AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the revision of certain offensive geographic place names.

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

Section 1. The Legislature finds that Chapter 9 of the 2001 Session Laws, "An Act to replace certain geographic place names that use offensive names, words, or phrases", was enacted by the South Dakota Legislature in 2001. This legislation resulted in action by the United States Board on Geographic Names changing several offensive place names in 2008. However, several offensive place names identified in the 2001 legislation have not yet been changed, and the Legislature urges the United States Board on Geographic Names to proceed with further action on these place names.

Section 2. That § 1-19C-1 be amended to read as follows:

1-19C-1. The Legislature finds that certain geographic place names are offensive and insulting to all South Dakota's people, history, and heritage. These place names should be replaced by names that reflect South Dakota's people, history, and heritage without resorting to harmful or offensive stereotypes, names, words, or phrases. Sections 7 and 8 of this Act list the currently known geographic names that are harmful or offensive. All state and local government agencies shall make changes to maps and any other reference materials to reflect the changes provided in this chapter.

Section 3. That § 1-19C-2 be amended to read as follows:

1-19C-2. The geographic place names set forth in sections 7 and 8 of this Act are considered harmful and offensive. The new place names provided in sections 7 and 8 of this Act shall replace and shall be used by all state and local agencies in South Dakota in all future publications, maps, or other reference materials published after July 1, 2009.

Section 4. That chapter 1-19C be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names is hereby created. The board consists of the

director of the Office of Tribal Government Relations and one representative each from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation, the State Historical Society, and the Department of Tourism and State Development. The board shall elect a chair and vice chair from among its membership and shall meet at least once each year to consider issues related to geographical place names and to make recommendations to the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.

Section 5. That § 1-19C-3 be amended to read as follows:

1-19C-3. If no replacement place name for a specific location or feature is provided in section 8 of this Act, a replacement name may be suggested by the county or other local government entity, or by any interested person and may be submitted to the South Dakota Board on Geographic Names. The final decision on any replacement names, not previously approved by the Legislature pursuant to this chapter, shall be made by the board. The board shall make its recommendations to the United States Board on Geographic Names concerning places specified in section 8 of this Act not later than January 1, 2010. The board shall make any subsequent recommendations in a timely manner. Any place names adopted as provided in this section shall be adopted and used and shall replace the offensive place names listed in sections 7 and 8 of this Act pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

Section 6. That § 1-19C-4 be repealed.

Section 7. That chapter 1-19C be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The following offensive place names in South Dakota by county were revised by the United States Board on Geographic Names as of January 1, 2009:

County	Current place name	Place name changed to
Codington	Squaw Lake	Serenity Lake
Custer	Little Squaw Creek	Badger Clark Creek

Fall River	Squaw Flat	Hat Creek Flat
Gregory	Squaw Creek	Oscar Micheaux Creek
	Squaw Creek Reservoir	Oscar Micheaux Reservoir
Haakon	Squaw Creek	Sarah Laribee Creek
Harding	Squaw Creek	Slim Buttes Creek
	East Squaw Creek	Meat Hook Creek
	Squaw Tree Spring	Prairie Woman Spring
	West Squaw Creek	Double X Creek
Jones	Squaw Creek	Pitan Creek
Lawrence	Squaw Creek	Cleopatra Creek
	East Branch of Squaw Creek	East Branch Cleopatra Creek
Marshall	Squaw Hill	Six Mile Hill
Meade	Squaw Butte	Vig Buttes
	Squaw Creek	Deer Creek
Pennington	Squaw Creek	Cedar Breaks Creek
Stanley	Negro Edge Canyon	Ballard Canyon
Ziebach	Squaw Teat Butte	Peaked Butte
	Squaw Teat Creek	East Rattlesnake Creek

Section 8. That chapter 1-19C be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The following offensive place names in South Dakota by county have not been revised by the United States Board on Geographic Names as of January 1, 2009:

County	Current place name	Recommended place name
Custer	Negro Canyon	No recommendation
	Negro Wool Ridge	No recommendation
Haakon	Negro Creek	No recommendation
Jackson	Big Negro Draw	No recommendation

	Little Negro Creek	No recommendation
Lawrence	Negro Gulch	Last Chance Gulch
	Negro Hill	African Hill
Marshall	Squaw Lake	Six Mile Lake
Meade	Squaw Butte School	No recommendation
	Negro Creek School	No recommendation
Moody	Squaw Creek	Jack Moore Creek
Pennington	Negro Creek	Medicine Mountain Creek
Shannon	Little Squaw Humper Creek	Little Red Shirt Creek
	Little Squaw Humper Table	Little Red Shirt Table
	Squaw Humper Creek	Two Bulls Creek
	Squaw Humper Dam	Two Bulls Dam
	Squaw Humper Table	Two Bulls Table

Section 9. A copy of this Act shall be forwarded by the South Dakota Board on Geographic Names to the United States Board on Geographic Names for consideration as recommendations for changes on any federal maps and reference materials that reference these names and places.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

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The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____ , A.D., 20___

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