

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 9 of article III and section 16 of article IV  
2 of the Constitution of North Dakota, relating to voting on constitutional amendments at general  
3 elections and constitutional amendments proposed by the legislative assembly.

4 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

5 This measure requires an initiated measure for a constitutional amendment or a constitutional  
6 amendment proposed by the legislative assembly to be placed on the ballot at a general  
7 election. The measure increases the votes required to approve a constitutional amendment  
8 proposed by the legislative assembly from a simple majority to sixty percent of the members of  
9 each house and increases the votes required to approve a constitutional amendment proposed  
10 by the legislative assembly from a simple majority to sixty percent of votes cast.

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

13 That the following proposed amendments to section 9 of article III and section 16 of  
14 article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota are agreed to and must be submitted to the  
15 qualified electors of North Dakota at the general election to be held in 2022, in accordance with  
16 section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota.

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

19 **Section 9.** A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by  
20 electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal  
21 decennial census, the petition may be submitted to the secretary of state. An initiated measure  
22 to amend the constitution may be placed on the ballot only at a general election. All other  
23 provisions relating to initiative measures apply hereto.

24 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 16 of article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota is  
25 amended and reenacted as follows:

1       **Section 16.** Any amendment to this constitution may be proposed in either house of the  
2 legislative assembly, and if agreed to upon a roll call by ~~a majority~~ at least sixty percent of the  
3 members elected to each house, must be submitted to the electors ~~and if a majority~~ at the  
4 following general election. If at least sixty percent of the votes cast ~~thereon~~ the amendment  
5 are in the affirmative, the amendment is a part of this constitution.