

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

No. 2—BOND ISSUE WORLD WAR II ADJUSTED COMPENSATION

Submitted by the Thirtieth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota as House Concurrent Resolution X—being also Chapter 123, Session Laws 1947.

The full text of this Constitutional Amendment is as follows, to-wit:

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF BONDS OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$27,000,000.00 TO BE USED IN THE PAYMENT OF AN ADJUSTED COMPENSATION TO NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II.

Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The State Of North Dakota, The Senate Concurring Therein:

The following amendment to the constitution of the State of North Dakota is agreed to and shall be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota for approval or rejection at the primary election in June, 1948, in accordance with the provisions of Section 202 of the North Dakota Constitution.

Section 1.) The Constitution of the State of North Dakota shall be amended by adding thereto the following article:

ARTICLE 59

The legislative assembly of the State of North Dakota is hereby authorized and empowered to provide by legislation for the issuance, sale, and delivery of the bonds of the State of North Dakota in the principal amount of not to exceed \$27,000,000.00, the proceeds thereof to be used in the payment of adjusted compensation to North Dakota veterans of World War II on the basis of term of service, and under such terms and conditions as the legislative assembly may prescribe.

Filed March 10, 1947.

VOTE YES

JUNE 29

ON THE SECOND MEASURE ON THE BALLOT

For Adjusted Compensation To World War II Veterans

(Also Known As The Soldier's Bonus)

N. D. paid the World War I veterans a bonus so let's finish the job by paying the veterans a reasonable adjusted compensation as adopted in the platforms of all N. D. political parties

VOTE YES

ON THE SECOND MEASURE OF THE BALLOT

Sponsored and paid for by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans, and Am Vets.

What the Proposed Bond Issue for the Payment of Adjusted Compensation to World War II Veterans Would Mean:

1. A Constitutional Amendment to authorize a bond issue by the State of North Dakota of up to \$27,000,000.
2. The payment of an estimated \$5,685,260 as interest on such bonds over a 20-year period.
3. An estimated average payment of \$1,634,263 per year for twenty years to retire the bonds and pay the interest.

MONEY TO MEET THESE PAYMENTS MUST BE PROVIDED!

No provision is made in the proposed amendment for providing funds to retire the bonds and pay the interest. That problem is left up to the legislature. However, it seems reasonable to assume, in the light of past experience, that these funds would be provided by additional taxes on property.

HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST?

There is no way of determining in advance the exact mill-levy required on property to raise these funds. But, based upon the last assessed valuation of the taxable property in the state, probable mill-levies required would range from 3.79 the first year to 2.76 the last year, or an average mill-levy of 3.275 over a period of 20 years.

WHAT HAVE OTHER STATES DONE?

The state of Maine refused to adopt a bonus in a referendum. In 17 states, bonus bills have either been voted down or failed to receive final legislative action. In 14 states no bonus bills have been considered. Nine states have adopted bonus legislation. Six states (in addition to North Dakota) are voting on referred bonus bills this year. (North Dakota has already established a Veteran's Aid Fund and a Veteran's Postwar Rehabilitation Reserve Fund for veterans of World War II. Of course any state benefits are in addition to the benefits provided by the Federal G.I. Bill of Rights.)

This will be the second measure to appear on the ballot.

(Sponsored and paid for by the N. D. Taxpayers' Association)

INITIATED MEASURE

No. 1—PROHIBITING WEARING OF RELIGIOUS DRESS OR GARB BY PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

Submitted by Initiated Petition.

The full text of the proposed measure shall be:

AN ACT PROHIBITING TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM WEARING ANY GARB DENOTING RELIGIOUS ORDER OR DENOMINATION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES.

Be It Enacted By The People Of The State Of North Dakota:—

Section 1. No teacher in any public school in this State shall wear in said school or while engaged in the performance of his or her duties as such teacher any dress or garb indicating the fact that such teacher is a member of or an adherent of any religious order, sect, or denomination.

Section 2. Any public school teacher who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act shall have his or her certificate suspended by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for one year, and upon the conviction of such teacher for a second such offense, his or her teacher's certificate shall be permanently revoked and annulled by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as provided by law.

Section 3. All Acts or parts of Acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.