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August 16, 2019

Hon. Steve Barnett
Secretary of State
500 E Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Secretary Barnett,

The Legislative Research Council received a constitutional amendment to create a commission for apportionment of the state legislature. The amendment requires a fiscal note because it was determined that it may have an impact on revenues, expenditures, or fiscal liability of the state or its agencies and subdivisions. SDCL 2-9-31 requires the fiscal note be no longer than fifty "words." Therefore, numbers, percentages, and symbols do not count against the fifty-word limit.

The fiscal note examines the fiscal impacts associated with creating a commission for apportionment of the state legislature. The amendment sets the size of the commission at 5 members, a decrease from the 15 legislative committee members who have historically done the work of developing the plan to reapportion legislative districts. The amendment also assigns the Secretary of State to serve as the secretariat and the Office of the Attorney General as legal assistance.

The State would see savings in expenditures through fewer members on the committee and the elimination of a special legislative session. The Secretary of State and Office of Attorney General would have increased costs in order to staff, provide legal counsel, travel for meetings, and provide computers to the non-legislative committee members.

Enclosed is a copy of the initiated measure, in final form, that was submitted to this office. In accordance with SDCL 2-9-31, I hereby submit the Legislative Research Council's fiscal note with respect to this initiated measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Hancock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jason Hancock
Director

Enclosures

Cc: Dan Ahlers

SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COUNCIL

FISCAL NOTE

INITIATED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

AN INITIATED AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA CONSTITUTION CREATING A
COMMISSION FOR APPORTIONMENT OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

A commission for apportioning the Legislature would eliminate the expense for a special legislative session and decrease the committee composition by 10 members, resulting in less cost. Additional expenses would be incurred for staffing, legal assistance, and computer hardware. The estimated increased cost to the State is \$15,996 every 10 years.

Approved:  Date: 8/16/19

Director, Legislative Research Council