

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 initiated measures for constitutional amendments.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure would increase the votes required to approve an initiated measure for a  
5 constitutional amendment from a simple majority to sixty percent of votes cast.

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 9 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 2020 in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the Constitution  
11 of North Dakota.

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

14 **Section 9.** A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petition. If signed by  
15 electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of the state at the last federal  
16 decennial census, the petition may be submitted to the secretary of state. If at least sixty  
17 percent of votes cast on an initiated measure for a constitutional amendment are affirmative, the  
18 amendment is deemed enacted. All other provisions relating to initiative measures apply hereto-  
19 to constitutional amendments proposed by initiative petition.