

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Representative B. Koppelman

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to legislative management authority to call the legislative assembly to convene
3 to consider a veto or during a declared disaster or emergency.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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5 This measure would authorize the legislative management to call the legislative assembly to
6 convene within twenty-five days after the adjournment of a session or special session for the
7 sole purpose of considering a bill or item vetoed after adjournment of the session or to convene
8 during a declared emergency or disaster for any purpose. This measure would exclude any day
9 spent in a session called by the legislative management from the eighty-day limitation on a
10 regular session of the legislative assembly.

11 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
12 **CONCURRING THEREIN:**

13 That the following proposed amendment to section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of
14 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the
15 general election to be held in 2022, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
16 Constitution of North Dakota.

17 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 7 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota is
18 amended and reenacted as follows:

19 **Section 7.** The terms of members of the legislative assembly begin on the first day of
20 December following their election.

21 The legislative assembly shall meet at the seat of government in the month of December
22 following the election of the members ~~thereof~~of the legislative assembly for organizational and
23 orientation purposes as provided by law and then shall ~~thereafter~~ recess until twelve noon on
24 the first Tuesday after the third day in January or at such other time as may be prescribed by
25 law but not later than the eleventh day of January.

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly

1 ~~No~~A regular session of the legislative assembly may not exceed eighty natural days during
2 the biennium. The organizational meeting of the legislative assembly ~~may not be counted as~~
3 ~~part of those eighty natural days, nor may~~ and days spent in session at the call of the governor
4 or while engaged in impeachment proceedings, may not be counted as part of the eighty natural
5 days. Days spent in regular session need not be consecutive, and the legislative assembly may
6 authorize its committees to meet at any time during the biennium. As used in this section, a
7 "natural day" means a period of twenty-four consecutive hours.

8 During a declared emergency or disaster, the legislative management may call the
9 legislative assembly to convene for any purpose. During the twenty-five days after the
10 adjournment of any session or special session, the legislative management may call the
11 legislative assembly to convene to consider bills or items vetoed by the governor after the
12 adjournment of that session. Days spent in a session called by the legislative management
13 during a declared emergency or disaster or to consider a vetoed bill or item may not be counted
14 for purposes of the eighty-day limitation on legislative sessions.

15 Neither house may recess nor adjourn for more than three days without consent of the
16 other house.