

April 3, 2013

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4006

Page 1, line 1, after "A concurrent resolution" replace the remainder of the resolution with "to create and enact a new section to article III of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to approval of petitions for proposed initiated constitutional amendments by the attorney general before circulation.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This measure would prohibit the circulation of a petition to initiate a constitutional amendment if the attorney general determines the proposed amendment would make a direct appropriation of public funds for a specific purpose or would require the legislative assembly to appropriate funds for a specific purpose.

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

That the following proposed new section to article III 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 2014, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

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

Before the secretary of state may approve a petition to initiate a constitutional amendment, the secretary of state shall forward the proposed amendment to the attorney general for review. The attorney general shall review the proposed amendment to determine whether the proposed amendment would make a direct appropriation of public funds for a specific purpose or would require the legislative assembly to appropriate funds for a specific purpose. If the attorney general determines that the proposed amendment would make a direct appropriation of public funds for a specific purpose or would require the legislative assembly to appropriate funds for a specific purpose, the secretary of state shall notify the committee for the petitioners that the petition may not be approved for circulation."

Renumber accordingly