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HOUSE BILL NO. 1027

Introduced by: The Committee on Local Government at the request of the State Board of Elections

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding vote centers and
2 precinct workers.

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

4 Section 1. That § 12-14-17 be amended to read:

5 12-14-17. Notwithstanding any other ~~provision of law, any a~~ jurisdiction may conduct an
6 election using vote centers ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~ in accordance with this section. The
7 election shall be conducted in ~~conformance~~ accordance with all applicable election laws and
8 rules ~~with the following exceptions~~ other than:

9 (1) The jurisdiction may use vote centers that allow ~~the~~ voters in the jurisdiction to vote
10 at any ~~one~~ of the vote centers in lieu of establishing precincts and wards for the
11 election;

12 (2) Any person who is registered to vote and living in the jurisdiction may be appointed
13 as a polling place superintendent or deputy to any of the vote centers;

14 (3) Secure, encrypted electronic pollbooks shall be used in lieu of paper registration
15 books; ~~and~~



- 1 (4) The entire jurisdiction is designated as one voting precinct for ~~this~~ the election; and
- 2 (5) A county that uses vote centers shall provide a printed paper voter registration list
- 3 and a printed and bound paper pollbook to each vote center prior to the opening of
- 4 the polls.

5 Section 2. That § 12-16-28 be amended to read:

6 12-16-28. The person in charge of an election shall provide paper ballot precincts with a

7 pollbook in the form prescribed by the State Board of Elections for each election precinct for

8 the purposes of § 12-18-5. If a county uses electronic pollbooks, but does not use vote centers,

9 the auditor shall provide a printed paper voter registration list and a printed and bound paper

10 pollbook to each precinct prior to the opening of the polls.

11 Section 3. That § 12-15-2 be amended to read:

12 12-15-2. ~~Any~~ A precinct superintendent or precinct deputy appointed under ~~the provisions~~

13 ~~of~~ § 12-15-1 shall be a registered voter and a resident of the precinct for which the person is

14 appointed. If, by the time prescribed in § 12-15-1, the county auditor exhausts all efforts to meet

15 the party distribution as required under § 12-15-3, and a sufficient number of members of the

16 precinct election board are unable to be appointed, a vacancy may be filled by appointing any

17 registered voter of the county in which the precinct is located, provided the voter meets the party

18 distribution required by under § 12-15-3.