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2-7-1 Each odd-numbered year, the secretary of state shall compile and print a legislative manual. The Bureau of Administration shall distribute the legislative manual, free to state officials and agencies who request them and to the public at a price set by the commissioner of administration.

2-7-3 The legislative manual compiled and printed in each odd-numbered year shall contain the following data:

- (1) A current official directory of state government;
- (2) A current list of county officers;
- (3) A compilation of appropriations for state departments made at regular and special sessions during the two years immediately preceding;
- (4) A county by county list of election results for all statewide contests and ballot questions for the last general and last primary elections;
- (5) A brief biographical statement and picture of all current constitutional officers, legislators, public utility commissioners, supreme court justices, circuit court judges, and United States senators and members of congress;
- (6) A listing of all past statewide elected officials;
- (7) A brief South Dakota chronology;
- (8) A brief statement and pictures regarding the South Dakota institutions;
- (9) A brief statement and picture of the state seal and state emblems;
- (10) The Constitution of South Dakota;
- (11) Population of each county and each municipality;
- (12) Names of gubernatorial appointees to boards and commissions; and
- (13) A table of contents.

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To my fellow South Dakotans:

It is my honor to dedicate the 2025 South Dakota Legislative Manual to the 100th Legislative Session.

As directed by South Dakota Codified Law 2-7-1, the Secretary of State's office compiles the Legislative Manual every two years. This publication serves as a comprehensive reference source on state government. It contains information on elected state officials, judges, legislators, local and state government administration, election statistics, and South Dakota history.

Why is it called the "Blue Book"? This term dates back to the fifteenth century when the English Parliament began keeping its records in large volumes covered with blue velvet. Since that time, the name Blue Book has been used to describe many forms of government manuals.

We live in a wonderful state, and it is a privilege to showcase our state to the world. Please enjoy this edition of the 2025 South Dakota Legislative Manual.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monae L. Johnson".

Monae L. Johnson
South Dakota Secretary of State



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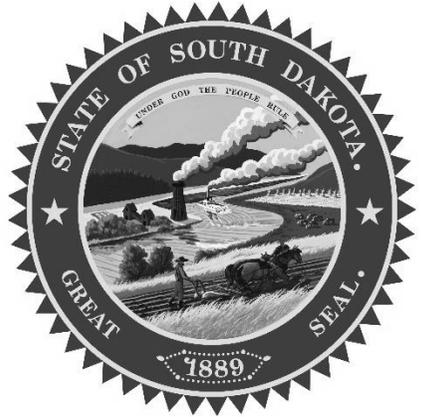
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— **Monae L. Johnson, South Dakota Secretary of State**

South Dakota's Citizen Legislature: A Century of Service and Stewardship

As South Dakota marks the 100th regular session of its State Legislature in 2025, it stands not merely as a legislative milestone but as a celebration of a singularly democratic institution: a part-time, citizen-led legislature that has evolved with the times while remaining rooted in its founding republican ideals.

From its frontier origins to its present-day technological openness, the South Dakota Legislature has endured as a symbol of grassroots governance. For 100 sessions, South Dakotans have sent their neighbors to Pierre to serve – not as full-time politicians, but as citizen legislators. They are teachers, farmers, small business owners, nurses, ranchers, retirees, even the occasional lawyer – ordinary people entrusted with the extraordinary task of writing our laws.

Today, South Dakota remains proud of its citizen legislature. Our legislators come here for nine weeks in the winter. They work very hard for a short time. They don't have individual staff, but rather rely on support from the excellent Legislative Research Council, and from college interns. When their work is done, legislators go home, to their normal lives, jobs, and families.

Our legislature remains a place where bills deal with a single subject, where committee hearings are open and public, where anyone can testify on any bill, and where every bill receives a final disposition. In South Dakota, anyone can just walk into the State Capitol, walk up to a legislator, and say what he thinks – without an appointment, without going through any staff.

South Dakota has been well-served by this approach, and we should never take it for granted.

Founding Ideals and the Birth of Statehood

South Dakota's legislative story begins with statehood in 1889. The state was born out of dissatisfaction with the Dakota Territory's governance, which was perceived as corrupt and unrepresentative. Our territorial legislators, who were also elected by their constituents, were in constant conflict with a series of territorial governors who were presidential appointees, and often corrupt carpetbaggers.

Delegates to the 1880s constitutional conventions envisioned a responsible, fiscally restrained government led by citizens rather than professional politicians. The new constitution imposed stringent limits on state spending and debt, and required short, biennial legislative sessions. These limitations were designed not only to reflect agrarian values but to ensure accountability and discourage excessive government influence.

