ENTITLED An Act to define adjournment for the counting of ballots.

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

Section 1. That § 12-20-1 be AMENDED.

12-20-1. Delivery of supplies to counting board--Certificate of transmittal and receipt--Commencement of count--Continuation without adjournment--Comparison and correction of poll lists--Penalty.

As soon as the polls are closed, the precinct superintendent and precinct deputies shall audit the ballot count as prescribed in §§ 12-20-2 and 12-20-3. The precinct superintendent and precinct deputies shall then immediately deliver the ballot boxes, registration book, pollbook, and other election supplies, including voided and unused ballots, to the counting board, if appointed, and sign a certificate of transmittal and receipt as prescribed by the State Board of Elections. The members of the precinct election board or the counting board, if appointed, shall then immediately proceed to count publicly, in the presence of all persons desiring to attend the count, the votes received at the polls, and continue without leaving the site of the count until the count is completed. A person charged with implementing this section may not delay the counting of ballots other than to authorize short recesses for the health and wellbeing of those employed to implement this section. In counting the votes, the members of the precinct election board or counting board shall use the tally sheets provided.
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I certify that the attached Act originated in the:

House as Bill No. 1125

______________________  Chief Clerk

Received at this Executive Office
this _____ day of ________________,
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By ____________________ for the Governor

______________________  Speaker of the House

Attest:

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The attached Act is hereby
approved this _______ day of
______________, A.D., 2021

______________________  Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

ss.

Office of the Secretary of State

______________________  President of the Senate

Filed ________________, 2021
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Asst. Secretary of State