NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT
Tentative Agenda

INITIATED AND REFERRED MEASURES STUDY COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m.  Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the November 30, 2017, meeting

9:05 a.m.  Comments by the Chairman

9:10 a.m.  Discussion of bill drafts and constitutional amendment resolution drafts requested by Commission members:

• Bill draft requiring fiscal impact of initiated measure to be printed on ballot
• Bill draft requiring preparation of fiscal impacts of referred measures
• Bill draft eliminating special reporting requirements for out-of-state contributions
• Bill draft and resolution draft requiring sponsoring committees of initiated measures to consult with the Secretary of State and Attorney General on drafting
• Resolution draft to allow out-of-state petition circulators
• Resolution draft to require initiated measures for constitutional amendments to be voted on in general elections
• Resolution drafts to require all initiated measures to be voted on in general elections
• Resolution draft to require initiated measures be drafted by the Legislative Council
• Resolution draft to require biennial approval by the Legislative Assembly and Governor of constitutional amendments that require the expenditure of a threshold sum of funds
• Bill draft requiring petition title and ballot language be identical and no longer than one hundred words
• Bill draft requiring impartial mediation of Secretary of State's proposed petition title and ballot language
• Resolution draft to change the filing deadline for signed petitions from 120 days before the election to 90 days before the election

10:30 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m.  Continue discussion of bill and resolution drafts requested by Commission members

12:00 noon  Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m.  Continue discussion of bill and resolution drafts requested by Commission members

2:30 p.m.  Break

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4:00 p.m.  Adjourn
Commission Members
Chairman: Surrogate Judge William A. Neumann
Senators: David Hogue, Gary A. Lee, Erin Oban
Representatives: Jim Kasper, Scott Louser, Vicky Steiner
Citizen Members: Nick Archuleta, Brent Bogar, Ellen Chaffee, Kirsten Diederich, Robert Hale, Pete Hanebutt, Alvin A. Jaeger, Jack McDonald, Sara Meier, Kayla Pulvermacher, Jonathan Sickler, Conner Swanson

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