

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3002
(Legislative Council)
(Judicial Process Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State