



2020 South Dakota Legislature  
**House Bill 1053**  
**ENROLLED**

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the:  
  
House as Bill No. 1053

Received at this Executive Office  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2020 at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor

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Speaker of the Houser of the House

The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2020

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,**

ss.

Office of the Secretary of State

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_ M.

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Secretary of the Senate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of State

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State