

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution to create and enact a new section to article XII of the Constitution of  
2 North Dakota, relating to precluding corporations from claiming the rights of natural persons and  
3 exerting influence on elections or legislation.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 This measure would provide that corporations do not possess the rights of natural persons and  
6 may not attempt to influence elections or legislation.

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

9 That the following proposed new section to article XII of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
10 agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the primary  
11 election in 2016, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

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

14 A corporation or other institution granted the privilege to exist is subordinate to any law  
15 enacted by the qualified electors of this state and the legislative assembly and does not  
16 possess the rights of a natural person. A corporation or other for-profit institution is prohibited  
17 from attempting to influence the outcome of an election, any legislation, or other government  
18 policy through the use of aggregate resources or by rewarding or repaying employees or  
19 directors to exert such influence.