

Introduced by

Representatives Weisz, Bosch, Klemin, Lefor

Senators Hogue, Myrdal, Hogan

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV
2 of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to the threshold for approving a constitutional
3 amendment.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 This measure increases the threshold for approving a constitutional amendment from a simple
6 majority to sixty percent.

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

9 That the following proposed amendments to section 9 of article III and section 16 of
10 article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota are agreed to and must be submitted to the
11 qualified electors of North Dakota at the general election to be held in 2026, in accordance with
12 section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

13 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **Section 9.** A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by
16 electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal
17 decennial census, the petition may be submitted to the secretary of state. If the secretary of
18 state finds the petition is valid, the secretary of state shall place the measure on the ballot. If
19 sixty percent of votes cast for a proposed constitutional amendment are affirmative, the
20 measure is deemed enacted. All other provisions relating to initiative measures apply ~~hereto~~
21 initiative measures for constitutional amendments.

22 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota is
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24 **Section 16.** Any amendment to this constitution may be proposed in either house of the
25 legislative assembly, ~~and if.~~ If agreed to upon a roll call by a majority of the members elected to

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- 1 each house, the question must be submitted to the electors and if a majority. If at least sixty
- 2 percent of the votes cast ~~thereon~~upon the question are in the affirmative, the amendment is a
- 3 part of this constitution.