

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3018

Introduced by

Representatives Kerzman, Ekstrom, Froelich, Kempenich

1 A concurrent resolution for the amendment of sections 1 and 2 of article IV of the Constitution of
2 North Dakota, relating to the composition of the legislative assembly; and to provide an effective
3 date.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 This measure provides that each county is entitled to one senator in the legislative assembly.
6 This amendment becomes effective January 1, 2010.

7 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
8 **SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

9 That the following proposed amendments to sections 1 and 2 of article IV of the
10 Constitution of North Dakota are agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of
11 North Dakota at the primary election to be held in 2006, in accordance with section 16 of
12 article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

13 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 1 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota
14 is amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **Section 1.** The senate must be composed of ~~not less than forty nor more than fifty four~~
16 ~~members~~ one member from each county, and the house of representatives must be composed
17 of not less than eighty nor more than one hundred eight members. These houses are jointly
18 designated as the legislative assembly of the state of North Dakota.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 2 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota
20 is amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **Section 2.** The legislative assembly shall fix the number of ~~senators and~~
22 representatives and divide the state into ~~as many senatorial~~ house districts of compact and
23 contiguous territory ~~as there are senators~~. The districts thus ascertained and determined after
24 the ~~1990~~ 2010 federal decennial census ~~shall~~ must continue until the adjournment of the first
25 regular session after each federal decennial census, or until changed by law.

1 The legislative assembly shall guarantee, as nearly as is practicable, that every elector
2 is equal to every other elector in the state in the power to cast ballots for legislative candidates
3 for the house of representatives. ~~A senator and at~~ At least two representatives must be
4 apportioned to each senatorial house district and must be elected at large or from subdistricts
5 from those districts. ~~The legislative assembly may combine two senatorial districts only when a~~
6 ~~single member senatorial district includes a federal facility or federal installation, containing over~~
7 ~~two thirds of the population of a single member senatorial district, and may provide for the~~
8 ~~election of senators at large and representatives at large or from subdistricts from those~~
9 ~~districts.~~

10 **SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.** If approved by the voters, this measure becomes
11 effective on January 1, 2010.