

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2012

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1140

Introduced by: Representatives Nelson (Stace), Hansen (Jon), Hawley, Hubbel, Jensen, Kloucek, Kopp, Miller, Russell, Tornow, Tulson, Venner, and Verchio and Senators Begalka and Lederman

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require that all recorded votes of the Legislature be
2 displayed on the Legislative Research Council's internet site and to establish a penalty.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 2-7 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 The Legislative Research Council shall establish and maintain an internet site that is
7 accessible to the public and that includes a record of action by the Legislature on each bill and
8 resolution introduced during each session and special session of the Legislature convened after
9 July 1, 2012. The record shall conform with the journals of the Senate and the House of
10 Representatives, which in accordance with § 2-7-10 constitute the official record of legislative
11 proceedings. Action by the Legislature and its standing committees on each bill and resolution
12 during the session or special session, including all recorded votes on bills and resolutions, shall
13 be displayed on the internet site and be available for viewing by the public. Legislative action
14 on each bill and resolution, including each such recorded vote, shall be prominently marked and



- 1 easily accessible from the main page of the internet site and shall be made available in a format
- 2 that displays each recorded vote by each individual legislator. Any person who knowingly and
- 3 intentionally falsifies the record is guilty of a Class 6 felony.