



2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 62

Introduced by: **Senator Schoenbeck**

1 **An Act to revise the membership and responsibilities of the South Dakota Board on**
 2 **Geographic Names.**

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

4 **Section 1.** That § 1-19C-2.1 be AMENDED:

5 **1-19C-2.1. South Dakota Board on Geographic Names created--Members--**
 6 **Meetings--Investigations--Promulgation of rules.**

7 The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names is hereby created. The board
 8 consists of ~~the secretary of tribal relations and~~ one representative each from the
 9 Department of Tribal Relations, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources,
 10 the Department of Transportation, the State Historical Society, and the Department of
 11 Tourism. The board shall elect a chair and vice chair from among its membership and shall
 12 meet at least once each year to consider issues related to geographical place names and
 13 to make recommendations to the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies. The board
 14 shall investigate any proposed names, solicit public input, and make a recommendation
 15 to the United States Board on Geographic Names as to whether the board supports a new
 16 or replacement name. The board may establish procedures and standards to recommend,
 17 evaluate, and select geographic place names by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-
 18 26. The rules shall be compatible with the standards of the United States Board on
 19 Geographic Names as contained in its manual, Principles, Policies and Procedures:
 20 Domestic Names, Reston, Virginia, 1997.—(~~http://geonames.usgs.gov/docs/pro~~
 21 ~~pro.pdf~~).

22 **Section 2.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

23 **1-19C-2.3. Unnamed geographic place--Public meetings.**

24 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 1-19C-2.2, if a geographic place has not
 25 previously been named and the naming of that unnamed geographic place is requested,

- 1 the South Dakota Board of Geographic Names may conduct public meetings to consider
- 2 and determine whether to recommend an original name for that geographic place to the
- 3 United States Board on Geographic Names.