



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Joint Resolution 504

Introduced by: **Senator Pischke**

1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the voters at the next general**
2 **election an amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota,**
3 **requiring a number of signatures on a petition to initiate a constitutional**
4 **amendment be obtained from each county.**

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

6 **Section 1.** That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to
7 Article XXIII of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2 of this
8 Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state for
9 approval.

10 **Section 2. That Article XXIII, § 1 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota,**
11 **be AMENDED:**

12 **§ 1.** ~~Amendments~~ An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed by
13 initiative or by ~~a majority~~ an affirmative vote of ~~all members~~ a majority of the members-
14 elect of each house of the Legislature.

15 An amendment proposed by initiative ~~shall require~~ may be presented only by a
16 petition signed by qualified voters from each senatorial district, equal in number to at least
17 ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election. The
18 number of signatures from each senatorial district must equal at least two percent of the
19 total votes cast for Governor in each senatorial at the last gubernatorial election, provided
20 that the total number of signatures on the petition equals at least ten percent of the total
21 votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election.

22 The petition ~~containing~~ must contain the text of the proposed amendment and the
23 names and addresses of ~~its sponsors~~ shall be the sponsor of the petition. A petition may
24 not be circulated unless the petition has been filed with the secretary of state at least one
25 year before the next general election at which the proposed amendment is submitted to
26 the voters.

1 An amendment may not embrace more than one subject. A proposed amendment
2 may amend one or more articles and related subject matter in other articles as necessary
3 to accomplish the objectives of the amendment; ~~however, no proposed amendment may~~
4 ~~embrace more than one subject.~~ If more than one amendment is submitted at the same
5 election, each amendment ~~shall be so~~ must be prepared and distinguished so that it ~~can~~
6 may be voted upon separately.