

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to repeal and revise certain unnecessary and outdated provisions related to state affairs and government.

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

Section 1. That § 1-7-2 be repealed.

Section 2. That § 1-26-26 be amended to read as follows:

1-26-26. Unless required for the disposition of ex parte matters authorized by law, members of the governing board or officers or employees of an agency assigned to render a decision or to make findings of fact and conclusions of law in a contested case may not communicate, directly or indirectly, in connection with any issue of fact, with any person or party, nor, in connection with any issue of law, with any party or the party's representative, except upon notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. If one or more members of a board or commission or a member or employee of an agency, who is assigned to render a decision in a contested case, took part in an investigation upon which the contested case is based, the member or employee may not participate in the conduct of the hearing nor take part in rendering the decision on the contested case. However, the member or employee may appear as a witness and give advice as to procedure. If, because of the disqualification, there is no person assigned to conduct the hearing or render the decision, the agency shall appoint a person to fulfill those duties. A person assigned to render a decision:

- (1) May communicate with other members of the agency; and
- (2) May have the aid and advice of one or more personal assistants.

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I certify that the attached Act
originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1144

Chief Clerk

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

House Bill No. 1144
File No. _____
Chapter No. _____

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Received at this Executive Office
this _____ day of _____ ,

20____ at _____ M.

By _____

for the Governor

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The attached Act is hereby
approved this _____ day of
_____, A.D., 20____

Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

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Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____ , 20____
at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of State

By _____

Asst. Secretary of State