

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4051**

Introduced by

Senator W. Stenehjem

Representative DeKrey

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the classification of criminal  
2 offenses throughout the North Dakota Century Code.

3 **WHEREAS**, the last major review of criminal offenses was done during the 1973-74  
4 interim, which resulted in a bill that amended 597 existing sections and repealed 245 existing  
5 sections of the code; and

6 **WHEREAS**, there are over 247 offenses classified as felonies, over 708 offenses  
7 classified as misdemeanors, and over 147 offenses classified as infractions; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the proper classification of offenses provides for equitable punishment  
9 based upon the elements of the offense committed; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the appropriate classification of offenses may result in more efficient use of  
11 state resources in determining levels of punishment, rehabilitation, and the appropriate  
12 alternatives to incarceration;

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

15 That the Legislative Council study the classification of criminal offenses throughout the  
16 North Dakota Century Code; 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.