

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 3011**

Introduced by

Representatives Carlson, Delzer, Devlin, Monson

Senators Grindberg, Hogue

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 2 of article III of the Constitution of North  
2 Dakota, relating to the fiscal impact of measures to initiate constitutional amendments and to  
3 the placing of initiated measures on the ballot.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 The measure would require that initiated measures that are estimated to have a significant  
6 fiscal impact ~~of twenty million dollars or more~~ must be placed on the general election ballot. The  
7 measure also would prohibit the approval for circulation of any petition to initiate a constitutional  
8 amendment that would make a direct appropriation of public funds for a specific purpose or  
9 require the legislative assembly to appropriate funds for a specific purpose.

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

12 That the following proposed amendment to section 2 of article III of the Constitution of North  
13 Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the  
14 general election to be held in 2014, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the  
15 Constitution of North Dakota.

16 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 2 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
17 amended and reenacted as follows:

18 **Section 2.** A petition to initiate or to refer a measure must be presented to the secretary of  
19 state for approval as to form. A request for approval must be presented over the names and  
20 signatures of twenty-five or more electors as sponsors, one of whom must be designated as  
21 chairman of the sponsoring committee. The secretary of state shall approve the petition for  
22 circulation if it is in proper form and contains the names and addresses of the sponsors and the  
23 full text of the measure.

24 The legislative assembly may provide by law for ~~a procedure through which the legislative~~  
25 ~~council may establish~~ an appropriate method for determining the extent of the fiscal impact of

1 an initiative measure and for making the information regarding the fiscal impact of the measure  
2 available to the public. ~~If the legislative council determines the fiscal impact of an initiated~~  
3 ~~measure will be twenty million dollars or more during the next full biennium after the measure is~~  
4 ~~due to become effective and the secretary of state determines the petition includes the required~~  
5 ~~number of signatures and qualifies to be placed on the ballot as provided under this article, the~~  
6 ~~secretary of state shall place the measure on the next general election ballot.~~A measure  
7 determined to have a significant fiscal impact must be voted on at a general election.  
8 \_\_\_\_\_ If a petition to initiate a constitutional amendment would make a direct appropriation of  
9 public funds for a specific purpose or would require the legislative assembly to appropriate  
10 funds for a specific purpose, the petition may not be approved for circulation.