

Introduced by

Representatives Schatz, Boehning, Carlson, Heilman, Skarphol

Senator Andrist

1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article IV of the Constitution of  
2 North Dakota, relating to the submission of proposed laws to the electorate for approval.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure authorizes the legislative assembly to submit proposed laws to the electorate for  
5 approval if the electorate previously placed the proposed law on the ballot.

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

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

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

14 Notwithstanding section 1 of article III, the legislative assembly may submit a proposed law  
15 to the electorate for approval if the proposed law is identical to or is a revised version of an  
16 initiated measure that was previously submitted by the people and placed on the ballot. A  
17 statutory measure submitted by the legislative assembly which is approved by a majority of  
18 votes cast is deemed enacted and becomes effective thirty days after the election or on a later  
19 date specified in the measure, and a statutory measure that is rejected is void immediately. A  
20 statutory measure approved by the electors may not be repealed or amended by the legislative  
21 assembly for seven years from its effective date, except by a two-thirds vote of the members  
22 elected to each house.