

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3014

Introduced by

Representatives DeKrey, Horter, R. Kelsch

Senators Grindberg, Traynor, Triplett

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study judicial elections and recent
2 federal court decisions affecting the conduct of judicial elections.

3 **WHEREAS**, district judges and supreme court justices in North Dakota are elected on a
4 no-party ballot; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Code of Judicial Conduct prohibits judges and candidates
6 for judicial offices from engaging in most political activities, personally soliciting campaign
7 funds, and making statements regarding issues likely to come before a court; and

8 **WHEREAS**, recent decisions by federal courts in other jurisdictions which have
9 invalidated various restrictions on the activities of candidates for judicial offices may have a
10 significant impact on the conduct of judicial elections in this state;

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

13 That the Legislative Council study judicial elections and recent federal court decisions
14 affecting the conduct of judicial elections; and

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