



2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1275

Introduced by: **Representative Weisgram**

1 **An Act to clarify signature requirements on petitions regarding the change of form**
 2 **of government in municipalities.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 9-11-6 be AMENDED:**

5 **9-11-6.** If a petition signed by fifteen percent of the registered voters of any
 6 municipality, as determined by the total number of registered voters at the last preceding
 7 general election, is presented to the governing body, requesting that an election be called
 8 for the purpose of voting upon a question of change of form of government or upon a
 9 question of the number of wards, commissioners, or trustees, the governing body shall
 10 call an election to be held within fifty days from the date of the filing of the petition with
 11 the municipal finance officer. At that election, the question of the change of form of
 12 government or the number of wards, commissioners, or trustees, or both, ~~shall~~ must be
 13 submitted to the voters. No signature on the petition is valid if signed more than six
 14 months ~~prior to the filing of the petitions~~ after the circulation start date noted on the
 15 petition forms. If the petition is filed on or after January first prior to the annual municipal
 16 election and within sufficient time to comply with the provisions of § 9-13-14, the question
 17 may be submitted at that annual municipal election.

18 The election ~~shall~~ must be held upon the same notice and conducted in the same
 19 manner as other city elections.