

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3043
(Representative Kretschmar)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the filling of vacancies in the Legislative Assembly.

WHEREAS, Section 11 of Article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota authorizes the Legislative Assembly to provide by law a procedure to fill vacancies occurring in either house of the Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 and 2003 the Legislative Assembly revised the procedures for filling vacancies in legislative offices; and

WHEREAS, vacancies in the Legislative Assembly are now filled by political party officials who select individuals to fill vacancies and the qualified electors of legislative districts may subsequently petition for special elections to fill the vacancies; and

WHEREAS, the current procedures for filling legislative vacancies can be confusing and may serve to limit the ability of residents of a legislative district to elect an individual of their choosing to the Legislative Assembly;

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

That the Legislative Management study the filling of vacancies in the Legislative Assembly; and

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State