

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4020**

Introduced by

Senators Larsen, Boehm, Estenson, Magrum, Paulson

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 2 of article VIII of the Constitution of
2 North Dakota, relating to funding of public school primary and secondary education.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure prohibits the legislative assembly from authorizing or requiring a school district to
5 levy property taxes to contribute to the educational cost per student for public school primary
6 and secondary education in this state.

7 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

9 That the following proposed amendments to section 2 of article VIII of the Constitution of
10 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the
11 general election to be held in 2024 in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution
12 of North Dakota.

13 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 2 of article VIII of the Constitution of North Dakota is
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **Section 2.** The legislative assembly shall provide for a uniform system of free public
16 schools throughout the state, beginning with the primary and extending through all grades up to
17 and including schools of higher education, except that the legislative assembly may authorize
18 tuition, fees and service charges to assist in the financing of public schools of higher education.
19 The legislative assembly may not authorize or require a school district to levy property taxes to
20 contribute to the educational cost per student for public school primary and secondary
21 education in this state.

22 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** If approved by the voters, this measure becomes effective
23 for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2027.