

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

Fifty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED 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;  
9 and

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

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

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

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

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council request and consider any  
25 plans developed by the Association of Counties, the Clerk of Court Association, the Association

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1 of County Commissioners, and the Supreme Court which address the adequacy of existing  
2 court-related facilities, any improvements considered necessary for the delivery of judicial and  
3 clerk of court services, and methods of equitably sharing the costs associated with such  
4 facilities; and

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