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ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1141** - 2/15/2017

Introduced by: Representatives Lust, Bartling, Campbell, Conzet, Dennert, Duvall, Glanzer, Hawley, Holmes, Johns, Johnson, Kettwig, Lake, May, McPherson, Mickelson, Peterson (Kent), Reed, Rounds, Rozum, Schoenfish, Tieszen, and Turbiville and Senators Curd, Bolin, Peters, and Rusch

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for a legislative task force to consider certain  
2 legislation proposed to revise provisions regarding the initiative and referendum process in  
3 South Dakota.

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

5 Section 1. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

6 There is hereby established an Initiative and Referendum Task Force comprised of fifteen  
7 members to study possible changes to the process regarding initiated measures and referred  
8 laws. The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the  
10 House, two of whom to be members of the Republican party and one of whom to be  
11 a member of the Democrat party;

12 (2) Three members of the Senate to be appointed by the president pro tempore, two of  
13 whom to be members of the Republican party and one of whom to be a member of



- 1 the Democrat party;
- 2 (3) The secretary of state, serving ex officio and without a vote;
- 3 (4) The attorney general, serving ex officio and without a vote;
- 4 (5) One member to be appointed by the Governor;
- 5 (6) Two members of the Board of Elections;
- 6 (7) One member to be appointed by the speaker of the House who is a faculty member
- 7 of a political science department of a college or university in the state;
- 8 (8) One member who is a representative of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce;
- 9 (9) One member who is a representative of the South Dakota Municipal League; and
- 10 (10) One member who is a representative of the South Dakota Association of County
- 11 Commissioners.

12 If there is a vacancy on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the

13 original appointment under this Act.

14 Section 2. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

15 The task force established pursuant to this Act shall study and evaluate the voter initiative

16 and referendum process, legislation proposed during the Ninety-second Legislative Session of

17 the South Dakota Legislature relating to the voter initiative and referendum process, and other

18 proposals as they relate to the voter initiative and referendum process in South Dakota.

19 Section 3. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

20 The task force shall report to the Legislature and the Governor before the beginning of the

21 Ninety-third Legislative Session. The task force may present draft legislation and policy

22 recommendations.

23 Section 4. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

24 The task force shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board of the Legislative

- 1 Research Council and staffed and funded as an interim legislative committee, not to exceed
- 2 twenty-one thousand dollars.