



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 197

SENATE COMMERCE AND ENERGY ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Karr**

1 **An Act to modify the administration of the South Dakota-Ireland trade fund.**

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

3 **Section 1. That § 1-57-2 be AMENDED:**

4 **1-57-2.** The South Dakota-Ireland Trade Commission consists of:

- 5 (1) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the president pro tempore of the
- 6 Senate;
- 7 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
- 8 House;
- 9 (3) A representative of a private sector association headquartered in this state and
- 10 focused on the promotion of international trade, appointed by the Executive Board
- 11 of the Legislative Research Council;
- 12 (4) An officer of the Executive Branch, appointed by the Governor;
- 13 (5) A representative of a South Dakota private industry, appointed by the president
- 14 pro tempore of the Senate; and
- 15 (6) A representative of a South Dakota private industry, appointed by the speaker of
- 16 the House of Representatives.

17 ~~Each appointed member shall serve for a term of two years and may be reappointed~~
 18 ~~without limit.~~ Each term begins upon appointment in an odd-numbered year and expires
 19 on December thirty-first of the following even-numbered year. If a position becomes
 20 vacant, the position must be filled, for the duration of the term, in the same manner as
 21 the original appointment.

22 **Section 2. That § 1-57-3 be AMENDED:**

23 **1-57-3.** The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall provide
 24 administrative services to the South Dakota-Ireland Trade Commission.

1 ~~At the initial meeting of the commission and annually thereafter, the members~~The
2 ~~commission~~ shall select one ~~from among the four appointed legislators~~ legislator to serve
3 as the chair. The commission shall meet at least ~~quarterly, at the call of the chair~~ once
4 each year.

5 **Section 3. That § 1-57-4 be AMENDED:**

6 **1-57-4.** There is established in the state treasury the South Dakota-Ireland trade
7 fund. ~~The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources~~ for the purposes of defraying
8 the administrative expenses of the commission and supporting the commission's work in
9 accordance with § 1-57-1. The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall
10 administer the fund. ~~The purpose of the fund is to defray the administrative expenses of~~
11 ~~the commission and support the commission's efforts to carry out its purposes, as set~~
12 ~~forth in § 1-57-1.~~

13 The fund consists of all moneys raised by or on behalf of the commission, together
14 with any gifts, grants, or other donations. Interest on moneys credited to the fund must
15 remain in the fund.

16 The South Dakota-Ireland trade fund is continuously appropriated to the South
17 Dakota-Ireland Trade Commission.