

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations)

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study statutory usage of
2 various references to political subdivisions and the feasibility of differentiating references to
3 political subdivisions based on whether the governing body is elected or appointed.

4 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Century Code provides numerous different definitions and
5 references for political subdivisions, which creates the potential for confusion and erroneous
6 usage of terminology; and

7 **WHEREAS**, more specific statutory definitions and references and a revision of statutory
8 references to distinguish political subdivisions with an elected governing body from those with
9 an appointed governing body and to distinguish those with policymaking authority from those
10 with only administrative authority would clarify the lines of authority among political subdivisions;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, an examination of statutory authority of political subdivisions should reveal any
13 statutory provisions that require clarification regarding the proper roles political subdivisions
14 should play in serving the citizens of the state;

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

17 That the Legislative Management study statutory usage of various references to political
18 subdivisions and the feasibility of differentiating references to political subdivisions based on
19 whether the governing body is elected or appointed; and

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