

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4014

Introduced by

Senators Krauter, G. Nelson, Robinson

Representatives Boucher, Niemeier, Sandvig

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the adoption laws of this state
2 and other states.

3 **WHEREAS**, adoption is the process by which a legal parent-child relationship is created
4 between individuals who are not biologically parent and child; and

5 **WHEREAS**, adoption law is established and governed in large part by the states; and

6 **WHEREAS**, all 50 states have statutes governing adoption; and

7 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota adoption law provides for notice requirements, waiting
8 periods, and residency requirements that are different from the provisions of adoption laws in
9 neighboring states; and

10 **WHEREAS**, to ensure placement of children in need of homes with families, it is
11 important that the adoption process supports the needs of all individuals involved and that the
12 process is as efficient and cost-effective as possible;

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

15 That the Legislative Council study the adoption laws of this state and other states; and

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