The first legislature convened in 1890 with 45 senators and 124 representatives. The legislature's bicameral structure mirrored the U.S. Congress, with the lieutenant governor presiding over the Senate and a speaker leading the House. The legislature met biennially until 1963, and has met annually ever since. (That's why South Dakota reached our 100th session in our 136th year of statehood.)

Legislative districts respected county lines but did not perfectly reflect population. In the first State Senate, four large counties—Minnehaha, Brown, Spink, and Lawrence—elected two senators each. Most other counties elected a single senator. Low-population counties were grouped together—such as Charles Mix and Douglas or Jerauld and Buffalo—to elect a single senator. In the State House, every county was its own district, with the smallest counties electing one representative and the largest, Brown County, electing eight. The effect of this apportionment was to magnify the representation of rural areas.

From the beginning, legislators have convened in Pierre – in 1890, a remote “cow town” capital chosen because of its geographic centrality in the new state. Members lodged together, socialized, and legislated in close quarters, creating a camaraderie that continues to this day. For that entire time, this institution has remained what it was at the start: a citizen legislature, deliberately part-time, close to the people, and rooted in the values of republican self-government.

In the first State of the State Address, Governor Arthur C. Mellette said this to the first state legislators:

You have been called to this high honor by your constituents through their confidence in your ability and integrity, and only honesty and intelligence and industry can meet their expectations and the demands of your position.

That first legislature met in borrowed buildings in a frontier town. Today, legislators serve in a beautiful Capitol built on optimism – but also on thrift. South Dakota saved money, after all, by purchasing, secondhand, the plans for the Montana State Capitol.

A Political Landscape Shaped by Republicans and Reformers

Our early legislative sessions were shaped by agrarian values, fiscal restraint, and deep skepticism of government excess. Those themes still echo in legislative debates today.

Republicans have historically dominated the legislature. The first State Senate had 37 Republicans, 7 Democrats, and one other, while the State House had 106 Republicans, 13 Democrats, and five others. The dominant position of the Republican Party has been the rule through the present day. In the 69 legislative elections from 1889 to 2024, Republicans have won control of the State Senate 61 times, and of the State House 64 times.

But other political movements – Populists in the 1890s, Progressives in the early 20th century, and Democrats during the Great Depression – have periodically shifted the balance. In 1932, during the depths of the Great Depression, Democrats gained control of both chambers and the governor's office, setting the stage for New Deal-style legislation. But even this surge was short-lived; fiscal

conservatism soon returned to prominence, shaping bipartisan policymaking for decades. The most recent period of Democratic control of the legislature came in the 1970s.

In the decades since, Republicans have held, on average, about seventy percent of legislative seats. Republican control has strengthened in the recent fifteen years. Republicans in 2025 hold 96 of the 105 legislative seats – the most since 1953, when they held 108 of 110.

Expanding Representation: Women and Native Americans

The legislature's demographics have evolved alongside the state. Women first entered the legislature in 1923 with the election of Rep. Gladys Pyle, a Huron Republican. Jessie Sanders, a Rapid City Democrat, became the first female senator in 1937. From that time through the early 1970s, there were never more than four women serving as legislators at any given time.

Female legislators first moved into high-level leadership roles in the 1980s. Sen. Mary McClure, a Redfield Republican, became president pro tempore of the Senate in 1979, serving in that role until 1989. Rep. Debra Anderson, a Sioux Falls Republican, became the first female speaker of the house in 1987-88.

Representation grew slowly, peaking at 26 women in 1991-2 – a national high at the time. After a dip, numbers climbed again in the 2010s and 2020s, culminating with 39 women in the 100th Session in 2025 – the most in state history and more than a third of the membership for the first time.

Native American representation, too, has increased meaningfully. The creation of majority-minority districts in the 1980s led to more tribal members being elected. Sen. Troy Heinert, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, became the first Native American to lead a caucus in 2019. The 2023-24 legislature included eight tribal members, the most ever, and Rep. Will Mortenson, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, became the first tribal member to lead a majority caucus.

Institutional Modernization and Legislative Reforms

Major structural changes reshaped the legislature throughout the 20th century. The creation of the Legislative Research Council in 1951 provided legislators with nonpartisan staff support. By the 1960s, South Dakota had shifted from biennial to annual sessions, and in 1967 adopted an annual budgeting system. Reapportionment following the "one person, one vote" Supreme Court rulings in the 1970s ensured legislative districts more accurately reflected population, even splitting some counties to ensure equal representation. In the decades since, this has led to gradual gains in urban, rather than rural, representation, mirroring the demographic changes of the state.

