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# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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## Proposed

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### CHAPTER 117

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13—(Lofthus)

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#### EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN—AMENDMENT U. S. CONSTITUTION

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the constitution of the United States of America, endorsing equal rights for women.

*Be It Resolved By the Senate of the State of North Dakota,  
the House of Representatives Concurring Therein:*

WHEREAS, the women of America have shared equally with men in the hardships and sacrifices incident to the building of this nation, and,

WHEREAS, they have shared equally in the pain and distress which have been involved in the maintenance of the American republic and the ideals of free government against the aggression of tyrants and have participated, and are today participating, in the battles precipitated by the enemies of freedom, and,

WHEREAS, this nation was "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," and such declaration has no actual or implied limitations on equality before the law by reason of sex, and,

WHEREAS, the rights of women before the law are much abridged in many states, and this legal discrimination on the basis of sex constitutes an intolerable burden upon thousands of women who are solely dependent upon their own efforts for their livelihood, and is a source of irritation to many thousands of others who recognize this discrimination a flat contradiction of the American principle of equality, wholly out of accord with the status of American women, which they

have reached by their achievements in other fields of human endeavor, and,

WHEREAS, there are today, nine hundred and eighty-five thousand more women than men in this country and women have served this country in time of war as well as in peace, equally well with men in every field of work,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate and House of Representatives pass the following resolution and the amendment as follows:

**"EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT"**

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress and the several states shall have the power within the respective jurisdictions, to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

This amendment shall take effect three years after the date of ratification."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and to each member of Congress elected from the State of North Dakota.

Filed March 10, 1947.

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**CHAPTER 118**

House Concurrent Resolution H—(Hofstrand, Leet, Lavin, Bymers and Graham)

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**MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORES**

A Concurrent Resolution Providing for an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, Permitting Municipal Liquor Stores.

*Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota, the Senate Concurring Therein:*

That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of North Dakota is agreed to and shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of North Dakota for approval or rejection at the next genral election, in accordance

with the provisions of Section 202 of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, as amended:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Any city or incorporated village in this state may own, operate and maintain a municipal liquor store or stores within their corporate limits for the sale of intoxicating liquor whenever such city or incorporated village has been authorized by a majority vote of their qualified electors, voting upon such question, pursuant to such regulations and restrictions as may be prescribed by law.

This amendment shall be self-executing, but laws may be enacted to facilitate its operation.

Filed February 28, 1947.

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## CHAPTER 119

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12—(Stucke and Drew)

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### NORTH DAKOTA STATE MEDICAL CENTER TAX LEVY

A Concurrent Resolution for the Amendment to the Constitution of the State of North Dakota providing for a special levy of one mill upon all taxable property within the State of North Dakota to produce a fund for the North Dakota State Medical Center at the University of North Dakota.

*Be It Resolved By the Senate of the State of North Dakota, the House of Representatives Concurring Therein:*

That the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of North Dakota is agreed to and shall be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota for approval or rejection at the General Election to be held in November, 1948, in accordance with the provisions of Section 202 of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota as amended.

§ 1. Upon the adoption of this amendment to the Constitution of the State of North Dakota there shall be annually levied by the State of North Dakota one mill upon all of the taxable property within the State of North Dakota which, when collected, shall be covered into the State Treasury of the State of North Dakota and placed to the credit of the North Dakota State Medical Center at the University of North Dakota; said fund shall be expended as the legislature shall direct for the development and maintenance necessary to the efficient operation of the said North Dakota State Medical Center.

§ 2. This amendment shall be self-executing, but legislation may be enacted to facilitate its operation.

Filed March 10, 1947.

## CHAPTER 120

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1—(Bridston, Krenz and Rue)

## POST WAR REHABILITATION TAX LEVY

A Concurrent Resolution for an amendment to the constitution of the state of North Dakota, permitting a special two-mill levy for ten consecutive years, upon all taxable property within the state of North Dakota, to be credited to the post-war rehabilitation reserve fund.

*Be It Resolved By the Senate of the State of North Dakota, the House of Representatives Concurring Therein:*

The following amendment to the constitution of the state of North Dakota is agreed to and shall be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota for approval or rejection at the general election in November, 1948, in accordance with the provisions of Section 202 of the North Dakota constitution.

