



## 2023 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 153

Introduced by: **Senator Bordeaux**

1 **An Act to permit the use of tribal identification cards when registering to vote.**

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

3 **Section 1. That § 12-4-5.4 be AMENDED:**

4 **12-4-5.4.** Any person registering to vote shall provide the person's valid South  
 5 Dakota driver license number, a tribal identification card, or a South Dakota nondriver  
 6 identification number on the voter registration form. If a person does not have a valid  
 7 South Dakota driver license, a tribal identification card, or a South Dakota nondriver  
 8 identification number, the person ~~shall~~ must provide the last four digits of the person's  
 9 social security number on the voter registration form. If a person does not have a valid  
 10 South Dakota driver license, a tribal identification card, a South Dakota nondriver  
 11 identification number, or a social security number, the person may only register at the  
 12 county auditor's office and ~~shall~~ must sign a statement verifying ~~the fact~~ that the person  
 13 does not have a valid South Dakota driver license, a tribal identification card, a South  
 14 Dakota nondriver identification number, or a social security number. The statement ~~shall~~  
 15 must be prescribed by the State Board of Elections.

16 For purposes of this section, the term, tribal identification card, means an  
 17 unexpired identification card issued by a South Dakota tribal government of a tribe  
 18 recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and that contains the legal name, date of birth,  
 19 signature, and picture of the enrolled tribal member.

20 **Section 2. That § 12-4-5.5 be AMENDED:**

21 **12-4-5.5.** At the time voter registration information is transmitted from a county  
 22 to the statewide voter registration file, the authenticity of ~~the~~  
 23 (1) A driver license number or the a South Dakota nondriver identification number  
 24 ~~shall~~ must be verified with the driver license database; and  
 25 (2) A tribal identification card must be verified.

1           If the person has provided the last four digits of ~~his or her~~ the person's social  
2 security number, the social security database ~~shall~~ must be checked to determine that the  
3 number, name, and date of birth are accurate and that ~~this the~~ information ~~does belong~~  
4 belongs to such the person.

5           If any of this information is reported as not being accurate, the county auditor ~~shall~~  
6 must withdraw the voter registration and attempt to get the correct information with the  
7 process provided in § 12-4-5.3. The State Board of Elections ~~may~~ shall promulgate rules,  
8 pursuant to chapter 1-26, determining technical parameters for the driver license and  
9 social security database verification, and for verifying the authenticity of a tribal  
10 identification card.