

Introduced by

Senator Walen

Representatives Fegley, Henderson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying election and
2 political party activities in a legislative district containing tribal lands.

3 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota has several legislative districts containing tribal
4 lands; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota requires the
6 legislative assembly to provide for legislative districts; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly is required to review the boundaries of the legislative
8 districts once every 10 years; and

9 **WHEREAS**, as part of establishing legislative districts, the Legislative Assembly is required
10 to ensure that every elector is equal to every other elector in the state in the power to cast
11 ballots for legislative candidates; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly may provide for the election of senators at large and
13 representatives at large or from subdistricts from those districts;

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

16 That the Legislative Management consider studying election and political party activities in a
17 legislative district containing tribal lands and whether modification of electoral practices are
18 necessary to ensure every qualified elector is able to freely participate in voting in an election in
19 this state; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the study must consider how recent litigation has affected
21 the redistricting of legislative district boundaries, measures necessary to avoid litigation, and the
22 historical use of subdistricts; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
24 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
25 the Seventieth Legislative Assembly.