

Introduced by

Representative Steiner

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV
2 of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to voting on constitutional amendments at general
3 elections.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 This measure would require an initiated measure for a constitutional amendment or a
6 constitutional amendment submitted to the voters by the legislative assembly to be placed on
7 the ballot at a general election.

8 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
9 **SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

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

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

16 **Section 9.** A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by
17 electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal
18 decennial census, the petition may be submitted to the secretary of state. An initiated measure
19 to amend the constitution may be placed on the ballot only at a general election. All other
20 provisions relating to initiative measures apply hereto.

21 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota is
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23 **Section 16.** Any amendment to this constitution may be proposed in either house of the
24 legislative assembly, and if agreed to upon a roll call by a majority of the members elected to
25 each house, must be submitted to the electors ~~and if~~ at the following general election. If a

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- 1 majority of the votes cast ~~thereon~~ on the constitutional amendment are in the affirmative, the
- 2 amendment is a part of this constitution.