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Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Governor

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to replace certain geographic names that use offensive  
2 names, words, or phrases.

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

4 Section 1. The Legislature finds that certain geographic place names are offensive and  
5 insulting to all South Dakota's people, history, and heritage. These place names should be  
6 replaced by names that reflect South Dakota's people, history, and heritage without resorting to  
7 harmful or offensive stereotypes, names, words, or phrases. Section 4 of this Act lists the  
8 currently known geographic names that are harmful or offensive. All state and local government  
9 agencies may make changes to maps and any other reference materials to reflect the changes  
10 provided in this Act. A copy of this Act shall be forwarded by the Legislative Research Council  
11 to the United States Board on Geographic Names for consideration as recommendations for  
12 changes on any federal maps and reference materials that reference these names and places.

13 Section 2. The geographic place names set forth in section 4 of this Act are considered  
14 harmful and offensive. The new place names provided in section 4 of this Act shall replace and  
15 shall be used by all state and local agencies in South Dakota in all future publications, maps, or

1 other reference materials published after the effective date of this Act.

2 Section 3. If no replacement place name for a specific location or feature is provided in  
3 section 4 of this Act, a replacement name may be suggested by the county or other local  
4 government entity, or by any interested person and may be submitted to the Department of  
5 Environment and Natural Resources in Pierre for a period of ninety days following the effective  
6 date of this Act. The final decision on any replacement names, not previously approved by the  
7 Legislature pursuant to this Act, shall be made jointly by the Board of Water and Natural  
8 Resources, the Board of Minerals and Environment, and the Transportation Commission within  
9 sixty days after the expiration of the ninety-day deadline. Any place names adopted in the manner  
10 described in this section shall be adopted and used and shall replace the offensive place names  
11 listed in section 4 of this Act pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

12 Section 4. Offensive place names in South Dakota by county are replaced as follows:

13	County	Current place name	Place name changed to
14	Codington	Squaw Lake	Serenity Lake
15	Custer	Little Squaw Creek	No recommendation
16		Negro Canyon	" "
17		Negro Wool Ridge	" "
18	Fall River	Squaw Flat	Hat Creek Flat
19	Gregory	Squaw Creek	No recommendation
20		Squaw Creek Reservoir	" "
21	Haakon	Squaw Creek	No recommendation
22		Negro Creek	" "
23	Harding	Squaw Creek	No recommendation
24		East Squaw Creek	" "
25		Squaw Tree Spring	" "
26		West Squaw Creek	" "

1	Jackson	Big Negro Draw	No recommendation
2		Little Negro Creek	" "
3	Jones	Squaw Creek	Pitan Creek
4	Lake	Negro Creed	Franklin Creek
5	Lawrence	Squaw Creek	Cleopatra Creek
6		East Branch of Squaw Creek	East Branch Cleopatra Creek
7		Negro Gulch	Last Chance Gulch
8		Negro Hill	African Hill
9	Marshall	Squaw Hill	Six Mile Hill
10		Squaw Lake	Six Mile Lake
11	Meade	Squaw Butte School	No recommendation
12		Squaw Butte	" "
13		Squaw Creek	" "
14		Negro Creek School	" "
15	Moody	Squaw Creek	Jack Moore Creek
16	Pennington	Squaw Creek	Cedar Breaks Creek
17		Negro Creek	Medicine Mountain Creek
18	Shannon	Little Squaw Humper Creek	Little Red Shirt Creek
19		Little Squaw Humper Table	Little Red Shirt Table
20		Squaw Humper Creek	Two Bulls Creek
21		Squaw Humper Dam	Two Bulls Dam
22		Squaw Humper Table	Two Bulls Table
23	Stanley	Negro Edge Canyon	No recommendation
24	Ziebach	Squaw Teat Butte	Peaked Butte
25		Squaw Teat Creek	East Rattlesnake Creek

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