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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 constitutional amendments. 3 STATEMENT OF INTENT 4 The measure requires an initiative measure to amend the constitution to contain one subject. 5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE 6 **CONCURRING THEREIN:** 7 That the following proposed amendment to section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North 8 Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the 9 general election to be held in 2020, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the 10 Constitution of North Dakota. 11 SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 9 of article III of the Constitution of North Dakota is 12 amended and reenacted as follows: 13 Section 9. A constitutional amendment may be proposed by initiative petitionmeasure. A 14 measure for a constitutional amendment may not contain more than one subject, and the 15 subject must be expressed clearly in the petition title. If any subject is included in an initiative 16 measure for a constitutional amendment but not clearly expressed in the petition title, the 17 measure will be void as to the subject. If a measure for a constitutional amendment contains 18 more than one subject so a petition title that clearly expresses a single subject cannot be 19 drafted, the measure may not be placed on the ballot. If a petition to initiate a constitutional 20 amendment is signed by electors equal in number to four percent of the resident population of 21 the state at the last federal decennial census, the petition may be submitted to the secretary of

state. All other provisions relating to initiative measures apply hereto.