

Introduced by

Representative Bellew

1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article X of the Constitution of
2 North Dakota, relating to governmental budget expenditure limits; and to provide for application.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure establishes budget expenditure limits for the state and political subdivisions.

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

7 That the following proposed new section to article X of the Constitution of North Dakota
8 is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general
9 election to be held in 2010, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of
10 North Dakota.

11 **SECTION 1.** A new section to article X of the Constitution of North Dakota is created
12 and enacted as follows:

13 Neither the state nor any political subdivision of the state of North Dakota shall increase
14 its budget expenditure above the preceding year by more than the United States department of
15 labor bureau of labor statistics midwest urban consumer price index without first submitting said
16 increased budget request to the voters for their approval. The election required under this
17 section must be at the next regularly scheduled general election. Expenditures above the
18 previous budget period plus an amount not exceeding the federal midwest urban consumer
19 price index during the prior budget period shall be permissible only with an approval of not less
20 than sixty percent of the voters voting on the question.

21 **SECTION 2. APPLICATION.** This measure applies to the first full budget period
22 following its approval by the people, and to all future budget periods.