



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 185

Introduced by: **Senator Hulse**

1 **An Act to amend the process by which the address of a registered voter is verified.**

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

3 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 12-4:**

4 The county auditor must send a nonforwardable, return-if-undeliverable address  
5 verification request to a voter in the active registration file if the auditor receives an  
6 affidavit from the owner of a property who attests that an individual in the active  
7 registration file is:

8 (1) Registered as a voter at the address of the owner's property; and

9 (2) Does not live at the address.

10 If the auditor receives an affidavit, pursuant to this section, and, after researching  
11 the voter, determines the affidavit is a valid challenge to the voter's registration address,  
12 the county auditor must send the address verification request within two days of receiving  
13 the affidavit.

14 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 12-4:**

15 If an address verification request sent to a registered voter upon receipt of an  
16 affidavit, pursuant to subdivision 12-4-19(2), is not returned to the county auditor within  
17 the stated time limit, or is returned as undeliverable, the county auditor must cancel the  
18 individual's voter registration.