



2021 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 142

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Duhamel**

1 **An Act to modify the meeting place and notice requirements for county commission**
 2 **meetings.**

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

4 **Section 1.** That § 7-8-14 be AMENDED.

5 **7-8-14. Meetings--County commission--Special sessions.**

6 The board of county commissioners shall meet and hold sessions, as open meetings
 7 in accordance with chapter 1-25, for the transaction of business at the courthouse or at
 8 the usual place of holding court any other suitable location in the county on at least a
 9 quarterly basis in January, April, July, and October of each year, ~~and may adjourn from~~
 10 ~~time to time.~~ The board may hold as many regular meetings throughout the year as
 11 necessary to transact business. The county auditor or the chair of the board of county
 12 commissioners may call special sessions if the interests of the county demand it by giving
 13 ~~three days' notice of the special session by mailing a copy of the notice to each of the~~
 14 ~~county commissioners at their designated post office addresses.~~ In addition to the notice
 15 ~~by mail,~~ notice may be given telephonically or through electronic communication to each
 16 county commissioner. In case of an emergency, a special session may be called by giving
 17 ~~one day's notice to each commissioner by telephone.~~ An emergency for the purpose of
 18 ~~this section is an unforeseen occurrence or combination of circumstances that calls for~~
 19 ~~immediate action or remedy~~ to each county commissioner and the public in accordance
 20 with § 1-25-1.1.

21 **Section 2.** That § 7-8-16 be REPEALED.

22 **7-8-16. Open meetings--Location and notice requirements--Joint**
 23 **county-municipal planning sessions--Continuances.**