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Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4001

Introduced by

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1	A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North
2	Dakota, relating to the process for approving constitutional amendments.
3	STATEMENT OF INTENT
4	This measure requires an initiated constitutional measure approved by voters to be submitted to
5	the subsequent legislative assembly. Under this measure, if the legislative assembly does not
6	approve the constitutional measure, the measure will be placed on the ballot again, and, if
7	approved by the voters, will become effective. The measure also requires constitutional
8	amendments to be submitted to voters only at general elections.
9	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE HOUSE OF
10	REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:
11	That the following proposed amendment to section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North
12	Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the
13	general election to be held in 2020, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
14	Constitution of North Dakota.
15	SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is
16	amended and reenacted as follows:
17	Section 9. A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by
18	electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal
19	decennial census, the petition for a constitutional amendment may be submitted to the
20	secretary of state. An initiative to amend the constitution may be placed on the ballot only at a
21	general election. If electors approve an initiative for a constitutional amendment in a statewide
22	election, the amendment must be submitted to the subsequent legislative assembly. If the
23	initiative is approved by a majority of members of each house in the legislative assembly, the
24	initiative is deemed enacted. If the legislative assembly does not approve the initiative, the

initiative must be placed on the ballot at the next statewide general election. If the majority of

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- 1 <u>votes cast on the initiative are affirmative, the initiative is deemed enacted.</u> All other provisions
- 2 relating to initiative measures apply heretoto initiative measures for constitutional amendments.