

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 constitutional amendments.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure would require at least fifty-five percent of the members of each house of the
5 legislative assembly to approve a constitutional amendment to be placed on the ballot at the
6 next general election. This measure would increase the votes required to approve a
7 constitutional amendment from a simple majority to at least fifty-five percent of votes cast.

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 is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified
12 electors of North Dakota at the general election to be held in 2020 in accordance with section
13 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. If at least
20 fifty-five percent of votes cast on an initiated measure for a constitutional amendment are
21 affirmative, the amendment is deemed enacted. All other provisions relating to initiative
22 measures apply hereto to constitutional amendments proposed by initiative petition.

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

1 **Section 16.** Any amendment to this constitution may be proposed in either house of the
2 legislative assembly, and if agreed to upon a roll call by ~~a majority~~at least fifty-five percent of the
3 members elected to each house, must be submitted to the electors ~~and if a majority~~at the
4 following general election. If at least fifty-five percent of the votes cast ~~thereon~~on the
5 constitutional amendment are in the affirmative, the amendment is a part of this constitution.