The Democratic-led legislature in 1973 was a watershed for reform of the legislative process. Democratic leaders such as House Speaker Gene Lebrun of Rapid City, Senate Majority Leader Harvey Wollman of Hitchcock, and House Majority Leader Lawrence Piersol of Sioux Falls joined with their Republican counterparts, such as the legendary Joseph "Papa Joe" Barnett of Aberdeen, to modernize legislative rules to be more efficient and transparent.

These reforms eliminated the "pocket veto," which had allowed committee chairmen to kill a bill simply by never holding a hearing. In the modern legislature, every bill that is filed is heard in an open hearing, for which prior notice is given, and at which anyone can testify. Every bill receives a

final disposition, with a recorded vote. The state constitution also requires bills to encompass only a single subject, preventing the “logrolling” of unrelated topics into a single bill.

The Impact of Term Limits

The adoption of legislative term limits in 1992, which first barred legislators from reelection in 2000, altered the legislature's leadership dynamics.

Prior to term limits, legislators would often serve a decade before being considered for a high-level leadership position like majority or minority leader and, once winning such an office, would hold it for several terms. In the twenty-four years prior to term limits, from 1977 to 2000, there were four senate majority leaders, seven senate minority leaders, six house majority leaders, and five house minority leaders—twenty-two leaders in total, with an average tenure of 4.3 sessions. This included long-tenured leaders such as Sen. Homer Harding of Pierre, who was senate majority leader for twelve years, and Sen. Roger McKellips of Alcester, who was senate minority leader for ten years.

In the twenty-four years since term limits, from 2001 to 2024, there were thirty-one leaders in those top party offices, with an average service of three years. Rep. Bernie Hunhoff of Yankton, a veteran lawmaker, served six years as house minority leader; he is the only party floor leader in the term limits era to serve more than four years. Thirteen of the thirty-one leaders served two sessions or less in the top leadership position. The average legislative experience of a party leader has also decreased, as new leaders are typically in their second or third term. Overall, term limits have led to legislative leaders who are less experienced when they assume their leadership roles and who have less time to learn in that role.

Term limits also affected the informal leadership structure of the State Legislature as there are fewer long-tenured legislators. Among those legislators who left in 2000 due to term limits were Sen. Jim Dunn of Lead, who is one of five state legislators to serve for thirty years, and Sen. Harold Halverson of Twin Brooks, who served for twenty-six years.

Although few legislators serve for more than twenty years, there were always a number of them to bring institutional memory to the body. The 2024 legislature, in comparison, had just two legislators with at least twenty years of service: Sen. Jean Hunhoff of Yankton, whose twenty-four years make her the longest-serving female legislator in state history, and Sen. Al Novstrup of Aberdeen, who has served twenty-two years and counting. Both Hunhoff and Novstrup alternated service between the House and the Senate to achieve this length of service.

These changes, though, have created more opportunities for women and younger legislators to enter leadership. Notably, Sen. Barbara Everist of Sioux Falls in 2001-02 and Sen. Kris Langer of Dell Rapids in 2019-20 became the first women to lead a Republican caucus. In 2025, both Democratic caucuses were led by women for the first time – Sen. Liz Larson and Rep. Erin Healy, both of Sioux Falls.

Technology and Transparency in the Modern Legislature

Technological innovation has transformed the legislative process. For its first century or so, legislators worked in paper and ink, with bills distributed by pages and messages spindled on desks.

Today, legislators use notebook and tablet computers, and constituent contacts come overwhelmingly by email. The text message has taken the place of the passed note or quiet side conversation.

In the 1970s, Dakotronics installed the House’s first electronic voting system. Today, House members vote by push-button, while Senators stubbornly cling to the tradition of the roll call vote.

By the late 1990s, the LRC launched a website with laws, bills, and journals available to the public. Laptops, livestreamed audio, and searchable online records followed. By 2020, the legislature was fully digital.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated this transformation. Remote participation and voting by legislators during the legislative session was allowed from 2020-22. Though in-person rules returned in 2023, remote participation by legislators remains common in interim committees. Remote committee testimony via video conferencing has become generally accepted, improving access for citizens across the state.

Technology has made the legislature more transparent, more searchable, and more accessible. South Dakotans can follow floor debates and testimony in real time from anywhere in the world—and even testify from anywhere in the world.

