

April 3, 2003

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3005

Page 1, line 1, after "resolution" replace the remainder of the resolution with "for the amendment of section 16 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to the qualifications for membership in the state's militia; and to provide an effective date.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This measure provides an exception to the age, gender, and residency requirements for the militia by allowing volunteers.

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

That the following proposed amendment to section 16 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the primary election to be held in 2004, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 16 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota is amended and reenacted as follows:

Section 16. The militia of this state shall consist of all able-bodied male ~~persons~~ individuals residing in the state, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, except ~~such as may be~~ individuals exempted by the laws of the United States or of this state, and consists of individuals who volunteer and are accepted for service in the militia of this state. ~~Persons~~ Individuals whose religious tenets or conscientious scruples forbid them to bear arms ~~shall~~ may not be compelled to do so in times of peace, but shall pay an equivalent for a personal service.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. If approved by the voters, this measure becomes effective on August 1, 2004."

Renumber accordingly