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HOUSE BILL NO. 1027

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

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain deadlines concerning nominating petitions
2 for water development district directors and to declare an emergency.

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

4 Section 1. That § 46A-3B-4 be amended to read as follows:

5 46A-3B-4. A director candidate may be nominated by a petition signed by at least
6 twenty-five registered voters in the director area to be represented by the candidate. Nominating
7 petitions shall be made available at the water development district office, the secretary of state's
8 office, and the respective county auditors' offices on forms prescribed by the state election board
9 and filed with the secretary of state not prior to eight a.m., January ~~twentieth~~ first, and not later
10 than five p.m., the ~~first~~ last Tuesday of ~~April~~ March prior to the date of the primary election. If
11 a petition is mailed to the secretary of state's office by registered or ~~certified~~ mail by five p.m.,
12 the ~~first~~ last Tuesday of ~~April~~ March prior to the primary election, it is considered filed. For the
13 initial election, director nominating petitions shall be made available by the Department of
14 Environment and Natural Resources and shall be filed with the department not later than five
15 p.m., the first Tuesday of ~~September~~ August before the general election or in the case of a



1 special election under § 46A-3B-1, not later than thirty days before the date set for the special
2 election.

3 Section 2. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
4 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
5 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.