

2021 South Dakota Legislature
House Resolution 7001

AMENDMENT HR7001F FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL

1 **A RESOLUTION, ~~Impeaching~~ On the potential impeachment of Jason Ravensborg,**
2 **Attorney General of the State of South Dakota, ~~for certain crimes or~~**
3 **~~misdemeanors in office.~~**

4 WHEREAS, the Attorney General of the State of South Dakota is a state officer subject to
5 impeachment pursuant to S.D. Const., Art. XVI, § 3; and

6 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives shall have the sole power of impeachment
7 pursuant to S.D. Const., Art. XVI, § 1; ~~and:~~

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Sixth
9 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that ~~these Articles of Impeachment are adopted in~~
10 ~~the name of the People of South Dakota and of the South Dakota House of Representatives~~
11 ~~against Jason Ravensborg, Attorney General of the State of South Dakota, in maintenance and~~
12 ~~support of its impeachment against him for crimes or misdemeanors in office.~~

13 Article I: Acts Causing the Death of Joseph Boever

14 ~~Article XVI, § 3 of the South Dakota Constitution provides that the House of~~
15 ~~Representatives may impeach "state and judicial officers," for "drunkenness, crimes, corrupt~~
16 ~~conduct, or malfeasance or misdemeanors in office." Jason Ravensborg committed crimes or~~
17 ~~misdemeanors in office causing the death of Joseph Boever, specifically:~~

18 ~~(1) On the evening of September 12, 2020, Jason Ravensborg failed to operate his~~
19 ~~vehicle within its proper lane, crossed outside such lane, and struck pedestrian and~~
20 ~~Highmore, South Dakota resident Joseph Boever. Mr. Boever died from injuries~~
21 ~~sustained from the collision; and~~

22 ~~(2) Jason Ravensborg has been charged by the Hyde County State's Attorney with three~~
23 ~~separate crimes in connection with his driving on the night in question.~~

1 ~~— The Attorney General having a special obligation to the People and the Laws of the State~~
2 ~~of South Dakota, Jason Ravnsborg must be removed from such office for his crimes or~~
3 ~~misdemeanors in office causing the death of Joseph Boever.~~

4 Article II: Other Acts Following the Death of Joseph Boever

5 ~~— Article XVI, § 3 of the South Dakota Constitution provides that the House of~~
6 ~~Representatives may impeach "state and judicial officers," for "drunkenness, crimes, corrupt~~
7 ~~conduct, or malfeasance or misdemeanors in office." Jason Ravnsborg committed crimes or~~
8 ~~misdemeanors in office associated with the investigation following the death of Joseph Boever.~~

9 ~~— Following the collision, including during his reporting of the collision and the resulting~~
10 ~~investigation, Jason Ravnsborg undertook actions unbecoming the Attorney General. Jason~~
11 ~~Ravnsborg's statements and actions failed to meet the standard of the Office of the Attorney~~
12 ~~General.~~

13 ~~— The Attorney General having a special obligation to the People and the Laws of the State~~
14 ~~of South Dakota, Jason Ravnsborg must be removed from such office for his crimes or~~
15 ~~misdemeanors in office following the death of Joseph Boever after a conviction, plea of guilty~~
16 ~~or nolo contendere, or acquittal in case number 34MAG21-0001, State v. Jason Ravnsborg,~~
17 ~~the House of Representatives may evaluate whether articles of impeachment against Jason~~
18 ~~Ravnsborg, Attorney General of the State of South Dakota, are necessary and proceed~~
19 ~~accordingly.~~