

Introduced by

1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 5 of article III of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to the deadline for submitting petitions for initiated measures.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure changes the deadline for submitting petitions for initiated measures to the
5 secretary of state from one hundred twenty days before the election at which the measure will
6 be voted on to ninety days before the election.

7 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
8 **CONCURRING THEREIN:**

9 That the following proposed amendment to section 5 of article III of the Constitution of North
10 Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the
11 general election to be held in 2020, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
12 Constitution of North Dakota.

13 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 5 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is
14 amended and reenacted as follows:

15 **Section 5.** An initiative petition shall be submitted not less than ~~one hundred twenty~~ninety
16 days before the statewide election at which the measure is to be voted upon. A referendum
17 petition may be submitted only within ninety days after the filing of the measure with the
18 secretary of state. The submission of a petition shall suspend the operation of any measure
19 enacted by the legislative assembly except emergency measures and appropriation measures
20 for the support and maintenance of state departments and institutions. The submission of a
21 petition against one or more items or parts of any measure shall not prevent the remainder from
22 going into effect. A referred measure may be voted upon at a statewide election or at a special
23 election called by the governor.