



2021 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 77

Introduced by: **Senator Novstrup**

1 **An Act to require certain font size for initiated measure petitions.**

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

3 **Section 1.** That § 2-1-1.2 be AMENDED.

4 **2-1-1.2. Initiated measure--Petition--Contents--Signatures and filing.**

5 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
12 petition 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 Each petition circulator shall provide to each person who signs the petition a form
15 containing the title and explanation of the initiated measure as prepared by the attorney
16 general; any fiscal note prepared pursuant to § 2-9-30; the name, phone number, and
17 email address of each petition sponsor; a statement whether the petition circulator is a
18 volunteer or paid petition circulator and, if a paid circulator, the amount the circulator is
19 being paid. The form shall be approved by the secretary of state prior to circulation. The
20 petition form, as prescribed by the State Board of Elections, shall include the paid
21 circulator identification number within the verification of any paid circulator.

22 For any initiated measure petition, no signature may be obtained more than twenty-
23 four months preceding the general election that was designated at the time of filing of the
24 full text. The initiated measure petition shall be filed with the secretary of state at least
25 one year before the next general election. A sworn affidavit, signed by at least two-thirds
26 of the petition sponsors stating that the documents filed constitute the entire petition and

1 to the best of the knowledge of the sponsors contains a sufficient number of signatures
2 shall also be filed with the secretary of state. The petition must have at least a twelve-
3 point font size. The form of the petition otherwise, including petition size ~~and petition font~~
4 ~~size~~, and the affidavit shall be prescribed by the State Board of Elections.