

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

## NO. 1

House Concurrent Resolution "D", Chapter 358, 1955 Session Laws, proposed by the 34th Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota to provide for an amendment of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota relating to a Korean Veterans Bonus Bond Issue by adding thereto the following article to the Amendments thereof:

### **Be It Enacted By the People of the State of North Dakota:**

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 not to exceed \$9,000,000.00, the proceeds thereof to be used in payment of adjusted compensation to North Dakota veterans of the Korean conflict who served in the armed forces of the United States or any of its allies during the period from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953 on the basis of terms of service, and under such terms and conditions as the legislative assembly may prescribe.

Filed March 3, 1955. 10:20 a. m.

Shall said Constitutional Amendment Be Approved?

Yes

No

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## NO. 4

Senate Concurrent Resolution "W", Chapter 364, 1955 Session Laws, proposed by the 34th Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota to provide for the amendment of Paragraph 2 of Section 203 of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, relating to state jurisdiction over lands of the United States and Indian lands by inserting the words ", provided, however, that the legislative assembly of the state of North Dakota may, upon such terms and conditions as it shall adopt, provide for the acceptance of such jurisdiction as may be delegated to the State by Act of Congress;" so as to read as follows:

### **Be it Enacted by the People of the State of North Dakota:**

Section 203. Second. The people inhabiting this state do agree and declare that they forever disclaim all right and title to the unappropriated public lands lying within the boundaries thereof, and to all lands lying within said limits owned or held by any Indian or Indian Tribes, and that until the title thereto shall have been extinguished by the United States, the same shall be and remain subject to the disposition of the United States, and that said Indian lands shall remain under the absolute jurisdiction and control of the congress of the United States, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA MAY, UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS IT SHALL ADOPT, PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH JURISDICTION AS MAY BE DELEGATED TO THE STATE BY ACT OF CONGRESS; that the lands belonging to citizens of the United States residing within this state shall never be taxed at a higher rate than the lands belonging to residents of this state; that no taxes shall be imposed by this state on lands or property therein, belonging to, or which may hereafter be purchased by the United States or reserved for its use. But nothing in this article shall preclude this state from taxing as other lands are taxed, any lands owned or held by any Indian who has severed his tribal relations, and has obtained from the United States or from any person, a title thereto, by patent or other grant, save and except such lands as have been or may be granted to any Indian or Indians under any acts of congress containing a provision exempting the lands thus granted from taxation, which last mentioned lands shall be exempt from taxation so long, and to such an extent, as is, or may be provided in the act of congress granting the same.

Filed March 9, 1955. 12:01 P.M.

Shall Said Constitutional Amendment Be Approved?

Yes

No

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## NO. 5

House Concurrent Resolution "O", Chapter 359, 1955 Session Laws, proposed by the 34th Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota to provide for the amendment of Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota relating to compensation for private property taken or damaged for public use by omitting the word "and" ,", other than municipal" and adding the words ", provided however, that when the state or any of its departments, agencies or political subdivisions seeks to acquire right of way, it may take possession upon making an offer to purchase and by depositing the amount of such offer with the clerk of the district court of the county wherein the right of way is located. The clerk shall notify the owner of such deposit. The owner may thereupon appeal to the court in the manner provided by law, and may have a jury trial, unless a jury be waived, to determine the damages." So as to read as follows:

### Be it Enacted by the People of the State of North Dakota:

Section 14. Private property shall not be taken or damaged for public use without just compensation having been first made to, or paid into court for the owner. No right of way shall be appropriated to the use of any corporation until full compensation therefor be first made in money or ascertained and paid into court for the owner, irrespective of any benefit from any improvement proposed by such corporation, which compensation shall be ascertained by a jury, unless a jury be waived, PROVIDING HOWEVER, THAT WHEN THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS SEEKS TO ACQUIRE RIGHT OF WAY, IT MAY TAKE POSSESSION UPON MAKING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE AND BY DEPOSITING THE AMOUNT OF SUCH OFFER WITH THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY WHEREIN THE RIGHT OF WAY IS LOCATED. THE CLERK SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE OWNER OF SUCH DEPOSIT. THE OWNER MAY THEREUPON APPEAL TO THE COURT IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW, AND MAY HAVE A JURY TRIAL, UNLESS A JURY BE WAIVED, TO DETERMINE THE DAMAGES.

