

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4030

Introduced by

Senator Heckaman

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study joint powers associations and
2 school district reorganizations, annexations, and dissolutions.

3 **WHEREAS**, there are 95,600 students enrolled in public elementary and high schools in
4 North Dakota; and

5 **WHEREAS**, this state has 156 high school districts, 34 elementary school districts,
6 5 one-room rural school districts, and 3 nonoperating school districts; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the continuing decline in the number of students will likely be paralleled by
8 a continuing decline in the number of school districts; and

9 **WHEREAS**, under current law, a school district that is no longer self-sustaining has
10 available the statutory options of reorganization with one or more contiguous districts or
11 dissolution; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the statutory requirements for school district reorganizations and
13 dissolutions need to be periodically examined to determine their appropriateness and continued
14 relevancy given the numerous changes in the educational sector;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study joint powers associations and school district
18 reorganizations, annexations, and dissolutions; the statutory requirements for effectuating each
19 outcome; the impact of each on students, parents, teachers, taxpayers, and communities; and
20 the continued relevancy of the processes in light of numerous changes in the educational
21 sector; and

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