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## HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1027** - 1/24/2019

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



1 books; and

2 (4) The entire jurisdiction is designated as one voting precinct for ~~this~~ the election; and

3 (5) Any jurisdiction that uses vote centers shall provide a printed paper voter registration  
4 list and a printed and bound paper pollbook to each vote center prior to the opening  
5 of the polls.

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

7 12-16-28. The person in charge of an election shall provide paper ballot precincts with a  
8 pollbook in the form prescribed by the State Board of Elections for each election precinct for  
9 the purposes of § 12-18-5. If any jurisdiction uses electronic pollbooks, but does not use vote  
10 centers, the person in charge of the election shall provide a printed paper voter registration list  
11 and a printed and bound paper pollbook to each precinct prior to the opening of the polls.

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

13 12-15-2. ~~Any~~ A precinct superintendent or precinct deputy appointed under ~~the provisions~~  
14 ~~of~~ § 12-15-1 shall be a registered voter and a resident of the precinct for which the person is  
15 appointed. If, by the time prescribed in § 12-15-1, the person in charge of the election is unable  
16 to appoint a sufficient number of members of the precinct election board ~~are unable to be~~  
17 ~~appointed~~ who meet the requirements under § 12-15-3 by the time prescribed in § 12-15-1, a  
18 vacancy may be filled by appointing any registered voter of the county in which the precinct is  
19 located ~~provided the voter meets the party distribution required by § 12-15-3.~~