



2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1053

Introduced by: The Committee on Local Government at the request of the Office of the Secretary of State

1 **An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the submission process for ballot**
 2 **measures.**

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

4 **Section 1.** That § 12-13-25 be AMENDED:

5 **12-13-25. Review and comment--Legislative Research Council--Contents.**

6 The sponsors of each initiated measure or initiated amendment to the Constitution
 7 shall submit a copy of each version of the initiated measure or initiated amendment to the
 8 Constitution to the director of the Legislative Research Council for review and comment
 9 not more than six months before it may be circulated for signatures under § 2-1-1.1 or 2-
 10 1-1.2. The director shall review each version of the submitted initiated measure or initiated
 11 amendment to the Constitution to determine if the requirements of § 12-13-24 are
 12 satisfied and if the initiated measure or initiated amendment to the Constitution may have
 13 any impact on revenues, expenditures, or fiscal liability of the state or its agencies and
 14 subdivisions. Unless as otherwise provided under § 12-13-25.2, not more than fifteen
 15 ~~work days~~ workdays following receipt of an initiated measure or initiated amendment to
 16 the Constitution, the director shall provide written comments on the initiated measure or
 17 initiated amendment to the Constitution to the sponsors of the initiated measure or
 18 initiated amendment, the attorney general, and the secretary of state for the purpose of
 19 assisting the sponsors in complying with § 12-13-24. The director's written comments
 20 under this section shall include assistance regarding the substantive content of the
 21 initiated measure or initiated amendment in order to minimize any conflict with existing
 22 law and to ensure the measure's or amendment's effective administration. The sponsors
 23 may, but are not required to, amend the initiated measure or initiated amendment to the
 24 Constitution to comply with the director's comments.