



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 17

Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Secretary of State

1 **An Act to modify the residency requirements for voter registration and declare an**
 2 **emergency.**

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

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

5 **12-4-1.** A person who maintains residence, as provided in § 12-1-4, within the
 6 state for at least thirty days in the three hundred and sixty-five days immediately prior to
 7 submitting the registration form, and who has the qualifications of a voter prescribed by
 8 § 12-3-1 or 12-3-1.1, or who will have such qualifications at the next ensuing municipal,
 9 primary, general, county, or school district election, is entitled to be registered as a voter
 10 in the election precinct in which the person maintains residence.

11 A person eligible to vote may vote only in the election precinct where the person
 12 maintains residence.

13 **Section 2.** Section 1 of this Act applies retroactively to any person who registers to vote on
 14 or after July 1, 2023.

15 **Section 3.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
 16 health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force
 17 and effect from and after its passage and approval.