And yet the personal relationships remain just as important. The legislature has always depended on the ability of people from very different places, and very different experiences, to listen, learn, and collaborate. As former Lt. Governor Matt Michels often says, the legislative session is truly “the State Fair indoors” – a nine-week long reunion, gathering place, and town hall meeting for our state.

The Changing Face of the Citizen Legislator

South Dakota’s legislature remains part-time and deeply rooted in the daily lives of its members. While the early legislature was dominated by farmers and ranchers, today’s members reflect a broader economic base. In 1973, 46 legislators worked in agriculture; by 2023, that number had dropped to about 10. Meanwhile, the number in business professions grew from 33 to 50.

Lawyers, educators, and healthcare professionals have remained steady presences, while new career paths are increasingly represented. Yet the ethos remains unchanged: these are ordinary citizens doing extraordinary work, meeting for a short time each year to serve the public trust.

For a very few, legislative service leads to a longer career in public service. Among the longest-serving elected officials in state history are three who began their careers as state legislators: U.S. Senator and Governor Peter Norbeck, U.S. Senator and Congressman Tim Johnson, and U.S. Senator and Governor Mike Rounds. Twenty-four of the state’s thirty-four governors had prior legislative service.

A Legacy Celebrated and a Future Embraced

To commemorate the 100th session, the legislature launched a series of initiatives to preserve and promote its history. A special legislative committee commissioned historical displays, sponsored educational opportunities for students, published a commemorative book, and unveiled a unique Termesphere – a sphere painted by Spearfish artist Dick Termes to depict the State Capitol during the legislative session.

The committee also wrote a poem about the citizen legislature and commissioned calligraphy displays of the poem to hang in the President’s Lobby and the Speaker’s Lobby.



The 100th Legislative Session Committee members were Rep. Tony Venhuizen (chair), Sen. David Wheeler (vice chair), Sen. Jean Hunhoff, Sen. Steve Kolbeck, Rep. Stephanie Sauder, Rep. Erin Healy, former legislators Bernie Hunhoff and Matt Michels, and Dr. Ben Jones, the state historian.

Conclusion: The Enduring Spirit of Citizen Governance

For 100 sessions, South Dakota’s legislature has stood apart—not for its grandeur or bureaucracy, but for its simplicity, accessibility, and commitment to civic engagement. It has evolved in countless ways—from structure to demographics, from technology to transparency—but has never lost sight of its central purpose: to serve the people.

In South Dakota, our state motto reminds us that “Under God, the People Rule.” Our part-time, citizen legislature is special because it is close to the people. Because it is drawn from the people. Our legislators come to Pierre, do their work, and return home, where their friends and neighbors tell them how they did. It is one of the highest callings of a free people in a republic.

Through 100 sessions, South Dakota legislators have met that charge—flawed, human, imperfect, yet committed. As we celebrate 100 sessions, we do so with pride. We look back to honor those who built this institution. We look around to celebrate those who serve in it now. And we look ahead, confident that the next 100 sessions will be just as vibrant, just as open, and just as committed to the people of South Dakota.

This article was prepared by Lt. Governor Tony Venhuizen, who as a state representative chaired the State Legislature’s 100th Session Planning Committee. The article is based on the work of that committee and, in part, on an article Venhuizen co-authored with Sen. David Wheeler for Volume 70 of the South Dakota Law Review.

The One Hundred and Five

*One hundred and five depart
on a short, cold day in winter –
leaving home and work and all that's dear.
They hug their families, pat the dog and
pack their Sunday clothes alongside
plans for a better South Dakota.
The faithful bring a steadfast spirit.
The hopeful bear a glorious curiosity.
The charitable gird their consciences.
One hundred and five – yet all arrive
on a road of their own.
Amidst Pierre's flurry of activists, advocates,
bureaucrats – pages, clerks and interns too –
they plow through drifts of pros and cons.
“Aye?” or “Nay?” they're asked and asked.
Whether doubtful or sure, they answer back.
No shelter here for indecision.
Complexities muddy good intentions.
Adversaries spar by day, adjourn and then
share bread and stories into the night.
The wise persevere with patience –
waiting, watching for an opening to
fill a need or pull a weed.
Springtime comes as the last bill's done.
The one hundred and five
vote “sine die” and hurry home...
to grow and build and heal and teach.*

Chronology

The State of South Dakota is a part of the vast domain, which was acquired by the United States through the celebrated Louisiana Purchase in 1803. President Thomas Jefferson purchased the territory, which includes the present states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, and Idaho, from France for fifteen million dollars and the assumption of certain claims held by citizens of the United States against France.

