

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Senator Flakoll

1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article III of the Constitution of
2 North Dakota, relating to vote requirements for local ordinances or state laws imposing
3 requirements for supermajority votes; and to provide an effective date.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 This measure provides that if the legislative assembly or a political subdivision governing body
6 attempts to pass a measure or ordinance that would impose a requirement of a supermajority
7 vote, the legislative assembly or governing body must approve that measure or ordinance by at
8 least that supermajority amount.

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

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

15 **SECTION 1.** A new section to article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is created
16 and enacted as follows:

17 If the legislative assembly or the governing body of a political subdivision adopts a
18 measure, ordinance, or resolution that would require a vote of more than a simple majority of
19 the electors to approve a ballot measure, the measure, ordinance, or resolution may become
20 effective only if approved by at least the same percentage of the vote of that body as is required
21 by that measure, ordinance, or resolution.

22 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** If approved by voters, this measure becomes
23 effective on January 1, 2011.