

Introduced by

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 5 of article III of the Constitution of North  
2 Dakota, relating to the timing of elections on initiated measures for constitutional amendments.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure requires that initiated measures to amend the Constitution of North Dakota be  
5 voted on in general elections.

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

8 That the following proposed amendment to section 5 of article III of the Constitution of North  
9 Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the  
10 general election to be held in 2020, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the  
11 Constitution of North Dakota.

12 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 5 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **Section 5.** An initiative petition ~~shall~~must be submitted not less than one hundred twenty  
15 days before the statewide election at which the measure is to be voted upon. The secretary of  
16 state shall place an initiated measure for a constitutional amendment on the ballot only at a  
17 general election. A referendum petition may be submitted only within ninety days after the filing  
18 of the measure with the secretary of state. The submission of a petition ~~shall suspend~~suspends  
19 the operation of any measure enacted by the legislative assembly except emergency measures  
20 and appropriation measures for the support and maintenance of state departments and  
21 institutions. The submission of a petition against one or more items or parts of any measure  
22 ~~shall~~does not prevent the remainder from going into effect. A referred measure may be voted  
23 upon at a statewide election or at a special election called by the governor.