Although nine states eventually were organized out of the Louisiana Purchase, during their existence as territories, the boundaries of these divisions were subject to frequent and marked changes, with names appearing and disappearing.

As part of what was called the Louisiana Territory in 1812, the part of South Dakota lying west of the Missouri River became known as the "Mandan Territory" and the area lying east of the Missouri River became incorporated into the Missouri Territory. The eastern half of the state was included in the Michigan Territory in 1834, and two years later it became part of the Wisconsin Territory. In 1849, after the organization of Wisconsin as a state, the area east of the Missouri River was included in the Minnesota Territory. The portion of South Dakota west of the Missouri River was included in the Nebraska Territory in 1854.

The admission of Minnesota as a state in 1858 left all the country west of its boundaries along the Big Sioux River to the Missouri River without any organization, legal name, or existence. This part was, by common consent, designated by the name of Dakota, a Native American name that means "confederated" or "leagued together," and was originally derived from the great associated tribe of Native Americans, known in their own language as Dakotas.

In 1861, President James Buchanan signed the Organic Act, creating the Dakota Territory, including the present states of North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and a small part of Nebraska. By 1868, the Dakota Territory consisted of only what are North and South Dakota today. In 1889, the "Omnibus Bill" or the Enabling Act was adopted, which provided for the dividing of Dakota Territory into the states of North and South Dakota. This enabled the two Dakotas, Montana, and Washington to formulate constitutions.

Today, South Dakota is located in the heartland of the United States. It is a rectangular area approximately 370 miles by 210 miles. Its 77,047 square miles make it the 16th largest in size among the fifty states. South Dakota has a population of around 895,376.

The introductory material to the chronology was substantially derived from the "Introductory," Revised Code of South Dakota, 1903, and the "Dakota Historical Sketch," South Dakota Manual, 1905.

The total population estimate is from the Annual Estimates of the Population for Counties of South Dakota, based on July 2021 U.S. Census Data estimates.

Events of 2023

- The minimum wage in South Dakota increased from \$9.95 to \$10.80 per hour on January 1st as part of an annual cost of living adjustment required by state law.
- Much of South Dakota was inundated with snow in January, with record snowfall recorded across much of the state. Sioux Falls received more than 2 feet of snow, while Winner and Yankton had the highest snowfall totals of the month with 31 inches of snow each.
- Governor Kristi Noem combined the Bureau of Administration and the Bureau of Human Resources on April 12th, forming the Bureau of Human Resources and Administration. By merging the two bureaus, Governor Noem aimed to streamline government processes for state employees, reduce bureaucratic overhead, and be more responsible with taxpayer dollars.
- The South Dakota Historical Society hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on May 2nd to kick off a major renovation of its iconic Cultural Heritage Center. The \$19.6 million upgrade to the center includes a series of structural improvements, the construction of new facilities, and the introduction of new museum exhibits showing what has happened in South Dakota since 1989.
- The Delbridge Museum of Natural History in Sioux Falls was closed to the public on August 17th after arsenic was found in nearly 80 percent of the taxidermy specimens in the museum. The museum had been open for 40 years and was home to one of the comprehensive collections of taxidermy in the region, including the famous Brockhouse Collection.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 31st for the new Dakota Events CompleX (DEX) at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron. The DEX replaces the State Fair Open Class Beef Complex, which was destroyed in a fire in 2020, and now serves as a convenient location to host indoor rodeos, equestrian events, and livestock exhibitions.
- The South Dakota Department of Corrections announced that it purchased two 160-acre parcels of land in rural Lincoln County on October 6th with the intention of using them as the site for a new men's prison. Following this announcement, public opposition to the new prison quickly arose among landowners and residents of Lincoln County.
- Following the devastating invasion of Israel by Hamas on October 7th, Governor Kristi Noem voiced support for Israel, its people, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Throughout her time in office, Governor Noem visited Israel many times to demonstrate South Dakota's support for America's most important strategic ally.
- Governor Kristi Noem joined 16 other governors on December 4 in opposing the Chinese Communist Party owning American land, asserting that it is a significant national security threat.

