

# State of South Dakota

## EIGHTY-SECOND SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2007

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### SENATE BILL NO. 198

Introduced by: Senators Gant, Apa, Heidepriem, McCracken, Schmidt (Dennis), and Smidt (Orville) and Representatives Willadsen, DeVries, Novstrup (Al), and Weems

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for an Open Government Commission.

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

3 Section 1. The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall establish an Open  
4 Government Commission during the 2007 legislative interim. The commission shall consist of  
5 fifteen members appointed by the Executive Board. Five shall be state senators, five shall be  
6 state representatives, one shall be from municipal government, one from school governance, one  
7 from county government, one from state government, and one shall be from the news media.  
8 All of the nonlegislators shall be persons with interest and experience in questions of open  
9 government.

10 Section 2. The Open Government Commission shall carefully examine the report of the  
11 Attorney General . Moreover, the commission may, at its discretion, examine any school district,  
12 city, county, and state government entities and their actions, and shall specifically address which  
13 matters should be open to the public and which should not.

14 Section 3. The Open Government Commission shall embody its recommendations for  
15 amendment in draft legislation and submit its recommendations to the Executive Board no later



1     than the Executive Board's final interim meeting.