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SENATE ENGROSSED NO. **SB 101** - 2/17/2010

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 school board
2 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 2011 school
6 board election using the provisions of this section. The election shall be conducted in
7 conformance with all applicable election laws and rules with the following exceptions:

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

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

14 (3) Secure, encrypted electronic pollbooks may be used in lieu of paper registration



1 books;

2 (4) The poll list may be kept electronically;

3 (5) The electronic pollbook shall be connected via a secure intranet to a single database
4 of voters registered for this election. As a voter presents himself or herself to vote,

5 the electronic pollbook shall be updated with an indicator that the person has voted.

6 At least every ten minutes the electronic pollbook shall update the single database

7 and any other electronic pollbook with the same information; and

8 (6) The entire school district is designated as one voting precinct for this election.

9 Section 2. Any school district conducting an election pursuant to this Act shall provide a
10 written report detailing the results of the election to the secretary of state and to the Legislature

11 by September 1, 2011. The report shall include actual costs, estimated cost savings achieved as

12 a result of the voting center approach, any challenges, problems, or benefits that resulted from

13 using the voting center approach, and any other relevant information related to the election.

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 The provisions of this Act are repealed January 1, 2012.