

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS DISAPPROVED

CHAPTER 510

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4001

(Senators Hogue, Dever, G. Lee)
(Representatives K. Koppelman, Louser, Nathe)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT APPROVAL PROCESS

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

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This measure requires an initiated constitutional measure approved by voters to be submitted to the subsequent legislative assembly. Under this measure, if the legislative assembly does not approve the constitutional measure, the measure will be placed on the ballot again, and, if approved by the voters, will become effective. The measure also requires constitutional amendments to be submitted to voters only at general elections.

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

That the following proposed amendment to section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general election to be held in 2020, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

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

Section 9. A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal decennial census, the petition for a constitutional amendment may be submitted to the secretary of state. An initiative to amend the constitution may be placed on the ballot only at a general election. If electors approve an initiative for a constitutional amendment, the amendment must be submitted to the subsequent legislative assembly. If the initiative is approved by a majority of members of each house in the legislative assembly, the initiative is deemed enacted. If the legislative assembly does not approve the initiative, the initiative must be placed on the ballot at the next general election. If the majority of votes cast on the initiative are affirmative, the initiative is deemed enacted. All other provisions relating to initiative measures apply hereteto initiative measures for constitutional amendments.

Disapproved on November 3, 2020

125,613 to 201,476

NOTE: This was measure No. 2 on the 2020 general election ballot.

CHAPTER 511

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4016

(Senators Wardner, Bekkedahl, Heckaman)
(Representatives Mock, Nathe, Roers Jones)

STATE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING REQUIREMENTS

A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact subsections 2 and 6 of section 6 of article VIII of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to the membership and meeting requirements of the state board of higher education; to provide for transition; and to provide an effective date.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This measure increases the number of individuals who serve on the state board of higher education from eight to fifteen, increases the term of board membership from four years to six years, requires the board to meet at least annually with the heads of each institution under the board's control, and prohibits state legislators, elected state officials, and full-time state employees from serving on the board.

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

That the following proposed amendments to subsections 2 and 6 of section 6 of article VIII of the Constitution of North Dakota are agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the general election to be held in 2020, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 6 of article VIII of the Constitution of North Dakota is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. a. The state board of higher education consists of ~~eight~~eighteen members. The governor shall appoint ~~seven~~seventeen members who are qualified electors and taxpayers of the state, and who have resided in this state for not less than five years immediately preceding their appointments. These ~~seven~~seventeen appointments are subject to confirmation by the senate. The governor shall appoint as the ~~eighth~~eighteenth member of the board a full-time resident student in good academic standing at an institution under the jurisdiction of the state board.
 - b. An individual serving as a member of the legislative assembly or in an elected statewide office may not serve as a member of the state board of higher education.
 - c. Except for the student member, ~~no~~:
- (1) No more than two persons holding a bachelor's degree from a particular institution under the jurisdiction of the state board of higher

education may serve on the board at any one time. ~~Except for the student member, no, and~~

- (2) ~~A person employed by the state, including a person employed full time by any institution under the control of the board shall may not~~ serve as a member of the board ~~and no. An employee of any such an institution may be under the control of the board is not~~ eligible for membership on the state board of higher education for a period of two years following the termination of employment.
- d. The governor shall nominate from a list of three names for each position, selected by action of four of the following five persons: the president of the North Dakota ~~education association~~ united or its successor organization, the chief justice of the supreme court secretary of state, the superintendent of public instruction, the president pro tempore of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives and, with the consent of a majority of the members-elect of the senate, shall appoint from the list to the state board of higher education ~~seven~~ fourteen members. The governor shall ensure that the board membership is maintained in a balanced and representative manner. ~~The~~ Other than the student member, the term of office of members appointed to fill vacancies at the expiration of ~~said~~ the terms ~~shall be for four is six~~ years, and in the case of vacancies otherwise arising, appointments ~~shall~~ must be made only for the balance of the term of the members whose places are to be filled. A member may not be appointed to serve for more than two full terms; ~~however, the terms may not be served consecutively~~. If a member is appointed to fill a vacancy and serves ~~two~~ three or more years of that term, the member is deemed to have served one full term.
- b. ~~In the event~~
- e. On or before July first of each year, the governor shall appoint a student member from a list of names recommended by the executive board of the North Dakota student association for a term of one year, beginning on July first. A student member may not serve more than two consecutive terms.
- f. If any nomination made by the governor is not consented to and confirmed by the senate, the governor again shall again nominate a candidate selected from a new list. The nomination shall must be submitted to the senate for confirmation and the proceedings shall must continue until an appointee has been confirmed by the senate or the session of the legislature legislative assembly has adjourned.
- e-g. If a term expires or a vacancy occurs when the legislature legislative assembly is not in session, the governor may appoint from a list selected as provided, a member who shall serve until the opening of the next session of the legislature legislative assembly, at which time the appointment must be certified to the senate for confirmation. If the appointee is not confirmed by the thirtieth legislative day of the session, the office shall be is deemed vacant and the governor shall nominate another candidate for the office. The same proceedings shall must be followed as are set forth in this section. If the legislature legislative assembly is in session at any time within six months prior to the date of the expiration of the term of any member, the governor shall nominate a

