Minutes: SB 91 A Conference Committee Tuesday, March 11, 2025 3:30 PM

Roll Call

Present: Rep. Gosch, Rep. Lems, Rep. Bahmuller, Sen. Grove, Sen. Hulse, and

Sen. Reed

The meeting was called to order by Senator Reed

SB 91: revise the requirements for a petition to initiate a measure or constitutional amendment or to refer a law.

Presented by: Senator Amber Hulse

MOTION: AMEND SB 91

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On page 2, line 15, of the House State Affairs Engrossed bill, after "text" insert " pursuant to subdivision (2)"

On page 2, line 15, of the House State Affairs Engrossed bill, remove the overstrikes from ". A sworn affidavit, signed by at least two-thirds of the petition sponsors, stating that the documents filed constitute the entire petition and to the best of the knowledge of the sponsors contains a sufficient number of signatures, must also be filed with the secretary of state. The initiated amendment petition signatures must be filed with the secretary of state by the first Tuesday in May of a general election year for the initiated amendment to qualify for submission to the voters at the next general election"

On page 2, line 20, of the House State Affairs Engrossed bill, after "election" delete "pursuant to subdivision (1)"

On page 3, line 25, of the House State Affairs Engrossed bill, after "text" insert " pursuant to subdivision (2)"

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On page 3, line 31, of the House State Affairs Engrossed bill, after "election" delete "pursuant to subdivision (1)"

On page 3, line 35, of the House State Affairs Engrossed bill, after "section." delete "Section 3. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 2-1:"

On page 4, line 1, of the House State Affairs Engrossed bill, after "2-1:" delete "For an initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution or an initiated measure to qualify for submission to the voters at the general election designated on the petition, pursuant to § 2-1-1. 1 or 2-1-1. 2, the petition sponsors must file petition signatures with the secretary of state by the first Tuesday in February of the general election year designated on the petition. The petition signatures must be filed along with the verifications completed pursuant to § 2-1-10.

A sworn affidavit, signed by at least two-thirds of the petition sponsors, must be filed with the secretary of state along with the signatures on the petition, stating:

(1) The documents filed constitute the entire petition; and

(2) The petition contains, to the best knowledge of the petition sponsors, at least the number of valid signatures required by S. D. Const. , Art. III, \S 1, or S. D. Const. , Art. XXIII, \S 1.

The State Board of Elections shall prescribe the form of the affidavit."

Moved by: Hulse Second by: Bahmuller

Action: Prevailed by Majority Members Elect (6-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Gosch, Lems, Bahmuller, Grove, Hulse, and Reed

MOTION: TO RECOMMEND THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ADOPTED

Moved by: Grove Second by: Bahmuller

Action: Prevailed by Two-Thirds Majority (6-0-0-0)

Voting Yes: Gosch, Lems, Bahmuller, Grove, Hulse, and Reed

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Bahmuller Second by: Hulse

Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Doug Mortenson, Committee Secretary

/s/ TIM S. REED /s/ JESSICA BAHMULLER
Tim S. Reed, Chair Jessica Bahmuller, Chair

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