

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to the process for approving constitutional amendments.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure requires an initiated constitutional measure approved by voters to be ~~approved-~~
5 ~~by~~ submitted to the two-subsequent legislative assemblies before becoming assembly. Under this
6 measure, if the legislative assembly does not approve the constitutional measure, the measure
7 will be placed on the ballot again, and, if approved by the voters, will become effective.

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

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

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

16 **Section 9.** A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by
17 electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal
18 decennial census, the petition for a constitutional amendment may be submitted to the
19 secretary of state. If electors approve an initiative for a constitutional amendment in a statewide
20 election, the amendment must be submitted to the two-subsequent legislative
21 assemblies assembly. If the initiative is approved by a majority of members of each house in
22 both the legislative assemblies assembly, the initiative is deemed enacted. If the legislative
23 assembly does not approve the initiative, the initiative must be placed on the ballot at the next
24 statewide election. If the majority of votes cast on the initiative are affirmative, the initiative is

- 1 | deemed enacted. All other provisions relating to initiative measures apply hereto initiative
- 2 | measures for constitutional amendments.