Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota FIRST DRAFT: Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for the Initiated and Referred Measures Study Commission March 2018

Introduced by

- 1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code,
- 2 relating to fiscal impacts of referred measures.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 16.1-01-17 of the North Dakota Century Code is

5 amended and reenacted as follows:

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16.1-01-17. Estimated fiscal impact of an initiated or referred measure.

7 At least ninety days before a statewide election at which an initiated or referred measure 8 will be voted upon, the legislative council shall coordinate the determination of the estimated 9 fiscal impact of the initiated or referred measure. Upon notification from the secretary of state-10 that signed petitions have been submitted for placement of an initiated measure on the ballot. 11 the legislative management shall hold hearings, receive public testimony, and gather-12 information on the estimated fiscal impact of the measure. Each agency, institution, or 13 department shall provide information requested in the format and timeframe prescribed by the 14 legislative council for identifying the estimated fiscal impact of an initiated measure. At least 15 thirty days before the public vote on the measure, the legislative council shall submit a 16 statement of the estimated fiscal impact of the measure to the secretary of state. Upon receipt, 17 the secretary of state shall include a notice within the analysis required by section 16.1-01-07-18 specifying where copies of the statement of the estimated fiscal impact can be obtained. Within 19 thirty days of the close of the first complete fiscal year after the effective date of an initiated or 20 referred measure approved by the voters, the agencies, institutions, or departments that 21 provided the estimates of the fiscal impact of the measure to the legislative managementcouncil 22 under this section shall submit a report to the legislative council on the actual fiscal impact for 23 the first complete fiscal year resulting from provisions of the initiated or referred measure and a-24 comparison to the estimates provided to the legislative management under this section and the

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- 1 legislative council shall issue a report of the actual fiscal impact of the initiated <u>or referred</u>
- 2 measure.