

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 4052**

Introduced by

Senator Thompson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study options for holding regular  
2 legislative sessions either annually or in even-numbered years.

3 **WHEREAS**, the session schedule of the Legislative Assembly should ensure the most  
4 efficient and effective use of legislators' and the public's time and resources; and

5 **WHEREAS**, a different session structure could allow more efficiency in addressing  
6 budget matters, in making better use of the interim process, in allowing more committee time  
7 for bill processing, in providing more time for legislator orientation and training, and in providing  
8 opportunities for leadership to develop agendas, budget alternatives, and support for major  
9 legislation; and

10 **WHEREAS**, any study to consider changes to the scheduling of the legislative session  
11 needs to include consideration of value of a citizen legislature and the need for enhanced  
12 expertise and experience in dealing with increasingly difficult, complex issues, and an  
13 increasing workload;

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

16 That the Legislative Council study options for holding regular legislative sessions either  
17 annually or in even-numbered years; and

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