

## Written testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution 4005

Chairman Vedaa and Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Members

My name is Kevin Herrmann from Beulah, ND. I am representing myself as a lifelong citizen of North Dakota.

I stand in opposition of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4005. Senate Concurrent Resolution 4005 will change Article III "Powers Reserved to the People" section 9 with a sentence added "An initiated measure to amend the constitution may be placed on the ballot only at a general election". This wording was in House Concurrent Resolution 3034 which failed but the wording was amended to Senate Concurrent Resolution 4001 in 66<sup>th</sup> Legislative session. Engrossed Senate Concurrent Resolution 4001 passed in the 66<sup>th</sup> Legislative session to be voted in the 2020 general election which the voters of North Dakota defeated the measure. The voters of North Dakota did not want any changes to Article III "Powers Reserved to the People". When are the legislators going to listen to the voters of North Dakota?

The propose change in Section 2 which affects section 16 of Article IV in my opinion might be ok since the legislative assembly would need 60 percent also.

I attended every meeting of the Initiated and Referred Measure Study Commission during the 2017-2018 65<sup>th</sup> Legislative Interim. The citizens on the study commission rejected the legislators ideas like this resolution of section 1 and the resolutions in the 66<sup>th</sup> Legislative session pertaining to Article III "Powers Reserved to the People".

I am asking for a "DO NOT PASS" on Senate Concurrent Resolution 4005 unless this committee amends to take out section 1 in this resolution.

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