

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to obtaining approval for petitions for initiated measures; and to provide a contingent
3 effective date.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 16.1-01-09 of the North Dakota
6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 7 1. a. A request of the secretary of state and attorney general for approval of a petition
8 to initiate or refer a measure may be presented over the signatures of the
9 sponsoring committee on individual signature forms that have been notarized.
10 The secretary of state shall prepare a signature form that includes provisions for
11 identification of the measure; the printed name, signature, and address of the
12 committee member; and notarization of the signature. The filed signature forms
13 must be originals.
- 14 b. Upon receipt of a petition to initiate or refer a measure, the secretary of state
15 shall draft a short and concise statement that fairly represents the measure. The
16 statement must be submitted to the attorney general for approval or disapproval.
17 An approved statement must be affixed to the petition before it is circulated for
18 signatures, must be called the "petition title", and must be placed immediately
19 before the full text of the measure.
- 20 c. The secretary of state and the attorney general shall complete their review of a
21 petition in not less than five, nor more than seven, business days, excluding
22 Saturdays.

23 **SECTION 2. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Act is contingent on the passage of
24 _____ Concurrent Resolution No. _____ by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly and approval of

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- 1 that resolution by the electors of this state. If this Act takes effect, it becomes effective on
- 2 December 1, 2020.