Events of 2024

- The minimum wage in South Dakota increased from \$10.80 to \$11.20 per hour on January 1st as part of an annual cost of living adjustment required by state law.
- A “disturbance” occurred at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls on March 27th after the Department of Corrections shut down tablet-based phone calls, photo, text messaging, and email services for inmates. At least one correctional officer was assaulted during the incident.
- A number of South Dakotans declared for the NFL draft and were selected in April, including O’Gorman High School alum Tip Reiman (Arizona Cardinals), SDSU offensive lineman Mason McCormick (Pittsburgh Steelers), SDSU running back Isaiah Davis (New York Jets), and USD cornerback Myles Harden (Cleveland Browns).
- Record-setting floods occurred in southeastern South Dakota after back-to-back days of heavy rainfall between June 20th and June 22nd. The Big Sioux River crested at 44.98 feet—7.28 feet above the previous record, with residents of North Sioux City and McCook Lake being particularly affected.
- Miles Krajewski, a native of Yankton, and Jayci Simon won a silver medal in badminton mixed doubles on September 2nd during the 2024 Paris Paralympics, the first-ever paralympic badminton medal in American history.
- Approximately 50 soldiers from the 109th Engineer Battalion of the South Dakota Army National Guard were sent to the US-Mexico border on October 16th as part of a year-long federal deployment in support of Operation International Drug Trafficking.
- Former President Donald Trump was elected the 47th President of the United States on November 5th, marking the second time in American history that a President has been elected to two nonconsecutive terms.
- Attorney General Marty Jackley announced a case against an employee of the Department of Public Safety for filing fraudulent inspection reports in October, marking the fourth case prosecuted by the AG’s office in the year amid a sudden rise in criminal charges against state employees.
- President-Elect Donald Trump nominated Governor Kristi Noem to be Secretary of Homeland Security on November 12th. The Senate later voted 59-34 to confirm Noem on January 25th, 2025.

The Constitution of the State of South Dakota

Preamble

We, the people of South Dakota, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious liberties, in order to form a more perfect and independent government, establish justice, ensure tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and preserve to ourselves and to our posterity the blessings of liberty, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the state of South Dakota.

Article I

Name and Boundary

§1. Name of state.

The name of the state shall be South Dakota.

§2. Boundaries of state.

The boundaries of the state of South Dakota shall be as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the western boundary line of the state of Minnesota, with the northern boundary line of the state of Iowa and running thence northerly along the western boundary line of the state of Minnesota, to its intersection with the seventh standard parallel; thence west on the line of the seventh standard parallel produced due west to its intersection with the twenty-seventh meridian of longitude west from Washington; thence south on the twenty-seventh meridian of longitude west from Washington to its intersection with the northern boundary line of the state of Nebraska; thence easterly along the northern boundary line of the state of Nebraska to its intersection with the western boundary line of the state of Iowa; thence northerly along the western boundary line of the state of Iowa to its intersection with the northern boundary line of the state of Iowa; thence east along the northern boundary line of the state of Iowa to the place of beginning.

Article II

Division of the Powers of Government

The powers of the government of the state are divided into three distinct departments, the legislative, executive and judicial; and the powers and duties of each are prescribed by this Constitution.

Article III

Legislative Department

§1. Legislative power -- Initiative and referendum.

The legislative power of the state shall be vested in a Legislature which shall consist of a senate and house of representatives. However, the people expressly reserve to themselves the right to propose measures, which shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the state, and also the right to require that any laws which the Legislature may have enacted shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the state before going into effect, except such laws as may be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, support of the state government and its existing public institutions. Not more than five percent of the qualified electors of the state shall be required to invoke either the initiative or the referendum.

This section shall not be construed so as to deprive the Legislature or any member thereof of the right to propose any measure. The veto power of the Executive shall not be exercised as to measures referred to a vote of the people. This section shall apply to municipalities. The enacting clause of all laws approved by vote of the electors of the state shall be: "Be it enacted by the people of South Dakota." The Legislature shall make suitable provisions for carrying into effect the provisions of this section.

§2. Number of legislators -- Regular sessions.

After the Legislature elected for the years 1937 and 1938 the number of members of the house of representatives shall not be less than fifty nor more than seventy-five and the number of members of the senate shall not be less than twenty-five nor more than thirty-five.

The sessions of the Legislature shall be biennial except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.

§3. Qualifications for legislative office -- Officers ineligible.

No person is eligible for the office of senator who is not a qualified elector in the district from which such person is chosen, a citizen of the United States, and who has not attained the age of twenty-one years, and who has not been a resident of the state for two years next preceding election.

No person is eligible for the office of representative who is not a qualified elector in the district from which such person is chosen, and a citizen of the United States, and who has not been a resident of the state for two years next preceding election, and who has not attained the age of twenty-one years.

