



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 177

Introduced by: **Senator Blanc**

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