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Hon. Shantel Krebs
Secretary of State
500 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: **Attorney General's Statement—State legislative redistricting by a commission**

Dear Secretary Krebs,

This Office received an initiated constitutional amendment regarding state legislative redistricting by a commission. The sponsor is Doug Sombke on behalf of the South Dakota Farmers Union. Enclosed is a copy of the constitutional amendment, in final form, that was submitted to this Office. In accordance with SDCL 12-13-25.1, I hereby submit the Attorney General's Statement with respect to this amendment.

By copy of this letter, I am providing a copy of the Attorney General's Statement to the sponsor pursuant to SDCL 12-13-25.1.

Very truly yours,

Marty J. Jackley
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cc w/enc.: Doug Sombke
Jason Hancock, Director of LRC

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INITIATED MEASURE

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STATEMENT

Title: An initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution to provide for state legislative redistricting by a commission

Explanation:

State senators and representatives are elected from within legislative districts. The South Dakota Constitution currently requires the Legislature to establish these legislative districts every ten years. This measure removes that authority from the Legislature and grants it to a redistricting commission.

The commission is made up of nine registered voters selected each redistricting year by the State Board of Elections from a pool of up to 30 applicants. This pool consists of applicants registered with South Dakota's two largest political parties (ten from each), and ten not registered with either of those parties. A commission member must have the same party registration, or be registered as unaffiliated with a party, for three continuous years immediately prior to appointment.

No more than three commission members may belong to the same political party. For three years immediately prior to and three years immediately after appointment, commission members may not hold office in certain state or local public offices, or in a political party organization.

The commission will redistrict in 2017, in 2021, and every ten years thereafter. The commission must produce a draft map and allow for public comment. The districts must be drawn in compliance with state and federal law.

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