

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, APPROVED

CHAPTER 658

VETERANS' COMPENSATION

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4069, Chapter 755, 1991 Session Laws, proposed by the Fifty-second Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota, to create and enact a new section to the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to payment of adjusted compensation to North Dakota veterans of United States military involvement in the Persian Gulf theatre or in the Grenada, Lebanon, or Panama areas of armed conflict as designated by the President of the United States and authorizing an appropriation or issuance of bonds of the state to provide necessary funds.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This measure allows the state to provide compensation to certain resident North Dakota veterans. The veterans entitled to compensation are those who were members of the regular active duty armed forces and who served in the Persian Gulf theatre or in the Grenada, Lebanon, or Panama areas of armed conflict or who died while on orders to or from the Persian Gulf theatre or in the Grenada, Lebanon, or Panama areas of armed conflict. This measure allows the Legislative Assembly to provide an appropriation or to provide for issuance of bonds of the state to provide necessary funds.

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

That the following proposed new section of the Constitution of North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the next statewide election, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

SECTION 1. A new section of the Constitution of North Dakota is created and enacted as follows:

The legislative assembly may provide for the payment of adjusted compensation to North Dakota residents who were members of the regular active duty armed forces and who served in the Persian Gulf theatre or in the Grenada, Lebanon, or Panama areas of armed conflict as designated by the President of the United States or to heirs of North Dakota residents who were members of the regular active duty armed forces and who died while on orders to or from the Persian Gulf theatre or in the Grenada, Lebanon, or Panama areas of armed conflict as designated by the President of the United States. The legislative assembly may provide a direct appropriation or provide for the issuance, sale, and delivery of bonds of the state of North Dakota in such principal amounts as determined by the legislative assembly to be necessary for the payment of adjusted compensation under this section. Adjusted compensation under this section may be paid at such rates, terms of service, and conditions as the legislative assembly provides.

Approved June 9, 1992

82,448 to 52,882

NOTE: This was measure No. 1 on the primary election ballot.

CHAPTER 659

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3016, Chapter 756, 1991 Session Laws, proposed by the Fifty-second Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota, for the amendment of section 13 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to the effective date of legislation.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This amendment provides that all legislation, except appropriation and tax measures, would be effective on August first after filing with the secretary of state or ninety days after filing if filed on or after August first and before January first of the following year. The effective date for appropriation and tax measures would remain July first.

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

That the following proposed amendment to section 13 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general election to be held in 1992, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 13 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota is amended and reenacted as follows:

Section 13. Each house shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and a recorded vote on any question shall be taken at the request of one-sixth of those members present. No bill may become law except by a recorded vote of a majority of the members elected to each house, and the lieutenant governor is considered a member-elect of the senate when the lieutenant governor votes.

No law may be enacted except by a bill passed by both houses, and no bill may be amended on its passage through either house in a manner which changes its general subject matter. No bill may embrace more than one subject, which must be expressed in its title; but a law violating this provision is invalid only to the extent the subject is not so expressed.

Every bill must be read on two separate natural days, and the readings may be by title only unless a reading at length is demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

No bill may be amended, extended, or incorporated in any other bill by reference to its title only, except in the case of definitions and procedural provisions.

The presiding officer of each house shall sign all bills passed and resolutions adopted by the legislative assembly, and the fact of signing shall be entered at once in the journal.

Every law, except as otherwise provided in this section, enacted by the legislative assembly during its eighty natural meeting days takes effect on July August first after its filing with the secretary of state, or if filed on or after

August first and before January first of the following year ninety days after its filing ~~whichever comes later~~, or on a subsequent date if specified in the law unless, by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house, the legislative assembly declares it an emergency measure and includes the declaration in the Act. Every appropriation measure for support and maintenance of state departments and institutions and every tax measure that changes tax rates enacted by the legislative assembly take effect on July first after its filing with the secretary of state or on a subsequent date if specified in the law unless, by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house, the legislative assembly declares it an emergency measure and includes the declaration in the Act. An emergency measure takes effect upon its filing with the secretary of state or on a date specified in the measure. Every law enacted by a special session of the legislative assembly takes effect on a date specified in the Act.

The legislative assembly shall enact all laws necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this constitution. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, no local or special laws may be enacted, nor may the legislative assembly indirectly enact special or local laws by the partial repeal of a general law but laws repealing local or special laws may be enacted.

Approved November 3, 1992

146,823 to 127,500

NOTE: This was measure No. 1 on the general election ballot.