

Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4047
(Senators DeMers, Holmberg, C. Nelson, Nething, Traynor)
(Representative Svedjan)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study methods to preserve and provide access to state publications in an electronic format.

WHEREAS, state agencies are moving toward producing publications solely in an electronic format; and

WHEREAS, an electronic catalog of state documents does not exist in the statewide library system; and

WHEREAS, the state does not have a coordinated approach or plan for preserving or providing access to electronic publications; and

WHEREAS, without a state preservation and access policy, researchers, historians, and agencies irretrievably lose sources necessary for the interpretation of the state's history and citizens find fewer permanent guides to past and present activities of their government; and

WHEREAS, agencies directly interested in developing a preservation and access policy include the State Library, the State Archivist, the Information Services Division, the Secretary of State, the University System, the NDSU Extension Service, Job Service North Dakota, the Department of Health, the Water Commission, the Game and Fish Department, the State Auditor, the Public Service Commission, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, as state agencies develop information technology plans, the opportunity to integrate a policy of preservation and extended access to the publications appears feasible;

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

That the Legislative Council study methods to preserve and provide access to state publications in an electronic format; and

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State