

Introduced by

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 2 of article III of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to drafting initiated measures.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure requires the sponsoring committee for an initiated measure to obtain the approval
5 of the Attorney General and Secretary of State regarding the proper drafting of the measure.

6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
7 **CONCURRING THEREIN:**

8 That the following proposed amendment to section 2 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 2 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **Section 2.** A petition to initiate or to refer a measure must be presented to the secretary of
15 state and attorney general for approval as to form and substance to ensure the measure is
16 drafted in accordance with legislative drafting requirements. A request for approval must be
17 presented over the names and signatures of twenty-five or more electors as sponsors, one of
18 whom must be designated as chairman of the sponsoring committee. The secretary of state and
19 attorney general shall approve the petition for circulation if it is in proper form, meets legislative
20 drafting requirements, and contains the names and addresses of the sponsors and the full text
21 of the measure. The attorney general and secretary of state may not withhold approval on the
22 basis of policy or political views.

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

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- 1 measure and for making the information regarding the fiscal impact of the measure available to
- 2 the public.