

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

**INITIATED AND REFERRED MEASURES STUDY COMMISSION**

Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the November 30, 2017, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the Chairman
- 9:10 a.m. Discussion of bill drafts and constitutional amendment resolution drafts requested by Commission members:
- Bill draft requiring fiscal impact of initiated measure to be printed on ballot
  - Bill draft requiring preparation of fiscal impacts of referred measures
  - Bill draft eliminating special reporting requirements for out-of-state contributions
  - Bill draft and resolution draft requiring sponsoring committees of initiated measures to consult with the Secretary of State and Attorney General on drafting
  - Resolution draft to allow out-of-state petition circulators
  - Resolution draft to require initiated measures for constitutional amendments to be voted on in general elections
  - Resolution drafts to require all initiated measures to be voted on in general elections
  - Resolution draft to require initiated measures be drafted by the Legislative Council
  - Resolution draft to require biennial approval by the Legislative Assembly and Governor of constitutional amendments that require the expenditure of a threshold sum of funds
  - Bill draft requiring petition title and ballot language be identical and no longer than one hundred words
  - Bill draft requiring impartial mediation of Secretary of State's proposed petition title and ballot language
  - Resolution draft to change the filing deadline for signed petitions from 120 days before the election to 90 days before the election
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Continue discussion of bill and resolution drafts requested by Commission members
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Continue discussion of bill and resolution drafts requested by Commission members
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. Continue discussion of bill and resolution drafts requested by Commission members
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

## **Commission Members**

Chairman: Surrogate Judge William A. Neumann

Senators: David Hogue, Gary A. Lee, Erin Oban

Representatives: Jim Kasper, Scott Louser, Vicky Steiner

Citizen Members: Nick Archuleta, Brent Bogar, Ellen Chaffee, Kirsten Diederich, Robert Hale, Pete Hanebutt, Alvin A. Jaeger, Jack McDonald, Sara Meier, Kayla Pulvermacher, Jonathan Sickler, Conner Swanson

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