

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4014**

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.~~directing the Legislative Management to  
5 consider studying the feasibility and desirability of using an income tax surtax to fund a school  
6 district bond issuance.

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

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

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

18 **WHEREAS**, school districts may seek approval of the qualified electors in the school district  
19 to issue bonds and, if approved by the electors, may expend bond proceeds for school  
20 purposes and levy property tax for the payment of principal and interest on bonds; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the property tax burden born by owners of commercial property, agricultural  
22 property, or other property in addition to their personal residence generally is not proportionate  
23 to their voting rights as compared to the voting rights of individuals renting property or  
24 individuals who own only a single personal residence; and

1 WHEREAS, the use of an income tax surtax to fund a school district bond issuance  
2 approved by the voters might provide a more equitable distribution of the burden of funding  
3 school district projects;

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

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

10 ~~— **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and~~  
11 ~~recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to~~  
12 ~~the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly.~~

13 That the Legislative Management consider studying the feasibility and desirability of using  
14 an income tax surtax to fund a school district bond issuance; and

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