

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Hogue

Representatives Cory, Lefor

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to the process for approving initiated constitutional amendments.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure would restrict circulation of petitions for an initiated constitutional amendment to
5 electors who have resided in the state for at least one hundred twenty days, prohibit petition
6 circulators from receiving money or items of value for circulating a petition, require signatures
7 from electors equal in number to five percent of the population of the state before a petition may
8 be submitted to the secretary of state, and require approval by sixty-seven percent of the voters
9 for the measure to become effective.

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

12 That the following proposed amendment to section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North
13 Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the
14 primary election to be held in June of 2024, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
15 Constitution of North Dakota.

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

18 **Section 9.** A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. The petition
19 may be circulated only by electors who have resided in the state for at least one hundred twenty
20 days before the first signature is collected. An individual circulating a petition may not accept
21 any money or an in-kind item of value for circulating a petition. If signed by electors equal in
22 number to ~~four~~five percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal decennial
23 census, the petition may be submitted to the secretary of state. If the secretary of state finds the
24 petition is valid, the secretary of state shall place the measure on the ballot at the next general
25 election. If the measure is approved by at least sixty-seven percent of the voters, the measure

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- 1 becomes effective thirty days after the election. All other provisions relating to initiative
- 2 measures apply hereto initiative measures for constitutional amendments.