

Introduced by

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Senator Dever

1 A concurrent resolution for the amendment of section 2 of article III of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to requiring a determination of the fiscal impact of an initiated measure.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure requires an analysis of the fiscal impact of an initiative measure, requires
5 disclosure in the ballot title for the measure of a fiscal impact of one million dollars or more for a
6 calendar year.

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

9 That the following proposed amendment to section 2 of article III of the Constitution of
10 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at
11 the primary election to be held in 2004, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
12 Constitution of North Dakota.

13 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 2 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota
14 is amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **Section 2.** A petition to initiate or to refer a measure ~~shall~~ must be presented to the
16 secretary of state for approval as to form. A request for approval ~~shall~~ must be presented over
17 the names and signatures of twenty-five or more electors as sponsors, one of whom ~~shall~~ must
18 be designated as chairman of the sponsoring committee. The secretary of state shall approve
19 the petition for circulation if it is in proper form and contains the names and addresses of the
20 sponsors and the full text of the measure.

21 After the secretary of state approves for circulation a petition to initiate a measure, the
22 secretary of state shall notify the legislative council staff of the approval. The legislative council
23 staff shall request the state agency or department responsible for collecting or expending
24 revenues affected by the proposed initiated measure to prepare a fiscal analysis of the
25 proposed measure. If the secretary of state places the measure on the ballot and if the fiscal

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- 1 analysis determines that the measure will have a fiscal impact of one million dollars or more for
- 2 the first calendar year after the measure would be effective, the secretary of state shall include
- 3 within the ballot title a statement of the fiscal impact of the measure for the first calendar year
- 4 after the measure would be effective.