

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 biennial legislative approval of general fund expenditures that are
3 mandated by an initiated constitutional amendment if the mandated general fund expenditure
4 exceeds a certain amount.

5 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

6 This measure requires biennial legislative approval of any state general fund expenditure that is
7 mandated by an initiated constitutional amendment if the amount of the mandated expenditure
8 is greater than one percent of the state general fund revenue for the previous biennium.

9 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
10 **CONCURRING THEREIN:**

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

15 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is
16 amended and reenacted as follows:

17 **Section 9.**

- 18 1. A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by
19 electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the
20 last federal decennial census, the petition may be submitted to the secretary of state.
21 All other provisions relating to initiative measures apply hereto.
- 22 2. Notwithstanding section 8, for any constitutional amendment that requires the
23 expenditure of moneys from the state general fund in a sum greater than one percent
24 of the state general fund revenue for the previous biennium, the expenditure of those

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- 1 funds must be approved by the legislative assembly and signed by the governor in
- 2 each succeeding biennium.