

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3047
(Representatives Louser, Becker, Jones, Kasper, B. Koppelman, K. Koppelman, Pollert)
(Senators Meyer, Vedaa)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress not to adopt H.R. 1 of the 117th Congress.

WHEREAS, H.R. 1, a sweeping federal bill that would usurp the power of states to conduct elections as they see fit, against the intentions of our nation's founders, is currently under consideration by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article I of the United States Constitution grants the legislative branch of each state the authority to prescribe the "Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives," an authority Congress should supersede only in "extraordinary circumstances" according to Alexander Hamilton in Federalist Number 59; and

WHEREAS, voting laws have evolved across the 50 states over time, providing more and more access, security, and accuracy. However, most importantly, each of those same 50 states has created its own unique election systems. From who administers the elections, to how votes are cast, to how a vote is protected--each unique system was born of federalism; and

WHEREAS, the imperfection of voting laws across the country is not proof that H.R. 1 is necessary or appropriate, but rather evidence that United States citizens are continuing to strive toward a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, forcing completely new standards, procedures, and expectations into state election systems, which are not built for those requirements, as is the case under H.R. 1, would bring chaos to those election systems, and that chaos would bring with it a lack of trust by the people in the results of those elections; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota, we have developed a system that has ensured voters have confidence in the outcome of our elections. Voter fraud and voter suppression are exceedingly rare, and our efforts to strengthen the security of our elections have become a model for others;


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

That the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly affirms our belief in the federal structure of the United States government and declares current voting laws a credit to the design of federal government to allow for democratic experimentation throughout the several states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges Congress not to adopt H.R. 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.


Speaker of the House


President of the Senate


Chief Clerk of the House


Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this 7th day of April, 2021,
at 4:22 o'clock P. M.


Secretary of State