

State of South Dakota

NINETY-THIRD SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2018

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SENATE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by: _____

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the filing of a completed voter initiative
2 petition by the last day of June prior to the next general election.

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

4 Section 1. That § 2-1-1.2 be amended to read:

5 2-1-1.2. The petition as it is to be circulated for an initiated measure shall be filed with the
6 secretary of state prior to circulation for signatures and shall:

- 7 (1) Contain the full text of the initiated measure;
- 8 (2) Contain the date of the general election at which the initiated measure is to be
9 submitted;
- 10 (3) Contain the title and explanation as prepared by the attorney general;
- 11 (4) Be accompanied by a notarized affidavit form signed by each person who is a petition
12 sponsor that includes the name and address of each petition sponsor; and
- 13 (5) Be accompanied by a statement of organization as provided in § 12-27-6.

14 The petition circulator shall provide to each person who signs the petition a form containing
15 the title and explanation of the initiated measure as prepared by the attorney general; any fiscal
16 note prepared pursuant to § 2-9-31; the name, phone number, and email address of each petition



1 sponsor; and a statement whether the petition circulator is a volunteer or paid petition circulator
2 and, if a paid circulator, the amount the circulator is being paid. The form shall be approved by
3 the secretary of state prior to circulation.

4 For any initiated measure petition, no signature may be obtained more than twenty-four
5 months preceding the general election that was designated at the time of filing of the full text.
6 ~~The~~ Any completed initiated measure petition shall be filed with the secretary of state ~~at least~~
7 ~~one year before~~ not later than the last day of June prior to the next general election. A notarized
8 affidavit form, signed by at least two-thirds of the petition sponsors, stating that the documents
9 filed constitute the entire petition and to the best of the knowledge of the sponsors contains a
10 sufficient number of signatures shall also be filed with the secretary of state. The form of the
11 petition and affidavit shall be prescribed by the State Board of Elections.