

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2009

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SENATE BILL NO. 157

Introduced by: Senators Bradford, Adelstein, Hansen (Tom), Heidepriem, and Jerstad and
Representatives Lucas, Iron Cloud III, Killer, and Lange

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the participation of independent voters in
2 primary elections.

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

4 Section 1. That § 12-6-26 be amended to read as follows:

5 12-6-26. ~~No person may vote a party ballot at any primary election unless the person is~~
6 ~~registered as a member of that political party in the precinct in which the person seeks to vote.~~
7 ~~Any political party in its constitution or bylaws as filed pursuant to § 12-5-1.1 may allow for~~
8 ~~participation in the party's primary elections by any person who is registered to vote with no~~
9 ~~party affiliation. If a person is registered as a member of a political party in the precinct in which~~
10 ~~the person seeks to vote, the person may vote that party's ballot at any primary election. If a~~
11 ~~person is registered to vote with no party affiliation in the precinct in which that person seeks~~
12 ~~to vote, the person may vote a single party ballot of that person's choice at any primary election.~~

