

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 9 of article V of the Constitution of North  
2 Dakota, relating to requiring the governor to call a special session of the legislative assembly to  
3 consider a veto if the governor vetoes a bill or item when the legislative assembly is not in  
4 session.

5 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

6 This measure would require the governor to call the legislative assembly into a special session  
7 to consider a veto if the governor vetoes a bill or item when the legislative assembly is not in  
8 session.

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

11 That the following proposed amendment to section 9 of article V of the Constitution of North  
12 Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the  
13 general election to be held in 2024, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the  
14 Constitution of North Dakota.

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

17 **Section 9.** Every bill passed by the legislative assembly must be presented to the governor  
18 for the governor's signature. If the governor signs the bill, ~~it~~the bill becomes law.

19 The governor may veto a bill passed by the legislative assembly. The governor may veto  
20 items in an appropriation bill. Portions of the bill not vetoed become law.

21 The governor shall return for reconsideration any vetoed item or bill, with a written  
22 statement of the governor's objections, to the house in which it originated. ~~That~~Upon receipt of  
23 the governor's objections, the relevant house ~~shall~~ immediately shall enter the governor's  
24 objections upon ~~its~~that house's journal. If, by a recorded vote, two-thirds of the members  
25 elected to that house pass a vetoed item or bill, it, along with the statement of the governor's

1 objections, ~~must~~ immediately must be delivered to the other house. If, by a recorded vote,  
2 two-thirds of the members elected to the other house also pass it, the vetoed item or bill  
3 becomes law.

4 If the legislative assembly is not in session when the governor vetoes an item or bill, the  
5 governor shall call a special session of the legislative assembly pursuant to section 7 of  
6 article V to convene within fifteen days, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, after the veto is  
7 issued to allow the legislative assembly to address the veto and any other issue that may be  
8 necessary.

9 While the legislative assembly is in session, a bill becomes law if the governor neither signs  
10 nor vetoes it within three legislative days after its delivery to the governor. If the legislative  
11 assembly is not in session, a bill becomes law if the governor neither signs nor vetoes it within  
12 fifteen days, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, after its delivery to the governor.