

Introduced by

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact sections 8 and 9 of article III of the Constitution of
2 North Dakota, relating to the number of votes required to approve an initiated constitutional
3 amendment.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 This measure increases the number of votes required to approve an initiated constitutional
6 amendment from a majority of the votes cast to sixty percent of the votes cast on the measure.

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

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

13 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 8 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **Section 8.** If a majority of votes cast upon an initiated statutory measure or a referred
16 measure are affirmative, ~~it shall be~~ the measure is deemed enacted. An approved initiated or
17 referred measure ~~which is approved shall become~~ becomes law thirty days after the election,
18 and a rejected referred measure ~~which is rejected shall be~~ void immediately. If conflicting
19 measures are approved, the one receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall
20 ~~be~~ becomes law. A measure approved by the electors may not be repealed or amended by the
21 legislative assembly for seven years from its effective date, except by a two-thirds vote of the
22 members elected to each house.

23 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **Section 9.** A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by
2 electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal
3 decennial census, the petition may be submitted to the secretary of state. A constitutional
4 amendment is deemed approved if at least sixty percent of the votes cast on the measure are
5 affirmative. All other provisions relating to initiative measures apply hereto.