

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4031

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study political subdivisions that
2 receive property tax revenue and any changes that may increase efficiencies and reduce
3 property taxes.

4 **WHEREAS**, this state relies heavily upon government employment with 21 percent of all
5 workers being government employees as compared to 15 percent nationwide; and

6 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota ranks first in the number of statewide elected officials and
7 units of government as compared to the other states and the District of Columbia; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on the basis of governmental units per 10,000 population, this state has
9 over six times the governmental units of Minnesota, over three times the governmental units of
10 Montana, and almost two times the governmental units of South Dakota; and

11 **WHEREAS**, many of the governmental units are funded primarily or entirely by property
12 taxes; and

13 **WHEREAS**, property taxes on the same parcel of property have increased faster than
14 increases in other taxes and inflation and efficiency in local government would benefit
15 taxpayers;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study political subdivisions that receive property tax
19 revenue and any changes that may increase efficiencies and reduce property taxes; and

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