Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3021

Introduced by

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Representatives Louser, Rick C. Becker, Streyle

Senator Armstrong

| 1 | A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the feasibility and |
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| 2 | desirability of state payments to political subdivisions at a rate sufficient to replace property |
| 3 | taxes and provide voters a greater level of control in local government budget determination. |
| 4 | WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly has provided increasing levels of state property tax |
| 5 | relief funding to political subdivisions in recent years through a variety of approaches but the |
| 6 | cost of local government continues to grow at a substantial rate, which has consumed a large |
| 7 | share of property tax relief that was intended to benefit property owners; |
| 8 | WHEREAS, unprecedented increases in property values have inflated the property tax |
| 9 | base to an extent that statutory property tax levy limitations no longer provide significant |
| 10 | restraint on local spending levels; |
| 11 | WHEREAS, consideration should be given to the feasibility of eliminating the existing |
| 12 | method of funding local government through assessment and taxation of property, replacing |
| 13 | current property tax revenues with state funding, including a reasonable level of increase in |
| 14 | state funding annually, and allowing local taxpayers to vote to approve or disapprove any |
| 15 | proposal for excess taxing authority; |
| 16 | WHEREAS, if the property tax system is to be eliminated, an equitable alternative means of |
| 17 | increasing revenue with voter approval must be developed that does not rely on the property tax |
| 18 | system as it now exists; |
| 19 | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF |
| 20 | NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN: |
| 21 | That the Legislative Management study the feasibility and desirability of state payments to |
| 22 | political subdivisions at a rate sufficient to replace property taxes and provide voters a greater |

level of control in local government budget determination; and

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- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
- 2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3 the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly.