Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

FIRST DRAFT: Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for the Initiated and Referred Measures Study Commission March 2018

Introduced by

1	A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North
2	Dakota, relating to the timing of elections on initiated measures for constitutional amendments.
3	STATEMENT OF INTENT
4	This measure would require initiated measures for constitutional amendments to be placed on
5	ballots only in general elections.
6	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE
7	CONCURRING THEREIN:
8	That the following proposed amendment to section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North
9	Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the
10	general election to be held in 2020, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
11	Constitution of North Dakota.
12	SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is
13	amended and reenacted as follows:
14	Section 9. A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by
15	electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal
16	decennial census, the petition may be submitted to the secretary of state. An initiated measure
17	for a constitutional amendment which qualifies for placement on a ballot must be voted on at the
18	next general election following its qualification. All other provisions relating to initiative measures
19	apply hereto.