



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 152

Introduced by: **Senator Breitling**

1 **An Act to establish maximum fees for legal publications and to remove related rule-**
 2 **making authority from the Bureau of Administration.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 17-2-19 be AMENDED:**

5 **17-2-19.** If any legal publication ~~of anything~~ is required or allowed by law, and no
 6 other fee is prescribed for that publication, ~~the Bureau of Administration shall establish,~~
 7 ~~by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26, the maximum fee which may be charged~~
 8 ~~for the publication. The bureau shall annually review and adjust rates to reflect changes~~
 9 ~~in economic conditions within the newspaper industry and the general economy. The~~
 10 ~~bureau shall consult with representatives of the daily and weekly newspaper industry and~~
 11 ~~with representatives of local units of governments.~~ the maximum fee that may be charged
 12 for the publication is:

13 (1) If the legal newspaper has a paid circulation of less than nine thousand,
 14 35.5 cents per line for eight-point type, and 31.4 cents per line for nine-
 15 point type, for a column width of eleven picas. If column widths vary, the
 16 rate per line is adjusted based on the percentage of space used. Tabular
 17 matter with one justification is charged at one and one-half times the rates
 18 set in this subdivision, and tabular matter with two justifications or more at
 19 twice the rates; and

20 (2) If the legal newspaper has a paid circulation of nine thousand or more:

	<u>Newspaper circulation</u>	<u>Rate per column inch, six-point type</u>
22	<u>9,000 – 19,999</u>	<u>\$6.23</u>
23	<u>20,000 – 29,999</u>	<u>\$6.54</u>
24	<u>30,000 – 39,999</u>	<u>\$6.87</u>

