



## 2024 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1124

Introduced by: **Representative** Peterson (Drew)

1 **An Act to provide for the temporary filling of water development district board**  
 2 **positions created as a result of population increases.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 46A-3B-3 be AMENDED:**

5 **46A-3B-3.** As soon as possible following each decennial census of population or  
 6 any adjustment to a water development district boundary, the Board of Water and Natural  
 7 Resources shall ascertain whether the number of board members should be adjusted,  
 8 adjust the same, and redistrict water development district director areas to reflect changes  
 9 in the population of the water development district, so as to assure equitable  
 10 representation of all areas within the water development district.

11 The board may make adjustments to water development district director areas to  
 12 reflect precinct changes made pursuant to chapter 12-14, if equitable representation of  
 13 all areas remains assured.

14 If an adjustment under this section results in an increased number of board  
 15 members, each additional position must be filled by elective action of the remaining  
 16 directors, from candidates proposed by nominating petitions signed by at least twenty-  
 17 five eligible voters in the director area to be represented by the additional position. The  
 18 individual chosen by the remaining directors to fill the additional position shall serve until  
 19 a director is elected at the next general election and takes office, as provided for in § 46A-  
 20 3B-9.