Filed March 9, 1955. 2:10 P.M.

Shall Said Constitutional Amendment Be Approved?

Yes

No

# INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

## NO. 9

Submitted by initiative petition for an amendment of Section 173 of Article 10 of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, as amended, to provide for the removal of the four-year restriction upon the term of office of county treasurer by omitting the words "The sheriff and treasurer of any county shall not hold their respective offices for more than four years in succession." and inserting the words "The legislative assembly shall enact appropriate legislation to make this amendment effective at their first Session after its adoption." so as to read as follows:

**Ballot Title:** A petition to amend and re-enact Section 173 of Article 10 of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, as amended, providing for the removal of the four-year restriction upon the term of office of county treasurer.

**Be it Enacted by the People of the State of North Dakota:**

Section 1. AMENDMENT.) Section 173 of Article 10 of the Constitution of the State of North Dakota, as amended, is hereby reenacted to read as follows:

Section 173.) At the first general election after the adoption of this amendment, and every two years thereafter, there shall be elected in each county, organized under the provisions of section 172 of the Constitution of the state of North Dakota, a register of deeds, county auditor, treasurer, sheriff, state's attorney, county judge and a clerk of the district court, who shall be electors in the county in which they are elected and who shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified; provided in counties having fifteen thousand population or less, the county judge shall also be clerk of the district court; provided further that in counties having a population of six thousand or less the register of deeds shall also be clerk of the district court and county judge. **THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SHALL ENACT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION TO MAKE THIS AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE AT THEIR FIRST SESSION AFTER ITS ADOPTION.**

Filed December 13, 1955.

Shall Said Initiated Constitutional Amendment be Approved?

Yes

No

TO THE VOTERS OF NORTH DAKOTA

# VOTE "YES"

## On the Last Measure on the Ballot

Initiated Constitutional Amendment

### Removing the Two-term Limit on the County Treasurers Office

In the June 26th, 1956 primary election you will be called upon to approve an amendment to remove the two-term limit on your county treasurers office.

First:

THIS AMENDMENT IS JUSTIFIED AND SHOULD IN ALL FAIRNESS BE PASSED, WHEREBY ALL COUNTY OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED ON THE SAME TERM BASIS.

Second:

A political boss back in the eighties promoted this two-term for his own selfish purpose to get a certain political foe out of office. Four years ago the two-term limit was eliminated in the Sheriffs office. At present the two-term limit DISCRIMINATION exists only in the treasurers office.

We feel the people of North Dakota are beginning to see things in a different light and they will no longer discriminate against each other.

Third:

If you have a good servant, why not keep him, at least for a reasonable length of time.

IN THE PAST THIS OLD LAW HAD TAKEN FROM YOU THE RIGHT OF VOTING FOR THE MAN OR WOMAN OF YOUR CHOICE FOR COUNTY TREASURER, AND, WAS UNFAIR TO YOU AS A VOTER AND TO YOUR COUNTY TREASURER.

Fourth:

The treasurer-elect only reaches the stage of real efficiency when he is by the present law required to turn the office over to a new person, who has to be in office about the same length of time to reach the same stage of real efficiency.

FOR MORE EFFICIENCY IN THE TREASURERS OFFICE, AND FOR BETTER QUALIFIED OFFICIALS, VOTE "YES" ON MEASURE NO. 9 THE LAST MEASURE ON THE BALLOT.

Sponsored and paid for by North Dakota County Treasurers Ass'n.

Theo. Boe, Sec'y.