideration of value of a citizen legislature and the need for enhanced
12 expertise and experience in dealing with increasingly difficult, complex issues, and an
13 increasing workload;

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

16 That the Legislative Council study options for holding regular legislative sessions either
17 annually or in even-numbered years; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
19 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
20 the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.