



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 21

*Introduced by: The Chair of the Committee on Local Government at the request of the Secretary of State*

1 **An Act to prevent a member of a governing body from assisting in the canvass of**  
2 **the votes for an office for which the member is a candidate.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 12-20-36 be AMENDED:**

5 **12-20-36.** Within six calendar days after the close of any election, the officer in  
6 charge of the election, with the assistance of a majority of the governing board as the  
7 canvassing board, shall make the canvass of votes. Each member of the governing board  
8 may name and have on file with the officer in charge of the election a person to represent  
9 the member at the official canvass in the event of the member's absence for cause. A  
10 member of the governing board may not assist with the canvass of the votes for an office  
11 for which the member is a candidate.