

## 2023 South Dakota Legislature

**House Bill 1140****AMENDMENT 1140A  
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to require the secretary of state to determine if a legislatively proposed**  
2 **constitutional amendment complies with the single subject requirement and**  
3 **is not a constitutional revision.**

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

5 **Section 1. That § 12-13-26.1 be AMENDED:**

6 **12-13-26.1.** Upon receiving a ~~proposed~~ initiated proposal for an amendment to  
7 the Constitution, whether initiated by petition or proposed by a joint resolution of the  
8 Legislature, the secretary of state shall determine if the proposal embraces more than one  
9 subject in violation of S.D. Const., Art. XXIII, § 1, and if it is a revision under S.D. Const.,  
10 Art. XXIII, § 2.

11 If the secretary of state determines that the proposal complies with the single  
12 subject requirement and is not a revision, the secretary of state shall provide written  
13 certification to the sponsors, the attorney general, and the director of the Legislative  
14 Research Council that the ~~initiated amendment proposal~~ proposal embraces only one subject and  
15 ~~is~~ would be an amendment to the Constitution under S.D. Const., Art. XXIII, § 1, if  
16 approved by the voters. The secretary of state shall publish on the secretary of state's  
17 website notice of this certification not more than fifteen working days following receipt of  
18 the ~~initiated amendment to the Constitution proposal~~.

19 The secretary of state may not certify the ~~initiated amendment to the Constitution~~  
20 proposal if it embraces more than one subject in violation of S.D. Const., Art. XXIII, § 1.  
21 The secretary of state may not certify the ~~initiated amendment to the Constitution~~  
22 proposal if it is a revision under S.D. Const., Art. XXIII, § 2. If the secretary of state  
23 determines that the ~~initiated amendment to the Constitution proposal~~ proposal embraces more than  
24 one subject or is a revision, the secretary of state shall provide written notice to the  
25 sponsors explaining the reason the ~~initiated amendment to the Constitution proposal~~ is  
26 not certified, not more than fifteen working days following receipt of the ~~initiated~~

1 ~~amendment to the Constitution proposal~~. The sponsors of an initiated amendment may  
2 amend the initiated amendment to the Constitution in accordance with the secretary of  
3 state's explanation and resubmit the amended initiated amendment to the Constitution to  
4 the director of the Legislative Research Council for review under § 12-13-25. For purposes  
5 of this section and section 2 of this Act, the sponsors of a constitutional amendment  
6 proposed by a joint resolution of the Legislature are the presiding officers of the Legislature  
7 acting jointly.

8 **Section 2. That § 12-13-26.2 be AMENDED:**

9 **12-13-26.2.** If the secretary of state does not certify ~~an initiated~~ a proposal for  
10 an amendment to the Constitution pursuant to § 12-13-26.1, the sponsor may directly  
11 appeal the secretary of state's decision to the Supreme Court within fifteen days after  
12 receiving notice from the secretary of state.

13 Any interested party may directly appeal the secretary of state's certification of ~~an~~  
14 a proposal for an initiated amendment to the Constitution pursuant to § 12-13-26.1 to the  
15 Supreme Court within fifteen days of the secretary of state publishing notice of certification  
16 on the secretary of state's website. Any other appeal, challenge, or claim that an  
17 amendment embraces more than one subject or is a revision made after such period is  
18 time-barred and void.

19 The Supreme Court shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 16-3, defining the  
20 procedures for an appeal taken under this section.

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