

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3048**

Introduced by

Representatives Hoffner, Gulleson, Fairfield

Senator T. Mathern

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the first amendment as it is  
2 applied to political speech.

3 **WHEREAS**, the first amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees the right  
4 of free speech; and

5 **WHEREAS**, although North Dakota law prohibits the publication of false or misleading  
6 political advertisements, the law is rarely enforced; and

7 **WHEREAS**, candidates for public office often have no control over independent  
8 expenditures for political advertisements made in support of the candidates or in opposition to  
9 the candidate's opponent; and

10 **WHEREAS**, a thorough review of other states' attempts at addressing problems  
11 associated with regulation of political speech would aid the Legislative Assembly in determining  
12 if additional regulations on campaign advertising are feasible and desirable;

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

15 That the Legislative Council study the first amendment as it is applied to political  
16 speech; and

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.