

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 and form requirements for petitions to initiate measures.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure requires the legislative assembly to provide by law the drafting and form
5 requirements for petitions for initiated measures and a procedure for review of petitions by the
6 secretary of state.

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 include the full text of the
16 measure and be presented to the secretary of state for approval as to form. A request for
17 approval. The legislative assembly shall provide by law for the drafting and form requirements a
18 petition must satisfy and a procedure for the secretary of state to review the petition for
19 approval. A petition must be presented to the secretary of state over the names, addresses, and
20 signatures of twenty-five or more electors as sponsors, one of whom must be designated as
21 chairman of the sponsoring committee. The secretary of state shall approve the petition for
22 circulation if it is in proper form and contains the names and addresses of the sponsors and the
23 full text of the measure.

24 The legislative assembly may provide by law for a procedure through which the legislative
25 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.