

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise the publishing requirement for school board vacancies in newly created school districts, to revise the deadline by which candidates for new school boards must file nominating petitions, and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. That § 13-7-5 be amended to read as follows:

13-7-5. Between the fifteenth day and the thirtieth day of the month three months preceding the election, except in the case of the joint election as provided in § 13-7-10.1, the business manager of each school district shall publish once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official newspaper, a notice setting forth the vacancies which will occur by termination of the terms of the elective or appointive school board members. However, if the vacancies set forth in the notice exist within a new school board of a newly created school district entity pursuant to § 13-6-62, the county auditor of the county having jurisdiction over the election shall publish the notice once each week for two consecutive weeks at least one month preceding the election. The notice shall also state the time and place where nominating petitions for school board membership may be filed for the vacancies.

Section 2. That § 13-7-6 be amended to read as follows:

13-7-6. No candidate for elective school board membership may be nominated unless such person is a resident voter of the school district and unless a nominating petition has been filed on such person's behalf with the business manager of the school district. The nominating petition shall be filed no later than five p.m. on the Friday thirty-nine days before the date of the election. However, if the nominating petition is from a candidate for a vacancy on a new school board within a newly created school district entity pursuant to § 13-6-62, the nominating petition shall be filed no later than thirty days prior to the date of the election. The petition is considered filed if it is mailed

by registered or certified mail by five p.m. on the Friday thirty-nine days before the election. A formal declaration of a candidate shall be signed by the candidate before the circulation of the petition. The petition shall be signed by not less than twenty voters of the school district or if the school district is divided into school board representation areas, the petition shall be signed by not less than twenty voters who reside within the school board representation area. No petition may be circulated until ten weeks prior to the election. There shall be added by either the signer or the circulator the signer's place of residence and date of signing. The petition shall be verified under oath by the person circulating it. The filing of the nominating petition shall constitute nomination and will entitle the candidate to have the candidate's name placed on the ballot for the term the candidate specifies on the petition only upon verification signed by the business manager that the nominating petition contains the minimum number of signatures and that the candidate is a resident voter.

Section 3. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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I certify that the attached Act
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Chief Clerk

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

House Bill No. 1233
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By _____
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The attached Act is hereby
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Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
ss.
Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____, 20__
at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State