



2021i South Dakota Legislature

House Resolution 7001

Introduced by: **Representative** Kent Peterson

1 **A RESOLUTION, Establishing a select committee to investigate whether articles of**
2 **impeachment should issue against Jason Ravensborg, Attorney General of the**
3 **State of South Dakota, and draft any resulting articles.**

4 WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the State of South Dakota is a state officer subject to
5 impeachment pursuant to S.D. Const., Art. XVI, § 3; and

6 WHEREAS, the power of impeachment is exercisable only on certain grounds enumerated
7 in S.D. Const., Art. XVI, § 1; and

8 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives has the sole power of impeachment pursuant to
9 S.D. Const., Art. XVI, § 1; and

10 WHEREAS, the Senate has the sole power to try an impeachment pursuant to S.D. Const.,
11 Art. XVI, § 2:

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Legislature
13 of the State of South Dakota, convened for the Special Session on the Impeachment of Jason
14 Ravnsborg, that the select committee shall investigate whether the conduct of Jason
15 Ravnsborg, Attorney General of the State of South Dakota, surrounding the death of Joe
16 Boever, involved impeachable offenses pursuant to S.D. Const., Art. XVI, § 3; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the select committee has the authority to administer
18 oaths, to examine all records, to summon witnesses by request or by issuing a subpoena, and
19 to thoroughly examine all relevant and material facts associated with the above events and
20 conduct, and to do all other things necessary to accomplish the purpose of its hearings and
21 deliberations. The select committee may issue a subpoena for the person, documents, or
22 both, with the written approval of the chair, and use the procedure provided in SDCL chapter
23 2-4 to enforce its subpoena when the subject of the subpoena refuses to comply with the
24 command to appear and testify before the committee; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the select committee shall adopt rules of procedure for
2 its business that, where applicable, align with the provisions of Chapter 6 of the House Rules,
3 unless the provisions plainly conflict with the nature and purpose of this committee or with
4 applicable law;

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the select committee shall employ a special counsel,
6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to § 2-5-5, to serve as
7 legal counsel to the committee and to assist the committee in carrying out its functions
8 expressed and implied herein; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of the Legislative Research Council is directed
10 to provide the resources necessary to facilitate the activities of the select committee; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the select committee shall provide a written committee
12 report and recommendations to the House of Representatives on whether articles of
13 impeachment should issue and, if so, the language of the articles of impeachment and the
14 manner in which the House should manage its impeachment case in the Senate in this matter,
15 should the House vote to impeach; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the select committee shall have all authority, reasonable
17 and necessary, to carry out the functions expressed and implied herein, under the Constitution
18 of the State of South Dakota.