

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1004

Introduced by: Representatives Lucas, Ahlers, Bradford, Brunner, Cutler, Faehn, Heineman, Hills, Miles, Nelson, Rave, Rhoden, Turbiville, Van Etten, and Van Norman and Senators Nesselhuf, Albers, Bartling, Garnos, Katus, Knudson, Koetzle, McCracken, and Olson (Ed)

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, To propose a constitutional amendment to provide for a maximum
2 of forty legislative days each year.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
4 DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

5 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to
6 Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2
7 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state
8 for approval.

9 Section 2. That Article III, section 6 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be
10 amended to read as follows:

11 § 6. The terms of office of the members of the Legislature shall be two years; they shall
12 receive for their services the salary fixed by law under the provisions of § 2 of article XXI of
13 this Constitution, and five cents for every mile of necessary travel in going to and returning from
14 the place of meeting of the Legislature on the most usual route.



1 No person may serve more than four consecutive terms or a total of eight consecutive years
2 in the senate and more than four consecutive terms or a total of eight consecutive years in the
3 house of representatives. However, this restriction does not apply to partial terms to which a
4 legislator may be appointed or to legislative service before January 1, 1993.

5 A regular session of the Legislature shall be held in each ~~odd-numbered~~ year and shall not
6 exceed forty legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays and legislative recess, except in cases
7 of impeachment, and members of the Legislature shall receive no other pay or perquisites except
8 salary and mileage.

9 ~~A regular session of the Legislature shall be held in each even-numbered year beginning~~
10 ~~with the year 1964 and shall not exceed thirty-five legislative days, excluding Sundays, holidays~~
11 ~~and legislative recess, except in cases of impeachment, and members of the Legislature shall~~
12 ~~receive no other pay or perquisites except salary and mileage.~~