

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Representatives Weiler, Boucher, Carlson

Senators Stenehjem, O'Connell, Triplett

1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article X of the Constitution of
2 North Dakota, relating to establishment and use of a legacy fund; and to provide an effective
3 date.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 This measure establishes a legacy fund and imposes limitations on use of moneys in the fund.

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

8 That the following proposed new section to article X of the Constitution of North Dakota
9 is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general
10 election to be held in 2010, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of
11 North Dakota.

12 **SECTION 1.** A new section to article X of the Constitution of North Dakota is created
13 and enacted as follows:

14 The first twenty-five percent of all revenue derived from taxes on oil and gas production
15 or extraction must be transferred by the state treasurer to a special fund in the state treasury
16 known as the legacy fund. The principal of the legacy fund may not be expended, except
17 revenue derived after December 31, 2040, may be expended if appropriated by a two-thirds
18 vote of each house of the legislative assembly. The state investment board shall invest the
19 principal of the legacy fund. The state treasurer shall transfer earnings of the legacy fund to the
20 state general fund at the end of each fiscal year.

21 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** If approved by the voters, this measure becomes
22 effective on July 1, 2011.

23 **SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** This section is adopted as a statement of intent
24 and the secretary of state shall exclude this section when sections 1 and 2 of this measure are
25 submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general election to be held in 2010. It

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly

1 is the intent of the sixty-first legislative assembly that if sections 1 and 2 of this measure are
2 approved by the qualified electors of North Dakota, the sixty-second legislative assembly shall
3 develop and enact legislation necessary to avoid any reduction in the relative shares of oil and
4 gas production and extraction tax revenues which existed at the time of the 2010 general
5 election for impact grants, political subdivisions, the oil and gas research fund, water
6 development bond principal and interest payments and the resources trust fund, the common
7 schools trust fund, and the foundation aid stabilization fund.