

Introduced by

Senator Wobbema

Representatives Christensen, Ertelt, Kiefert

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the  
2 apportionment of voting rights in relation to a voter's ability to approve or protest a tax increase,  
3 bond issuance, or the formation of an improvement district and whether the current manner of  
4 apportioning voting rights is equitable and appropriate.

5 **WHEREAS**, the apportionment of voting rights in relation to approval of political subdivision  
6 levy authority generally is apportioned one vote per qualified elector; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the apportionment of voting rights in relation to an individual's ability to protest  
8 the formation of a special assessment improvement district includes the apportionment of one  
9 vote for each dollar of the proposed special assessment against the owner's property and the  
10 apportionment of votes based on the total number of acres a property owner owns which are  
11 subject to assessment; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the apportionment of voting rights in relation to approval of a bond issuance  
13 generally is apportioned one vote per qualified elector, but the apportionment of voting rights in  
14 relation to protesting a bond issuance is measured in terms of assessed valuation in certain  
15 instances;

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

18 That the Legislative Management consider studying the apportionment of voting rights in  
19 relation to a voter's ability to approve or protest a tax increase, bond issuance, or the formation  
20 of an improvement district and whether the current manner of apportioning voting rights is  
21 equitable and appropriate; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and  
23 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
24 the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly.