

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2001

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SENATE BILL NO. 75

Introduced by: Senators Koetzle, Bogue, Diedrich (Larry), and Everist and
Representatives Murschel, Broderick, Jaspers, and Olson (Mel)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise how candidates' names are positioned on ballots
2 in municipal elections.

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

4 Section 1. That § 9-13-21 be amended to read as follows:

5 9-13-21. ~~All official ballots shall be prepared and furnished by the~~ The auditor or, clerk, or
6 finance officer shall prepare and furnish, at the expense of the municipality, all official ballots.
7 ~~They~~ The ballots shall be white in color, of good quality of print paper, printed in black ink, and
8 in the English language only.

9 The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for in the precinct shall be arranged
10 ~~in alphabetical order and~~ without any other designation than that of the office for which they are
11 candidates. ~~When~~ If more than one ~~commissioner or alderman~~ member of the governing body
12 is to be elected, the ballot shall contain instructions as to how many candidates for the ~~office of~~
13 ~~commissioner or alderman~~ governing body are to be voted for. The auditor, clerk, or finance
14 officer shall determine, by lot, each candidate's position on the ballot. Each candidate may be
15 present or represented when the position on the ballot is being determined.

- 1 ~~There shall be a~~ A square or a circle shall appear at the left of the name of each candidate,
- 2 and no other square or circle ~~shall~~ may appear on the ballot.
- 3 ~~The name of no candidate shall~~ No candidate's name may be printed upon the official ballot
- 4 unless ~~such~~ the candidate ~~shall have~~ has been nominated as provided in this chapter.