

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3014
(Representatives DeKrey, Horter, R. Kelsch)
(Senators Grindberg, Traynor, Triplett)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study judicial elections and recent federal court decisions affecting the conduct of judicial elections.

WHEREAS, district judges and supreme court justices in North Dakota are elected on a no-party ballot; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits judges and candidates for judicial offices from engaging in most political activities, personally soliciting campaign funds, and making statements regarding issues likely to come before a court; and

WHEREAS, recent decisions by federal courts in other jurisdictions which have invalidated various restrictions on the activities of candidates for judicial offices may have a significant impact on the conduct of judicial elections in this state;

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

That the Legislative Council study judicial elections and recent federal court decisions affecting the conduct of judicial elections; 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 Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State