successor from a list selected as above set forth, within the first thirty days of the session and upon confirmation by the senate the successor shall take office at the expiration of the incumbent's term. No person who has been nominated and whose nomination the senate has failed to confirm is eligible for an interim appointment. ~~On or before July first of each year, beginning in 1995, the governor shall appoint a student member from a list of names recommended by the executive board of the North Dakota student association for a term of one year, beginning on July first. A student member may not serve more than two consecutive terms.~~

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 6 of section 6 of article VIII of the Constitution of North Dakota is amended and reenacted as follows:

6. a. ~~The state board of higher education shall hold its first meeting at the office of the state board of administration at Bismarck, on the 6th day of July, 1939, and shall organize and elect one of its members as president of such board for a term of one year. It shall also at said meeting, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, elect a competent person as secretary, who shall reside during his term of office in the city of Bismarck, North Dakota. Said secretary shall hold office at the will of the board. As soon as said board is established and organized, it shall assume all the powers and perform all the duties now conferred by law upon the board of administration in connection with the several institutions hereinbefore mentioned, and the said board of administration shall immediately upon the organization of said state board of higher education, surrender and transfer to said state board of higher education all duties, rights, and powers granted to it under the existing laws of this state concerning the institutions hereinbefore mentioned, together with all property, deeds, records, reports, and appurtenances of every kind belonging or appertaining to said institutions.~~
- b. ~~The said state board of higher education shall have~~has full authority over the institutions under its control with the right, among its other powers, to prescribe, limit, or modify the courses offered at the several institutions. In furtherance of its powers, the state board of higher education shall ~~have the power to~~may delegate to its employees details of the administration of the institutions under its control. ~~The said state board of higher education shall have full authority to~~may organize or reorganize within constitutional and statutory limitations, the work of each institution under its control, and do each and everything necessary and proper for the efficient and economic administration of ~~said state educational~~the institutions. ~~The board shall meet at least annually with the head of each institution under its control.~~
- e-b. ~~Said~~The board shall prescribe for all of ~~said~~ institutions standard systems of accounts and records and shall biennially, and within six (6) months immediately preceding the regular session of the legislature~~legislative assembly, shall~~ make a report to the governor, covering in detail the operations of the educational institutions under its control.
- d-c. ~~It shall be the duty of the heads~~The head of the several state institutions hereinbefore mentioned, ~~to each institution under the board's control shall~~ submit the budget requests~~request~~ for the biennial appropriations for said institutions~~the institution~~ to ~~said~~the state board of higher education; and

~~said~~the state board of higher education shall consider ~~said budgets and shall revise the same~~and revise each budget as in its judgment shall be ~~foris in~~ the best interests of the educational system of the state; ~~and thereafter the.~~ The state board of higher education shall prepare and present to the state budget board and to the legislaturelegislative assembly a single unified budget covering the needs of all the institutions under its control. "Said budget shall be prepared and presented by the board of administration until the state board of higher education organizes ~~as provided in subsection 6a.~~" The appropriations for all of ~~said~~ institutions shall ~~must~~ be contained in one legislative measure. The budgets and appropriation measures for the agricultural experiment stations and ~~their~~the substations and the extension division of the North Dakota state university of agriculture and applied science may be separate from those of state educational institutions.

- e-d. The said state board of higher education shall ~~have~~has the control of the expenditure of the funds belonging to, and allocated to ~~such~~ institutions and also those appropriated by the legislaturelegislative assembly, for the institutions of higher education in this state; provided, however, that funds appropriated by the legislaturelegislative assembly and specifically designated for any one or more of ~~such~~ institutions, shall ~~may~~ not be used for any other institution.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE - TRANSITION. This measure becomes effective June 30, 2021. Any member of the state board of higher education serving a term on the board on the effective date of this measure whose term does not expire on June 30, 2021, may serve the remainder of that member's term. For those board positions expiring on June 30, 2021, and for the seven new positions on the board created by this measure, the governor shall appoint individuals to fill those positions in accordance with this measure, and the terms of those appointees must be staggered so not more than three positions expire in any year. To accomplish the staggering, the initial term of those appointees may be for less than six years.

Disapproved November 3, 2020

91,848 to 242,157

NOTE: This was measure No. 1 on the 2020 general election ballot.