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Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

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## FIRST DRAFT:

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for the Initiated and Referred Measures Study Commission March 2018

1	A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 16.1-01-09 of the North Dakota Century	/ Code,
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- 2 relating to obtaining approval for petitions for initiated measures; and to provide a contingent
- 3 effective date.

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## 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

5 SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 1 of section 16.1-01-09 of the North Dakota 6 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows: 7 A request of the secretary of state and attorney general for approval of a petition 1. 8 to initiate or refer a measure may be presented over the signatures of the 9 sponsoring committee on individual signature forms that have been notarized. 10 The secretary of state shall prepare a signature form that includes provisions for 11 identification of the measure; the printed name, signature, and address of the 12 committee member; and notarization of the signature. The filed signature forms 13 must be originals. 14 b. Upon receipt of a petition to initiate or refer a measure, the secretary of state 15 shall draft a short and concise statement that fairly represents the measure. The 16 statement must be submitted to the attorney general for approval or disapproval. 17 An approved statement must be affixed to the petition before it is circulated for 18 signatures, must be called the "petition title", and must be placed immediately 19 before the full text of the measure. 20 C. The secretary of state and the attorney general shall complete their review of a 21 petition in not less than five, nor more than seven, business days, excluding 22 Saturdays. 23 SECTION 2. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act is contingent on the passage of

Concurrent Resolution No. by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly and approval of

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- 1 that resolution by the electors of this state. If this Act takes effect, it becomes effective on
- 2 December 1, 2020.