§ 1. Upon the adoption of this amendment to the constitution, the state of North Dakota shall annually, for ten consecutive years and no longer, levy, as other state taxes are levied, not to exceed two mills upon all the taxable property within the state of North Dakota, which, when collected, shall be covered into the state treasury to the credit of the post-war rehabilitation reserve fund, to be expended as the legislative assembly shall direct. This special levy shall be in addition to and apart from the state levy provided for in Section 174 of the constitution. Provided, however, that no further levies shall be made hereunder and this amendment shall become inoperative before the expiration of the ten year period, when and if the total sum of ten million dollars shall have been credited to the post-war rehabilitation reserve fund from this levy.

§ 2. This amendment shall be self executing and no legislation shall be necessary to carry out its provisions.

Filed March 10, 1947.

## CHAPTER 121

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8—(Bridston, Reinke, Krenz, Work, Stucke and Nordhougen)

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## STATE INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING FUND TAX LEVY

A concurrent resolution for an amendment to the constitution of the state of North Dakota authorizing and directing the state board of equalization to levy a tax of four mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the state, in addition to the four mill levy authorized under section 174 of the Constitution, for the purpose of creating a fund for construction of, and improvements and additions to, buildings of state penal, charitable, and educational institutions.

*Be It Resolved By the Senate of the State of North Dakota, the House of Representatives Concurring Therein:*

That the following amendment to the constitution of the state of North Dakota is agreed to and shall be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota for approval or rejection in accordance with the provisions of section 202 of the constitution.

§ 1.] In addition to the four mill levy authorized by section 174 of the constitution, the state board of equalization is authorized and directed annually to levy four mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the state, to be ascertained by the last assessment as finally computed for the levy of state and county taxes, for the purpose of creating a fund, subject to appropriation by the legislative assembly, for the construction of, and for improvements and additions to, buildings of state penal, charitable, and educational institutions. Whenever the amount of such fund shall be five million dollars, no further levy shall be made, unless and until such fund shall have been decreased by appropriation, and in each year in which said fund shall have been reduced below five million dollars, a levy of four mills, or so much thereof as may be necessary to restore the amount of such fund to five million dollars, shall be made by said board. This section shall be self-executing and no legislation shall be required to carry out its provisions.

Filed March 10, 1947.

**CHAPTER 122****House Concurrent Resolution Q—(Bubel and Smart)****SALARY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES STATE ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS N. D. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**A** Concurrent Resolution for an amendment to the Constitution of the State of North Dakota authorizing the legislative assembly to fix the compensation and expenses of the elective officers of the state and of the members of the legislative assembly, and repealing section 45 and section 84 of the constitution of the State of North Dakota.

*Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota, the Senate Concurring Therin:*

That the following proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of North Dakota is agreed upon and that the same be submitted to the qualified electors of the state of North Dakota for approval or rejection at the next general election in accordance with the provisions of Section 202 of the constitution of the state of North Dakota, as amended.

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] The legislative assembly of the state of North Dakota by a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each branch thereof, at any regular session, may fix the salary and provide for travel and other expenses of all constitutional officers, including the members of the legislative assembly.

In fixing any such salary and providing for travel and other expenses, the legislative assembly shall fix the effective date of such legislation.

§ 2. REPEAL.] Section 45 and Section 84 of the constitution of the state of North Dakota are hereby repealed.

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**CHAPTER 123**

House Concurrent Resolution X—(Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.)

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**BOND ISSUE WORLD WAR II ADJUSTED COMPENSATION**

A concurrent Resolution providing for the issuance, sale, and delivery of bonds of the State of North Dakota not to exceed the sum of 27,000,000.00 to be used in the payment of an adjusted compensation to North Dakota veterans of World War II.

*Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota, the Senate Concurring Therein:*

The following amendment to the constitution of the state of North Dakota is agreed to and shall be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota for approval or rejection at the primary election in June, 1948, in accordance with the provisions of Section 202 of the North Dakota constitution.

§ 1.] The constitution of the state of North Dakota shall be amended by adding thereto the following article:

**ARTICLE 58**

The legislative assembly of the state of North Dakota is hereby authorized and empowered to provide by legislation for the issuance, sale, and delivery of the bonds of the state of North Dakota in the principal amount of not to exceed \$27,000,000.00, the proceeds thereof to be used in the payment of adjusted compensation to North Dakota veterans of World War II on the basis of term of service, and under such terms and conditions as the legislative assembly may prescribe.

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