

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4028

(Senators Hacker, Holmberg, Robinson)
(Representatives DeKrey, R. Kelsch, Owens)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a paternity registry.

WHEREAS, adoption is the process by which a legal parent-child relationship is created between individuals who are not biologically parent and child; and

WHEREAS, to ensure placement of children in need of homes with families, it is important that the adoption process supports the needs of all individuals involved and that the process is as fair, efficient, and cost-effective as possible; and

WHEREAS, a paternity registry gives unwed putative fathers a way to protect their interests in preserving a parent-child relationship when that child is or may be placed for adoption; and

WHEREAS, a paternity registry provides a way to promote stability in adoptive placements by ensuring that a child's adoptive placement is not disrupted by a putative father initiating late or untimely legal proceedings;

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

That the Legislative Council be directed to study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a paternity registry; 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 Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.