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SENATE BILL NO. 46

Introduced by: The Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources at the request of the
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the state geologist.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That § 1-40-7 be amended to read:

4 1-40-7. The secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources may employ
5 a geologist with an advanced degree in geology or related physical science as the state geologist.
6 The state geologist shall act as advisor to the secretary in all matters pertaining to geology,
7 hydrology, and natural history ~~and, particularly,~~ The state geologist shall primarily conduct
8 research to evaluate the natural resources of the state.

9 Section 2. That § 13-57-6 be repealed.

10 ~~13-57-6. All specimens of natural history, geology, and mineralogy, which are or hereafter~~
11 ~~may be collected by the state geologist or by any others appointed by the state to investigate its~~
12 ~~natural and physical resources, or donated by any person, shall be the property of the State of~~
13 ~~South Dakota.~~

14 Section 3. That chapter 45-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

15 Any specimen of natural history, geology, or mineralogy, which is collected by the state



geologist or any other person appointed by the state to investigate its natural and physical resources, or donated by any person, shall be the property of the state.

Section 4. That § 45-1-3 be repealed.

~~45-1-3. The state geologist, if requested by the commissioner of school and public lands, shall examine any state or school land in this state and make a written report to the commissioner of school and public lands concerning the geology of the state or school land and other related matters included in the request.~~

Section 5. That § 45-2-4.3 be repealed.

~~45-2-4.3. The state geologist may incur expenses for equipment, personnel, materials, and other items necessary for conducting surveys and implementing the provisions of this chapter. Authorized expenses include the cost of placing all information secured at the disposition of the Governor and the executive office, and as may be otherwise provided by law, for use in the advertising and development of the resources of the State of South Dakota.~~

~~Expenditures authorized under this section shall be paid out on warrants drawn by the state auditor on vouchers approved by the state geologist.~~