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#### FIRST DRAFT:

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A concurrent resolution to amend and reenact section 2 of article III of the Constitution of North

2 Dakota, relating to the drafting and form requirements for petitions to initiate measures.

# 3 STATEMENT OF INTENT

- 4 This measure requires the legislative assembly to provide by law the drafting and form
- 5 requirements for petitions for initiated measures and a procedure for review of petitions by the
- 6 secretary of state.

### 7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

## OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE

### 8 **CONCURRING THEREIN:**

- 9 That the following proposed amendment to section 2 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 2 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is
- 14 amended and reenacted as follows:
- **Section 2.** A petition to initiate or to refer a measure must <u>include the full text of the</u>
- 16 measure and be presented to the secretary of state for approval as to form. A request for
- 17 approval. The legislative assembly shall provide by law for the drafting and form requirements a
- 18 <u>petition must satisfy and a procedure for the secretary of state to review the petition for</u>
- 19 approval. A petition must be presented to the secretary of state over the names, addresses, and
- 20 signatures of twenty-five or more electors as sponsors, one of whom must be designated as
- 21 chairman of the sponsoring committee. The secretary of state shall approve the petition for
- 22 circulation if it is in proper form and contains the names and addresses of the sponsors and the
- 23 full text of the measure.
- The legislative assembly may provide by law for a procedure through which the legislative
- 25 council may establish an appropriate method for determining the fiscal impact of an initiative

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- 1 measure and for making the information regarding the fiscal impact of the measure available to
- 2 the public.