



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Joint Resolution 508

Introduced by: **Senator Kolbeck (Steve)**

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing and submitting to the voters at the next general**
 2 **election, amendments to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota,**
 3 **removing the lieutenant governor as presiding officer of the Senate.**

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 **Section 1.** That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendments to
 6 Article IV and Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in
 7 sections 2 and 3 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, be submitted to the
 8 electors of the state for approval.

9 **Section 2. That Article IV, § 5 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be**
 10 **AMENDED:**

11 ~~§ 5. The lieutenant governor shall be president of the senate but shall have no~~
 12 ~~vote unless the senators be equally divided.~~ The lieutenant governor shall perform the
 13 duties and exercise the powers that may be delegated to ~~him~~ the lieutenant governor by
 14 the Governor.

15 **Section 3. That Article XVI, § 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be**
 16 **REPEALED:**

17 ~~On trial of an impeachment against the Governor the lieutenant governor shall not~~
 18 ~~act as a member of the court.~~