No judge or clerk of any court, secretary of state, attorney general, state's attorney, recorder, sheriff or collector of public moneys, member of either house of Congress, or person holding any lucrative office under the United States, or this state, or any foreign government, shall be a member of the Legislature: provided, that appointments in the militia, the offices of notary public and justice of the peace shall not be considered lucrative; nor shall any person holding any office of honor or profit under any foreign government or under the government of the United States, except postmasters whose annual compensation does not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars, hold any office in either branch of the Legislature or become a member thereof.

§4. Disqualification for conviction of crime -- Defaults on public money.

No person who has been, or hereafter shall be, convicted of bribery, perjury, or other infamous crime, nor any person who has been, or may be collector or holder of public moneys, who shall not have accounted for and paid over, according to law, all such moneys due from him, shall be eligible to the Legislature or to any office in either branch thereof.

§5. Legislative reapportionment.

The Legislature shall apportion its membership by dividing the state into as many single-member, legislative districts as there are state senators. House districts shall be established wholly within senatorial districts and shall be either single-member or dual-member districts as the Legislature shall determine. Legislative districts shall consist of compact, contiguous territory and shall have population as nearly equal as is practicable, based on the last preceding federal census. An apportionment shall be made by the Legislature in 1983 and in 1991, and every ten years after 1991. Such apportionment shall be accomplished by December first of the year in which the apportionment is required. If any Legislature whose duty it is to make an apportionment shall fail to make the same as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the Supreme Court within ninety days to make such apportionment.

§6. Legislative terms of office -- Compensation -- Regular sessions.

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

No person may serve more than four consecutive terms or a total of eight consecutive years in the senate and more than four consecutive terms or a total of eight consecutive years in the house of representatives. However, this restriction does not apply to partial terms to which a legislator may be appointed.

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

§7. Convening of annual sessions.

The Legislature shall meet at the seat of government on the second Tuesday of January at 12 o'clock m. and at no other time except as provided by this Constitution.

§8. Oath required of legislators and officers -- Forfeiture of office for false swearing.

Members of the Legislature and officers thereof, before they enter upon their official duties, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state of South Dakota, and will faithfully discharge the duties of (senator, representative or officer) according to the best of my abilities, and that I have not knowingly or intentionally paid or contributed anything, or made any promise in the nature of a bribe, to directly or indirectly influence any vote at the election at which I was chosen to fill said office, and have not accepted, nor will I accept or receive directly or indirectly, any money, pass, or any other valuable thing, from any corporation, company or person, for any vote or influence I may give or withhold on any bill or resolution, or appropriation, or for any other official act.

This oath shall be administered by a judge of the Supreme or circuit Court, or the presiding officer of either house, in the hall of the house to which the member or officer is elected, and the secretary of state shall record and file the oath subscribed by each member and officer.

Any member or officer of the Legislature who shall refuse to take the oath herein prescribed shall forfeit his office.

Any member or officer of the Legislature who shall be convicted of having sworn falsely to, or violated his said oath, shall forfeit his office and be disqualified thereafter from holding the office of senator or member of the house of representatives or any office within the gift of the Legislature.

§9. Each house as judge of qualifications – Quorum -- Rules of proceedings -- Officers and employees.

Each house shall be the judge of the election returns and qualifications of its own members.

A majority of the members of each house shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day-to-day, and may compel the attendance of absent members in such a manner and under such penalty as each house may provide.

Each house shall determine the rules of its proceedings, shall choose its own officers and employees and fix the pay thereof, except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.

§10. Filling legislative vacancies.

The Governor shall make appointments to fill such vacancies as may occur in either house of the Legislature.

§11. Legislators' privilege from arrest -- Freedom of debate.

Senators and representatives shall, in all cases except treason, felony or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during the session of the Legislature, and in going to and returning from the same; and for words used in any speech or debate in either house, they shall not be questioned in any other place.

§12. Legislators ineligible for other office -- Contracts with state or county.

No member of the Legislature shall, during the term for which he was elected, be appointed or elected to any civil office in the state which shall have been created, or the emoluments of which shall have been increased during the term for which he was elected, nor shall any member receive any civil appointment from the Governor, the Governor and senate, or from the Legislature during the term for which he shall have been elected, and all such appointments and all votes given for any such members for any such office or appointment shall be void; nor shall any member of the Legislature during the term for which he shall have been elected, or within one year thereafter, be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract with the state or any county thereof, authorized by any law passed during the term for which he shall have been elected.

§13. Legislative journals -- Recording of yeas and nays.

