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1 A concurrent resolution to encourage the Secretary of State to appoint a committee to conduct
2 a comprehensive study of North Dakota election laws.

3 **WHEREAS**, it has been at least 10 years since the last comprehensive study of election
4 laws in this state; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the presidential controversy debacle in Florida illustrates the need for
6 regular comprehensive reviews of election laws and procedures; and

7 **WHEREAS**, rapidly evolving election technologies are paving the way for dramatic
8 changes in voting and election procedures; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Secretary of State, in his role as the state's chief election officer, is the
10 individual best suited to undertake a comprehensive study of election laws in this state;

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

13 That the Legislative Assembly encourages the Secretary of State to appoint a
14 committee to conduct a comprehensive study of North Dakota election laws; and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the Secretary of State appoints such a committee,
16 the committee should include representation from cities, counties, townships, school districts,
17 political parties, voter advocacy groups, disability groups, and the technology sector; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the Secretary of State appoints such a committee,
19 the Legislative Council be authorized to appoint up to four members of the Legislative
20 Assembly to the committee, with members from the majority and minority parties and from the
21 House of Representatives and the Senate; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the Secretary of State appoints such a committee,
23 the committee conclude its deliberations so that the Secretary of State may recommend any
24 necessary statutory changes to the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.