

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

CHAPTER 614

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3003

(Representatives Weisz, Bosch, Klemin, Lefor)
(Senators Hogue, Myrdal, Hogan)

THRESHOLD FOR APPROVING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~a majority. If at least sixty percent of the votes cast thereon upon the question~~ are in the affirmative, the amendment is a part of this constitution.

Filed April 17, 2025

NOTE: This will be measure No. 2 on the 2026 general election ballot.

CHAPTER 615

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4007

(Senators Hogue, Klein, Dever)
(Representatives Klemin, Lefor, Weisz)

SINGLE SUBJECT RULE FOR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to requiring each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment to be comprised of a single subject.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This measure would require each resolution adopted by the legislative assembly proposing a constitutional amendment and each initiative petition and measure proposing a constitutional amendment to be comprised of a single subject.

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

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

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

Section 9. A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. The proposed amendment may not embrace or be comprised of more than one subject, as determined by the secretary of state, and the secretary of state may not approve the initiative petition for circulation if the proposed amendment comprises more than one subject. If signed by electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal decennial census, the petition may be submitted to the secretary of state. All other provisions relating to initiative measures apply ~~hereto~~ to initiative measures for constitutional amendments.

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

Section 16. Any amendment to this constitution may be proposed in either house of the legislative assembly, ~~and if.~~ The proposed amendment may not embrace or be comprised of more than one subject. If agreed to upon a roll call by a majority of the members elected to each house, must be submitted to the electors and if a majority of the votes cast ~~thereon~~ upon the question are in the affirmative, the amendment is a part of this constitution.

Filed April 29, 2025

NOTE: This will be measure No. 1 on the 2026 primary election ballot.

CHAPTER 616

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4008

(Senator Dwyer)

TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 1 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to term limits for members of the legislative assembly; to repeal section 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to prohibiting the legislative assembly from proposing certain amendments to article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota, and to provide for an application.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This measure provides an individual may not serve more than four complete terms in the legislative assembly. The measure also repeals the provision prohibiting the legislative assembly from proposing constitutional amendments relating to term limits.

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

That the following proposed amendment to section 1 of article XV and repeal of section 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota are agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general election to be held in November of 2026, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 1 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota is amended and reenacted as follows:

Section 1. An individual ~~shall~~may not serve more than four complete four-year terms as a member of the ~~house of representatives for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years. An individual shall not serve as a member of the senate for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years~~legislative assembly. An individual shall not be eligible to serve a full or remaining term~~individual's service as a member of the house of representatives or the senate if serving the full or remaining legislative assembly during a term would cause the individual to serve for a cumulative period of time amounting to more than eight years in that respective house~~that is less than four years does not count toward the term limit for a member of the house of representatives or the senate under this section.

SECTION 2. REPEAL. Section 4 of article XV of the Constitution of North Dakota is repealed.

SECTION 3. APPLICATION. If approved by the electors, this measure will apply to individuals elected to the legislative assembly after January 1, 2023.

Filed April 8, 2025

NOTE: This will be measure No. 1 on the 2026 general election ballot.