



2023 South Dakota Legislature  
**House Bill 1147**  
**ENROLLED**

AN ACT

**ENTITLED An Act to provide for the organization of townships or fractions of townships.**

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

**Section 1. That § 8-1-8 be AMENDED:**

**8-1-8.** Any township or fraction of a township may be organized, reorganized, divided, or merged with another township or fraction of a township, subject to approval by the voters in the affected civil townships and the affected portions of unorganized congressional townships as provided in §§ 8-1-7 to 8-1-10, inclusive, if:

- (1) The board of county commissioners proposes that the townships or fractions of townships be reorganized, divided, or merged;
- (2) The affected township boards propose to the board of county commissioners that the townships or fractions of townships be reorganized, divided, or merged; or
- (3) A majority of the registered voters residing in the affected townships petition the board of county commissioners to propose that the townships or fractions of townships be organized, reorganized, divided, or merged.

**Section 2. That § 8-1-9 be AMENDED:**

**8-1-9.** If the conditions of subdivision 8-1-8(1), (2), or (3) are met, the board of county commissioners must hold a public hearing to consider the proposed organization, reorganization, division, or merger. The hearing may be conducted in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting of the board of county commissioners. At least twenty days before the hearing, the board of county commissioners shall publish notice of the hearing in the official newspapers of the county and shall send the notice to the township clerk and to each member of the board of supervisors of the affected townships.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in  
the:  
House as Bill No. 1147

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Received at this Executive Office  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2023 at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2023

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,**

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Office of the Secretary of State

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_ M.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Secretary of State

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State