

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 expenditures mandated by an initiated  
3 constitutional amendment if the mandated expenditure exceeds a certain amount and to  
4 identification of the funding source for the expenditure.

5 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

6 This measure requires biennial legislative approval of any expenditure mandated by an initiated  
7 constitutional amendment if the amount of the mandated expenditure is greater than an amount  
8 equivalent to one percent of the state general fund revenue for the previous biennium. This  
9 measure also requires a sponsoring committee to identify the funding source for the mandated  
10 expenditure.

11 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**  
12 **CONCURRING THEREIN:**

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

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

19 **Section 9.**

20 1. A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by  
21 electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the  
22 last federal decennial census, the petition may be submitted to the secretary of state.  
23 All other provisions relating to initiative measures apply hereto.

24 2. Notwithstanding section 8, for any constitutional amendment that requires the  
25 expenditure of moneys in a sum greater than an amount equal to one percent of the

1           state general fund revenue for the previous biennium, the expenditure of those funds  
2           must be approved by the legislative assembly and signed by the governor in each  
3           succeeding biennium. The sponsoring committee of a measure for an amendment that  
4           would require biennial approval under this subsection shall identify a new source of  
5           funds or an increase in an existing source of funds which will be used to pay for the  
6           expenditure required by the amendment.