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SENATE BILL NO. 101

Introduced by: Senators Gant, Brown, Gillespie, Miles, and Olson (Russell) and
Representatives Kirkeby, Cronin, Curd, Engels, Feinstein, Hamiel, Novstrup
(David), and Schlekeway

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize certain school districts to conduct pilot school
2 board elections during 2011 using voting centers and electronic records.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any school district with a fall
5 enrollment, as defined in § 13-13-10.1, greater than fifteen thousand may conduct a pilot school
6 board election during calendar year 2011 and before September 1, 2011. The pilot election shall
7 be conducted in conformance with all applicable election laws and rules with the following
8 exceptions:

9 (1) The school district may use voting centers that allow voters in the district to vote at
10 any one of the voting centers in lieu of establishing precincts and wards for the
11 election;

12 (2) Polling place deputies and superintendents registered to vote and living in the school
13 district may be appointed as polling place deputies and superintendents to any of the
14 voting centers;



1 (3) Secure, encrypted electronic pollbooks may be used in lieu of paper registration
2 books; and

3 (4) The poll list may be kept electronically.

4 Section 2. Any school district conducting a pilot election pursuant to this Act shall provide
5 a written report detailing the results of the pilot election to the secretary of state and to the
6 Legislature by September 1, 2011. The report shall include actual costs, estimated cost savings
7 achieved as a result of the voting center approach, any challenges, problems, or benefits that
8 resulted from using the voting center approach, and any other relevant information related to the
9 pilot election.

10 Section 3. The provisions of this Act are repealed January 1, 2012.