

On page 1, line 14, of the Introduced bill, after "policy." delete "Section 2. That § 2-9-11 be AMENDED:

2-9-11. Powers and Duties--Code Counsel.

In addition to other powers and duties conferred by law or authorized by the executive board or by the Code Commission, the code counsel shall:

- (1) Provide staff assistance to and attend all meetings of the Code Commission and make such recommendations to the commission as he deems essential for the general improvement of the laws of the State of South Dakota;
- (2) Submit to each regular session of the Legislature the approved recommendations of the Code Commission as to the laws of the state, draft bills for proposed legislation to carry out such recommendations, and present them to the appropriate legislative committees;
- (3) Advise and otherwise assist the members of the Legislature in legal research and in the preparation of bills;
- (4) Prepare and index the session laws which shall include all rules of court adopted or amended subsequent to the publication of the last preceding volume of session laws;
- (5) Protect the interest of the State of South Dakota in all material published under chapters 2-13 and 2-16, whether printed or on computer retrieval systems; and
- (6) Make necessary style and form edits to legislative acts, without altering legislative meaning or effect, that are:
  - (a) Renumbering sections, subdivisions, and subsections;
  - (b) Rearranging sections, subdivisions, or subsections;
  - (c) Dividing sections, subdivisions, or subsections into other sections, subdivisions, or subsections so as to give to distinct subject matters a section, subdivision, or subsection identifier;
  - (d) Combining sections, subdivisions, or subsections into other sections, subdivisions, subsections;
  - (e) Substituting the proper title, chapter, section, or subdivision numbers for the terms "this act," "the preceding section," and the like;
  - (f) Substituting figures for written words and vice versa;
  - (g) Substituting the date on which the law becomes effective for the words "the effective date of this act," and the like;
  - (h) Substituting terms or phraseology, and names of boards, commissions, and agencies wherever the Legislature has expressly or by implication indicated an intention to do so, so as to provide consistency in the law;
  - (i) Changing capitalization for the purpose of uniformity;
  - (j) Correcting obvious clerical, typographical, grammatical, or punctuation errors;
  - (k) Correcting misspelled words;

(l) Changing reference numbers to agree with renumbered titles, chapters, sections, subdivisions, or subsections;

(m) Replacing gender-specific words with gender-neutral words and, if necessary, recast the sentences containing gender-specific words; and

(n) Making similar editorial changes to ensure the accuracy and utility of the code.

Any style and form edits under subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) by the code counsel shall be submitted to the Code Commission for approval."