

2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 20**AMENDMENT 20A
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to establish the crime of threatening or intimidating an election official or**
2 **election worker and declare an emergency.**

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

4 **Section 1. That chapter 22-11 be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

5 AnyNo person ~~who may~~, directly or indirectly, ~~utters or addresses~~ utter or address
6 any threat or intimidation to an election official or election worker with the intent to
7 improperly influence an election ~~is guilty of~~. A violation of this section is a Class 1
8 misdemeanor, and the court must impose a fine of at least one thousand dollars. A
9 subsequent violation of this section is a Class 6 felony.

10 Any individual convicted of second or subsequent offence under this section must
11 be removed from the voter registration list, pursuant to § 12-4-18, and may not vote in
12 any election held in this state for a period of four years, beginning on the date of the
13 offense.

14 Any money collected under this section must be deposited in the general fund and
15 expended under the general appropriations act for the purposes of election integrity.

16 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added:**

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