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This is a resolution to put a constitutional amendment for a vote of the people. This is a compromise bill that strengthens the ND constitution and strengthens the initiated process. It gives power to the people while strengthening the process to change the constitution. Let me explain how.

***Amendment. Please add amendment.

Objective of the resolution: Single subject in one measure. You can only have a single subject within one measure. It isn't about veterans rights and election processes. I would welcome the committee to further amend this part to further describe 'single subject'.

2nd objective: Allows for electronic signatures but significantly changes the amount of signatures. Initiated statutory measures change from 2% - 5% of the population. Constitutional measures change from 4% - 10% of the population. 35,500 signatures & 71,000 signatures.

3rd objective: Elections for measures: For constitutional measures: must have 51% of popular vote and 51% of the counties/districts in the primary election and the general election. With the amendment. In a statutory measures it would require only one election but would also require 51% of the districts for passage.

Some things to look at and make possible amendments.

**My included amendment.

Further describe single subject.

Additional explanation on electronic signatures.

the Current system stay in place?

This is a great compromise as it gives everyone a little what they want. It give a grassroots organizations the ability to push an idea as long it is popular. It protects the ND constitution. It may be slightly easier to get signatures but it requires 150% more signatures. 20 - 25% of the electorate. It reduces fraud by having veritable signatures through the electronic signature process. The change in the election process for constitutional measures must make it through two elections while getting the popular and the majority of the geographic area. (51% of districts)