

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3068

Introduced by

Representatives DeKrey, Delmore, Gulleson

Senator W. Stenehjem

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of an equitable sharing, between the state and counties, of the costs of providing facilities for
3 the delivery of state-funded judicial and clerk of court services.

4 **WHEREAS**, current statutes require the counties to provide adequate chamber, court,
5 and law library quarters, and lights and fuel for state-funded district courts and to provide
6 appropriate facilities for state-funded clerk of court service; and

7 **WHEREAS**, since July 1, 1995, the majority of revenue derived from court filing fees
8 and traffic bond forfeitures has been transferred from the counties to the state general fund; and

9 **WHEREAS**, there is uncertainty concerning the adequacy of current court-related
10 facilities and the extent to which existing facilities can or should be improved to ensure the
11 delivery of efficient and effective judicial and clerk of court services to the citizens of this state;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, state and local taxpayers would benefit from the development of a plan, in
14 consultation with the Association of Counties, the Association of County Commissioners, and
15 the Supreme Court, which identifies facility requirements and addresses the equitable sharing
16 of costs necessary to provide adequate facilities for the delivery of judicial and clerk of court
17 services;

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

20 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of an equitable sharing,
21 between the state and the counties, of the costs of providing facilities for the delivery of
22 state-funded judicial and clerk of court services; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council request and consider any
24 plans developed by the Association of Counties, Association of County Commissioners, and the
25 Supreme Court which address the adequacy of existing court-related facilities, any

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- 1 improvements considered necessary for the delivery of judicial and clerk of court services, and
- 2 methods of equitably sharing the costs associated with such facilities; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 5 the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.