

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

REPEAL OF PROHIBITION CLAUSE IN STATE CONSTITUTION

Submitted by initiative petition:

AN ACT TO REPEAL: Section 217, Article 20, of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota. Providing that no person, association or corporation shall, within this state, manufacture for sale or gift, any intoxicating liquors, and no person, association or corporation shall import any of the same for sale or gift or keep or sell or offer the same for sale, barter or trade as a beverage.

The legislative assembly shall by law prescribe regulations for the enforcement of the provisions of this article and shall thereby provide suitable penalties for the violation thereof.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of North Dakota:

That Section No. 217, Article 20, of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, be and the same is hereby repealed.

INITIATED MEASURES

THREE YEAR PARTIAL MORATORIUM

Submitted by initiative petition:

A measure providing for a three year partial moratorium.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of North Dakota:

Sec. 1. That whereas a public emergency and crisis exists throughout this state endangering the public health, welfare and morals, in that agricultural crops and products have been sold on an average below the cost of production since 1922, and all agricultural land values have disappeared, due to the uncalled for deflation and manipulation of the currency, which caused under-consumption and produced starving millions throughout the nation; and whereas taxes have been steadily increasing in spite of the deplorable condition of agriculture, and the cost of living has been generally maintained; and whereas agriculture is the principal industry in this state, and all other industries are solely dependent for their existence upon agriculture; and whereas there is at present no means by which existing mortgages and indebtedness can be refinanced, and the debtors are at the mercy of their creditors; and whereas hundreds and thousands of families have already lost their homes through mortgage foreclosures or other judicial proceedings; and whereas hundreds and thousands more will lose their homes unless adequate relief is given; therefore, in order to prevent the utter ruin and destruction of agriculture, commerce and industry and the collapse of civil government and in order to maintain the integrity of families and their homes, and the public health, welfare and morals of the people of this State, a partial moratorium for a period of three years is hereby declared on all existing indebtedness at the time that this act takes effect, including taxes and debts due by individuals to the state, county, or other political subdivisions, except that the benefits of this act shall not extend to corporations, nor shall they extend to any person, who, upon an order to show cause before any district court, is found upon competent evidence to be financially able to pay such indebtedness without sacrificing his home, lands or farm chattels or sacrificing his goods or chattels with which he creates wealth for a living or which are necessary to maintain his family.

Sec. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or his agent or any other official of this state to levy upon, attach, seize or sell any personal property of whatever nature, other than excepted in Section 1 hereof, under an execution issued upon a judgment or upon any other indebtedness existing at the time that this act takes effect for a period of three years, provided that such judgment debtor or other debtor pays one per cent interest upon such judgment debt or other debt annually from the date that this act takes effect, provided further that in case such interest is not paid before the expiration of one year that then the protection of this act shall cease as to such debtor.

Sec. 3. That upon an execution or foreclosure sale of real property, or upon an execution or foreclosure sale of real property heretofore made upon which sheriff's deed has not yet issued, no such deed shall issue for a period of three years, and the debtor shall be entitled to redeem for a period of three years from the time that this act takes effect, and he shall be entitled to the possession, rents, uses and benefits of the property so sold from the date of such sale until the expiration of the period of redemption, provided that the debtor or the person claiming an interest in such real estate