

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3051

Introduced by

Representatives Schatz, Boehning, Carlson, Heilman, Skarphol

Senator Andrist

1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article IV of the Constitution of
2 North Dakota, relating to the submission of proposed laws to the electorate for approval.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure authorizes the legislative assembly to submit proposed laws to the electorate for
5 approval if the electorate previously placed the proposed law on the ballot.

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 IV of the Constitution of North Dakota is
9 agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the ~~general~~primary
10 election to be held in 2012, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of
11 North Dakota.

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

14 Notwithstanding section 1 of article III, the legislative assembly may submit a proposed law
15 to the electorate for approval if the proposed law is identical to or is a revised version of an
16 initiated measure that was previously submitted by the people and placed on the ballot. A
17 statutory measure submitted by the legislative assembly which is approved by a majority of
18 votes cast is deemed enacted and becomes effective thirty days after the election or on a later
19 date specified in the measure, and a statutory measure that is rejected is void immediately. A
20 statutory measure approved by the electors may not be repealed or amended by the legislative
21 assembly for seven years from its effective date, except by a two-thirds vote of the members
22 elected to each house.