

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Acute Psychiatric Treatment Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact sections 12 and 13 of article IX of the
2 Constitution of North Dakota, relating to terminology describing public institutions.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure would replace outdated terminology related to public institutions of the state.

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

7 That the following proposed amendments to sections 12 and 13 of article IX of the
8 Constitution of North Dakota are agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of
9 North Dakota at the general election to be held in 2024, in accordance with section 16 of
10 article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

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

13 **Section 12.** The following public institutions of the state are permanently located at the
14 places hereinafter named, each to have the lands specifically granted to it by the United States
15 in the Act of Congress approved February 22, 1889, to be disposed of and used in such manner
16 as the legislative assembly may prescribe subject to the limitations provided in the article on
17 school and public lands contained in this constitution.

- 18 1. The seat of government at the city of Bismarck in the county of Burleigh.
- 19 2. The state university and the school of mines at the city of Grand Forks, in the county
20 of Grand Forks.
- 21 3. The North Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science at the city of
22 Fargo, in the county of Cass.
- 23 4. A state normal school at the city of Valley City, in the county of Barnes, and the
24 legislative assembly, in apportioning the grant of eighty thousand acres of land for
25 normal schools made in the Act of Congress referred to shall grant to the said normal

1 school at Valley City, as aforementioned, fifty thousand (50,000) acres, and said lands
2 are hereby appropriated to said institution for that purpose.

3 5. The school for the deaf and ~~dumb of North Dakota~~ hard of hearing-impaired at the city
4 of Devils Lake, in the county of Ramsey.

5 6. A state training school at the city of Mandan, in the county of Morton.

6 7. A state normal school at the city of Mayville, in the county of Traill, and the legislative
7 assembly in apportioning the grant of lands made by Congress in the Act aforesaid for
8 state normal schools shall assign thirty thousand (30,000) acres to the institution
9 hereby located at Mayville, and said lands are hereby appropriated for said purpose.

10 8. A state hospital for the ~~insane~~ care of individuals with mental illness at the city of
11 Jamestown, in the county of Stutsman. And the legislative assembly shall appropriate
12 twenty thousand acres of the grant of lands made by the Act of Congress aforesaid for
13 other educational and charitable institutions to the benefit and for the endowment of
14 said institution, and there shall be located at or near the city of Grafton, in the county
15 of Walsh, ~~an institution~~ a facility for the feebleminded individuals with developmental
16 disabilities, on the grounds purchased by the secretary of the interior for a penitentiary
17 building.

18 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 13 of article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota is
19 amended and reenacted as follows:

20 **Section 13.** The following public institutions are located as provided, each to have so much
21 of the remaining grant of one hundred seventy thousand acres of land made by the United
22 States for "other educational and charitable institutions" as is allotted by law:

23 1. A soldiers' home, when located, or such other charitable institution as the legislative
24 assembly may determine, at the city of Lisbon in the county of Ransom, with a grant of
25 forty thousand acres of land.

26 2. The school for the blind at the city of Grand Forks in the county of Grand Forks or at
27 such other location as may be determined by the legislative assembly to be in the best
28 interests of the students of such institution and the state of North Dakota.

29 3. A school of forestry, or such other institution as the legislative assembly may
30 determine, at such place in one of the counties of McHenry, Ward, Bottineau, or

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- 1 Rolette, as the electors of said counties may determine by an election for that
2 purpose, to be held as provided by the legislative assembly.
- 3 4. A school of science or such other educational or charitable institution as the legislative
4 assembly may prescribe, at the city of Wahpeton in the county of Richland, with a
5 grant of forty thousand acres.
- 6 5. A state college at the city of Minot in the county of Ward.
- 7 6. A state college at the city of Dickinson in the county of Stark.
- 8 7. A state hospital for the ~~mentally ill~~care of individuals with mental illness at such place
9 within this state as shall be selected by the legislative assembly.
- 10 No other institution of a character similar to any one of those located by article IX, section 12, or
11 this section shall be established or maintained without an amendment of this constitution.