

Introduced by

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

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure would require the Legislative Assembly to provide a procedure for the Legislative  
5 Council to provide drafting services to the sponsoring committee of a proposed initiated  
6 measure.

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

9 That the following proposed amendment to section 2 of article III of the Constitution of North  
10 Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the  
11 general election to be held in 2020, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the  
12 Constitution of North Dakota.

13 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 2 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **Section 2.** A petition to initiate or to refer a measure must be presented to the secretary of  
16 state for approval as to form. A request for approval must be presented over the names and  
17 signatures of twenty-five or more electors as sponsors, one of whom must be designated as  
18 chairman of the sponsoring committee. The secretary of state shall approve the petition for  
19 circulation if it is in proper form and contains the names and addresses of the sponsors and the  
20 full text of the measure as drafted by the legislative council.

21 The legislative assembly may provide by law for a procedure through which the legislative  
22 council may establish an appropriate method for determining the fiscal impact of an initiative  
23 measure and for making the information regarding the fiscal impact of the measure available to  
24 the public.

1        The legislative assembly shall provide by law for a procedure through which the legislative  
2 council shall provide drafting services for an initiated measure drafting committee to ensure the  
3 initiated measure conforms to legislative council form and style drafting guidelines. The  
4 legislative council may not alter the intent of the sponsoring committee of a proposed initiated  
5 measure.