

## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

**Senate Bill 240****AMENDMENT 240A  
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to make an appropriation for county rural access infrastructure and to**  
2 **declare an emergency.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 31-34-2 be AMENDED:**

5 **31-34-2.** Before August 1, 2021, the Department of Revenue shall distribute the  
6 sum of three million dollars on a pro rata basis to each county for the purpose of planning  
7 and completing an inventory of small structures as prescribed by the Department of  
8 Transportation. ~~Before August 1, 2022, For any moneys appropriated for county rural~~  
9 ~~access infrastructure,~~ the Department of Revenue shall ~~distribute~~ deposit a portion of the  
10 ~~sum of three million dollars to~~ into a rural access infrastructure fund for each county based  
11 on the allocation calculated in accordance with this section for the purposes described in  
12 § 31-34-3. Each county's allocated percentage is calculated by using the total number of  
13 small structures on township roads and county secondary roads located in a county divided  
14 by the sum of all small structures on township roads and county secondary roads in the  
15 state as reported to the Department of Transportation, multiplied by one hundred. Each  
16 county that receives moneys from this rural access infrastructure program shall use the  
17 moneys in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

18 **Section 2.** There is appropriated \$5,000,000 from the general fund, to the Department of  
19 Revenue, to deposit into rural access infrastructure funds, to be distributed and used in the  
20 manner described in § 31-34-2. ~~No more than one third of the appropriated amount may be~~  
21 ~~deposited, in each of the fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028, to county rural access~~  
22 ~~infrastructure funds.~~

23 **Section 3.** The secretary of the Department of Revenue shall approve vouchers and the state  
24 auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized in this Act.

1 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by June  
2 30, 2031, shall revert in accordance with the procedures described in chapter 4-8.

3 **Section 5.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its  
4 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in  
5 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

AMENDED