

Introduced by

Representatives M. Nelson, Bellew

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 18 of article X of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to constitutional authorization for the legislative assembly to provide by law for
3 direct payments to North Dakota residents.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 This measure would provide constitutional authority for the legislative assembly to provide
6 terms and conditions for direct payments to North Dakota residents.

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

9 That the following proposed amendment to section 18 of article X of the Constitution of
10 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the
11 general election to be held in 2014, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
12 Constitution of North Dakota.

13 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 18 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota is
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **Section 18.** The state, any county or city may make internal improvements and may
16 engage in any industry, enterprise or business, not prohibited by article XX of the constitution,
17 but neither the state nor any political subdivision thereof shall otherwise loan or give its credit or
18 make donations to or in aid of any individual, association or corporation except for reasonable
19 support of the poor, nor subscribe to or become the owner of capital stock in any association or
20 corporation.

21 The legislative assembly may provide by law for direct general allocations of state funds to
22 North Dakota resident individuals upon eligibility terms and conditions established by law. An
23 allocation authorized under this section must be in a uniform amount for each eligible individual
24 and may not be subject to conditions based upon the individual's property holdings or value,
25 earnings, assets, or age. The legislative assembly shall establish a minimum period of

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- 1 continuous residency in this state immediately preceding eligibility for an allocation, but that
- 2 residency period may not be less than one year.