



2011 Election Legislation

South Dakota Secretary of State
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HB 1051

- An Act to provide deadlines for the transmission of voter registration files.

The county auditor is required to transmit updated voter information, including election history information, to the Secretary of State not later than July 15th after the primary and December 15th after each general election.

HB 1104

- An Act to revise the deadline for withdrawing from a primary election

A candidate may withdraw from the ballot no later than two days after the last Tuesday in March at 5 p.m.

HB 1130

- An Act to allow certain adult children of overseas citizens to vote in the state.

Children of overseas voters are allowed to register as South Dakota voters, without having to establish individual residency, up to the age of 22.

HB 1141

- An Act to establish a date to begin absentee voting and to revise the deadline for the printing of ballots.

The sample ballots and official ballots shall be printed and in the possession of the county auditor not later than **48 days** prior to an election. Absentee voting shall begin no earlier and no later than **46 days** prior to the election.

HB 1162

- An Act to authorize the secretary of state to allow a person in charge of election to use the state system.

The secretary of state may authorize a person in charge of an election to accept an application or request for absentee ballot through the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) system, allowing the military the ability to vote in all elections, statewide and local.

HB 1173

- An Act to require the person in charge of local elections to notify the secretary of state when the dates of elections have been set.

Any time a political subdivision of the state sets a date and time for conducting a public election, the person in charge of an election must notify the secretary of state in writing or by telephone or electronic mail of the date of the election.

SB 95

- An Act to provide for the printing of voting rights notices.

This bill removed the “other languages” requirement of the law, and requires that voting rights notices will be printed on a card visible to voters. This measure also gives the State Board of Elections more discretion on the information placed on the card. This also allows us to establish a voter fraud hotline number.

SB 130

- An Act to provide a procedure for the Secretary of State to conduct certain local elections when an emergency exists.

In the case of emergency, such as fire, flood, natural disaster, mechanical failure, or other malady which prevents a county from holding an election, the person charged with the conduct of an election can sign a declaration of emergency, and request that the secretary of state step in and conduct the election for that county or political subdivision.



Questions?

Ideas for
the 2012 Legislative Session?