

Introduced by

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

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure requires an initiated constitutional measure approved by voters to be ~~approved-~~  
5 ~~by~~submitted to the two-subsequent legislative ~~assemblies before becoming~~assembly. Under this  
6 measure, if the legislative assembly does not approve the constitutional measure, the measure  
7 will be placed on the ballot again, and, if approved by the voters, will become effective.

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

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

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

16 **Section 9.** A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by  
17 electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal  
18 decennial census, the petition for a constitutional amendment may be submitted to the  
19 secretary of state. If electors approve an initiative for a constitutional amendment in a statewide  
20 election, the amendment must be submitted to the two-subsequent legislative  
21 ~~assemblies~~assembly. If the initiative is approved by a majority of members of each house in  
22 ~~both~~the legislative assembliesassembly, the initiative is deemed enacted. If the legislative  
23 assembly does not approve the initiative, the initiative must be placed on the ballot at the next  
24 statewide election. If the majority of votes cast on the initiative are affirmative, the initiative is

- 1 | deemed enacted. All other provisions relating to initiative measures apply heretoto initiative
- 2 | measures for constitutional amendments.