



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1185

Introduced by: **Representative Manhart**

1 **An Act to require that a voter use a black ink ballpoint pen when marking an optical**  
2 **scan ballot.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 12-18-16.1 be AMENDED:**

5 **12-18-16.1.** If an optical scan ballot is used, the voter ~~may use a pencil or other~~  
6 ~~marking instrument provided~~ must use a black ink ballpoint pen to mark the voter's choice  
7 on the ballot.