

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Representative Sveen

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of establishing house subdistricts within senatorial districts when the Legislative Assembly
3 redistricts after the 2000 census.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of North Dakota requires the Legislative Assembly to
5 redistrict after each federal decennial census; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of North Dakota allows for the election of house members
7 from subdistricts or at large; and

8 **WHEREAS**, because of the large geographical area of some rural senatorial districts,
9 the creation of house subdistricts could provide more personal representation by house
10 members; and

11 **WHEREAS**, because of the conversion of the terms of office of members of the House
12 of Representatives to four years, the distinction between representatives and senators has
13 been diminished;

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

16 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of establishing house
17 subdistricts within senatorial districts when the Legislative Assembly redistricts after the 2000
18 census; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study focus on the feasibility and desirability of
20 establishing house subdistricts in senatorial districts consisting of geographical areas of over
21 1,000 square miles; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study address the length of terms of office of
23 members of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3 the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.