

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of North  
2 Dakota, relating to reconvening of the legislative assembly to consider a veto.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure would require the legislative assembly to reconvene in special session for the  
5 sole purpose of considering an item or bill vetoed after adjournment of a regular or special  
6 legislative session, and provide any day spent in such a special session would not count toward  
7 the eighty day session limitation.

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

10 That the following proposed amendment to section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of  
11 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the  
12 general election to be held in 2020, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the  
13 Constitution of North Dakota.

14 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16 **Section 7.** The terms of members of the legislative assembly begin on the first day of  
17 December following their election.

18 The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of December  
19 following the election of the members thereof for organizational and orientation purposes as  
20 provided by law and shall thereafter recess until twelve noon on the first Tuesday after the third  
21 day in January or at such other time as may be prescribed by law but not later than the eleventh  
22 day of January.

23 Within twenty-five business days of adjournment of a regular or special session, the  
24 legislative assembly shall reconvene at the time designated by the legislative management for

1 the sole purpose of consideration of bills or items of bills vetoed by the governor after  
2 adjournment of that session of the legislative assembly.

3 No regular session of the legislative assembly may exceed eighty natural days during the  
4 biennium. The organizational meeting of the legislative assembly ~~may not be counted as part of~~  
5 ~~those eighty natural days, nor may a special session for the sole purpose of consideration of~~  
6 ~~vetoed bills or items of bills, or~~ days spent in session at the call of the governor or while  
7 engaged in impeachment proceedings; may not be counted as part of the eighty natural days.  
8 Days spent in regular session need not be consecutive, and the legislative assembly may  
9 authorize its committees to meet at any time during the biennium. As used in this section, a  
10 "natural day" means a period of twenty-four consecutive hours.

11 Neither house may recess ~~nor~~ adjourn for more than three days without consent of the  
12 other house.