

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 2 of article III of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to the fiscal impact of initiated measures.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure would require that initiated measures that are estimated to have a fiscal impact of
5 twenty million dollars or more must be placed on the general election ballot.

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

8 That the following proposed amendment to section 2 of article III of the Constitution of North
9 Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the
10 general election to be held in 2016, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
11 Constitution of North Dakota.

12 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 2 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **Section 2.** A petition to initiate or to refer a measure must be presented to the secretary of
15 state for approval as to form. A request for approval must be presented over the names and
16 signatures of twenty-five or more electors as sponsors, one of whom must be designated as
17 chairman of the sponsoring committee. The secretary of state shall approve the petition for
18 circulation if it is in proper form and contains the names and addresses of the sponsors and the
19 full text of the measure.

20 The legislative assembly may provide by law for a procedure through which the legislative
21 council may establish an appropriate method for determining the fiscal impact of an
22 initiativeinitiated measure and for making the information regarding the fiscal impact of the
23 measure available to the public. If the legislative council determines the fiscal impact of an
24 initiated measure will be twenty million dollars or more during the next full biennium after the
25 measure is due to become effective and the secretary of state determines the petition includes

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- 1 the required number of signatures and qualifies to be placed on the ballot as provided under
- 2 this article, the secretary of state shall place the measure on the next general election ballot.