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### **FIFTH BALLOT QUESTION VALIDATED FOR 2024 GENERAL ELECTION**

**(Pierre, S.D.)** – Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson announces that a petition to refer SB 201 (“An Act to provide new statutory requirements for regulating linear transmission facilities, to allow counties to impose a surcharge on certain pipeline companies, and to establish a landowner bill of rights.”) to the voters of South Dakota was validated and filed by her office today. The title for the ballot question will be Referred Law 21, and it will appear on the 2024 General Election ballot on November 5, 2024.

A referendum petition currently requires 17,508 valid signatures in order to appear on the ballot. As outlined in SDCL § [2-1-16](#), the Secretary of State’s Office conducted a random sample of the petition signatures and found 92.20 percent to be valid. Based on the results of the random sample, 31,432 signatures were deemed valid.

Upon the filing of a referendum petition, any citizen may challenge the Secretary of State’s validation of the referendum petition under SDCL § [2-1-17.1](#). Citizens challenging the validation must submit an original, signed affidavit listing out each specific deficiency to the Secretary of State’s Office no more than 30 days after validation. Affidavits submitted electronically will not be accepted. For this referendum petition, the deadline to file a challenge is Friday, August 9, 2024, at 5:00pm CT.

More information on specific ballot questions can be found on the Secretary of State’s website: <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/upcoming-elections/general-information/2024/2024-ballot-questions.aspx>.