

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.**

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact sections 12 and 13 of article IX of the  
2 Constitution of North Dakota, relating to the state hospital and terminology.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure would update terminology, remove the requirement that the state hospital be  
5 located in Jamestown, and remove authorization for an additional state hospital.

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

8 That the following proposed amendments to sections 12 and 13 of article IX of the  
9 Constitution of North Dakota are agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of  
10 North Dakota at the general election to be held in 2024, in accordance with section 16 of  
11 article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

12 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 12 of article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **Section 12.** The following public institutions of the state are permanently located at the  
15 places hereinafter named, each to have the lands specifically granted to it by the United States  
16 in the Act of Congress approved February 22, 1889, to be disposed of and used in such manner  
17 as the legislative assembly may prescribe subject to the limitations provided in the article on  
18 school and public lands contained in this constitution.

- 19 1. The seat of government at the city of Bismarck in the county of Burleigh.
- 20 2. The state university and the school of mines at the city of Grand Forks, in the county  
21 of Grand Forks.
- 22 3. The North Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science at the city of  
23 Fargo, in the county of Cass.
- 24 4. A state normal school at the city of Valley City, in the county of Barnes, and the  
25 legislative assembly, in apportioning the grant of eighty thousand acres of land for

1 normal schools made in the Act of Congress referred to shall grant to the said normal  
2 school at Valley City, as aforementioned, fifty thousand (50,000) acres, and said lands  
3 are hereby appropriated to said institution for that purpose.

4 5. The school for the deaf and ~~dumb of North Dakota~~hearing impaired at the city of  
5 Devils Lake, in the county of Ramsey.

6 6. A state training school at the city of Mandan, in the county of Morton.

7 7. A state normal school at the city of Mayville, in the county of Traill, and the legislative  
8 assembly in apportioning the grant of lands made by Congress in the Act aforesaid for  
9 state normal schools shall assign thirty thousand (30,000) acres to the institution  
10 hereby located at Mayville, and said lands are hereby appropriated for said purpose.

11 8. A state hospital for the ~~insane at the city of Jamestown, in the county of Stutsman~~care  
12 of individuals with mental illness. And the legislative assembly shall appropriate twenty  
13 thousand acres of the grant of lands made by the Act of Congress aforesaid for other  
14 educational and charitable institutions to the benefit and for the endowment of said  
15 institution, and there shall be located at or near the city of Grafton, in the county of  
16 Walsh, ~~an institution~~a facility for the feeble minded individuals with developmental  
17 disabilities, on the grounds purchased by the secretary of the interior for a penitentiary  
18 building.

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 13 of article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **Section 13.** The following public institutions are located as provided, each to have so much  
22 of the remaining grant of one hundred seventy thousand acres of land made by the United  
23 States for "other educational and charitable institutions" as is allotted by law:

24 1. A soldiers' home, when located, or such other charitable institution as the legislative  
25 assembly may determine, at the city of Lisbon in the county of Ransom, with a grant of  
26 forty thousand acres of land.

27 2. The school for the blind at the city of Grand Forks in the county of Grand Forks or at  
28 such other location as may be determined by the legislative assembly to be in the best  
29 interests of the students of such institution and the state of North Dakota.

30 3. A school of forestry, or such other institution as the legislative assembly may  
31 determine, at such place in one of the counties of McHenry, Ward, Bottineau, or

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- 1           Rolette, as the electors of said counties may determine by an election for that  
2           purpose, to be held as provided by the legislative assembly.
- 3        4.   A school of science or such other educational or charitable institution as the legislative  
4           assembly may prescribe, at the city of Wahpeton in the county of Richland, with a  
5           grant of forty thousand acres.
- 6        5.   A state college at the city of Minot in the county of Ward.
- 7        6.   A state college at the city of Dickinson in the county of Stark.
- 8        7.   ~~A state hospital for the mentally ill at such place within this state as shall be selected~~  
9           ~~by the legislative assembly.~~
- 10   No other institution of a character similar to any one of those located by article IX, section 12, or  
11   this section shall be established or maintained without an amendment of this constitution.