

Introduced by

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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 voter approval for constitutional amendments.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure would increase the percentage of votes required to approve constitutional
5 amendments.

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

8 That the following proposed amendments to section 9 of article III and section 16 of
9 article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota are agreed to and must be submitted to the
10 qualified electors of North Dakota at the general election to be held in 2022 in accordance with
11 section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

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

14 **Section 9.** A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by
15 electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal
16 decennial census, the petition may be submitted to the secretary of state. If at least fifty-five
17 percent of the votes cast on the constitutional amendment are affirmative, the amendment is
18 deemed enacted. All other provisions relating to initiative measures apply heretoto initiative
19 measures for constitutional amendments.

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

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

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