Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT with House Amendments

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4014

Introduced by

Senator Wobbema

Representatives Christensen, Ertelt, Kiefert

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the

2 apportionment of voting rights in relation to a voter's ability to approve or protest a tax increase,

3 bond issuance, or the formation of an improvement district and whether the current manner of

4 apportioning voting rights is equitable and appropriate.

5 **WHEREAS**, the apportionment of voting rights in relation to approval of political subdivision

6 levy authority generally is apportioned one vote per qualified elector; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the apportionment of voting rights in relation to an individual's ability to protest

8 the formation of a special assessment improvement district includes the apportionment of one

9 vote for each dollar of the proposed special assessment against the owner's property and the

10 apportionment of votes based on the total number of acres a property owner owns which are

11 subject to assessment; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the apportionment of voting rights in relation to approval of a bond issuance

13 generally is apportioned one vote per qualified elector, but the apportionment of voting rights in

14 relation to protesting a bond issuance is measured in terms of assessed valuation in certain

15 instances;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE

17 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Legislative Management consider studying the apportionment of voting rights in relation to a voter's ability to approve or protest a tax increase, bond issuance, or the formation of an improvement district and whether the current manner of apportioning voting rights is equitable and appropriate; and

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