

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4009

Introduced by

Senator Traynor

Representative Maragos

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of eliminating county states' attorneys and creating district attorneys to provide prosecutorial
3 services for judicial districts.

4 **WHEREAS**, there are are 53 counties in North Dakota; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the population in many rural counties is declining; and

6 **WHEREAS**, many rural counties lack sufficient caseload to justify full-time state's
7 attorneys; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the abolition of county courts and county judges has been accomplished by
9 the unification of the judicial system into a single trial court of general jurisdiction; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the use of district attorneys rather than states' attorneys may be a more
11 efficient method of providing prosecutorial services to citizens of the state;

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

14 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of eliminating county
15 states' attorneys and creating district attorneys to provide prosecutorial services for judicial
16 districts.

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