



2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1329

Introduced by: **Representative Howard**

1 **An Act to require a forensic audit of election results after each presidential general**
 2 **election.**

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

4 **Section 1. That chapter 12-20 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

5 The State Board of Elections shall conduct a forensic audit to verify the results of
 6 every general election in which the offices of President and Vice President of the United
 7 States are on the ballot. The audit must be completed by June 1 of the year following the
 8 election. The board may contract with a third party with experience in forensic audits of
 9 elections.

10 **Section 2. That § 12-1-9 be AMENDED:**

11 **12-1-9.** The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter
 12 1-26, concerning:

- 13 (1) Forms for voter registration and voter file maintenance;
- 14 (2) Forms and color of ballots;
- 15 (3) Forms for notices;
- 16 (4) The uniformity of election procedures;
- 17 (5) The operation of the State Board of Elections;
- 18 (6) The procedure to accept a petition and verify petition signatures;
- 19 (7) Petition forms, including petition size and petition font size;
- 20 (8) Envelopes for absentee voting;
- 21 (9) Instructions to voters and absentee voters;~~and~~
- 22 (10) Recounts; and
- 23 (11) Forensic audits of election results.