

Introduced by

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Senator Fischer

1 A concurrent resolution for the amendment of section 10 of article V of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to the governor's veto power.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure removes the current prohibition on the governor expressing the governor's intent
5 to use the governor's veto power.

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

8 That the following proposed amendment to section 10 of article V of the Constitution of
9 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the
10 general election to be held in 2012, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
11 Constitution of North Dakota.

12 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 10 of article V of the Constitution of North Dakota is
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **Section 10.** A governor who asks, receives, or agrees to receive any bribe upon any
15 understanding that the governor's official opinion, judgment, or action shall be influenced
16 thereby, or who gives or offers, or promises the governor's official influence in consideration that
17 any member of the legislative assembly shall give the member's official vote or influence on any
18 particular side of any question or matter upon which the member may be required to act in the
19 member's official capacity, or who ~~menaces any member by the threatened use of the~~
20 ~~governor's veto power, or who~~ offers or promises any member that the governor will appoint any
21 particular person or persons to any office created or thereafter to be created, in consideration
22 that any member shall give the member's official vote or influence on any matter pending or
23 thereafter to be introduced into either house of the legislative assembly, or who threatens any
24 member that the governor will remove any person or persons from office or position with intent
25 in any manner to influence the action of that member, must be punished in the manner now, or

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- 1 that may hereafter be, provided by law, and upon conviction thereof forfeits all right to hold or
- 2 exercise any office of trust or honor in this state.