Each house shall keep a journal of its proceedings and publish the same from time to time, except such parts as require secrecy, and the yeas and nays of members on any question shall be taken at the desire of one-sixth of those present and entered upon the journal.

§14. Elections viva voce.

In all elections to be made by the Legislature the members thereof shall vote viva voce and their votes shall be entered in the journal.

§15. Open legislative session's -- Exception.

The sessions of each house and of the committee of the whole shall be open, unless when the business is such as ought to be kept secret.

§16. Adjournment of legislative houses.

Neither house shall without the consent of the other adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which the two houses shall be sitting.

§17. Reading of bills.

Every bill shall be read twice, by number and title once when introduced, and once upon final passage, but one reading at length may be demanded at any time before final passage.

§18. Enacting clause -- Assent by majority -- Recording of votes.

The enacting clause of a law shall be: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota" and no law shall be passed unless by assent of a majority of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature. And the question upon the final passage shall be taken upon its last reading, and the yeas and nays shall be entered upon the journal.

§19. Signing of bills and resolutions.

The presiding officer of each house shall, in the presence of the house over which he presides, sign all bills and joint resolutions passed by the Legislature, after their titles have been publicly read immediately before signing, and the fact of signing shall be entered upon the journal.

§20. Origin of bills -- Amendment in other house.

Any bill may originate in either house of the Legislature, and a bill passed by one house may be amended in the other.

§21. One subject expressed in title.

No law shall embrace more than one subject, which shall be expressed in its title.

§22. Effective date of acts -- Emergency clause.

No act shall take effect until ninety days after the adjournment of the session at which it passed, unless in case of emergency, (to be expressed in the preamble or body of the act) the Legislature shall by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected of each house, otherwise direct.

§23. Private and special laws prohibited.

The Legislature is prohibited from enacting any private or special laws in the following cases:

1. Granting divorces.
2. Changing the names of persons or places or constituting one person the heir at law of another.
3. Locating or changing county seats.
4. Regulating county and township affairs.
5. Incorporating cities, towns and villages or changing or amending the charter of any town, city or village, or laying out, opening, vacating or altering town plats, streets, wards, alleys and public ground.
6. Providing for sale or mortgage of real estate belonging to minors or others under disability.
7. Authorizing persons to keep ferries across streams wholly within the state.
8. Remitting fines, penalties or forfeitures.
9. Granting to an individual, association or corporation any special or exclusive privilege, immunity or franchise whatever.

10. Providing for the management of common schools.
11. Creating, increasing or decreasing fees, percentages or allowances of public officers during the term for which said officers are elected or appointed.

But the Legislature may repeal any existing special law relating to the foregoing subdivisions.

In all other cases where a general law can be applicable no special law shall be enacted.

§24. Release of debt to state or municipality.

The Legislature shall have no power to release or extinguish, in whole or in part, the indebtedness, liability or obligation of any corporation or individual to this state, or to any municipal corporation therein.

§25. Games of chance prohibited -- Exceptions.

The Legislature may not authorize any game of chance, lottery, or gift enterprise, under any pretense, or for any purpose whatever provided, however, it shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law, bona fide veterans, charitable, educational, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and service clubs, volunteer fire departments, or such other public spirited organizations as it may recognize, to conduct games of chance when the entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious, or other public spirited uses. However, it shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law a state lottery or video games of chance, or both, which are regulated by the State of South Dakota, either separately by the state or jointly with one or more states, and which are owned and operated by the State of South Dakota, either separately by the state or jointly with one or more states or persons, provided any such video games of chance may not directly dispense coins or tokens. However, the Legislature may not expand the statutory authority existing as of June 1, 1994, regarding any private ownership of state lottery games or video games of chance, or both. The Legislature shall establish the portion of proceeds due the state from such lottery or video games of chance, or both, and the purposes for which those proceeds are to be used. SDCL 42-7A, and its amendments, regulations, and related laws, and all acts and contracts relying for authority upon such laws and regulations, beginning July 1, 1987, to the effective date of this amendment, are ratified and approved. Further, it shall be lawful for the Legislature to authorize by law, roulette, keno, craps, wagering on sporting events, limited card games and slot machines within the city limits of Deadwood. The entire net Municipal proceeds of such roulette, keno, craps, wagering on sporting events, card games, and slot machines shall be devoted to the Historic Restoration and Preservation of Deadwood.

§26. Municipal powers denied to private organizations.

The Legislature shall not delegate to any special commission, private corporation or association, any power to make, supervise or interfere with any municipal improvement, money, property, effects, whether held in trust or otherwise, or levy taxes, or to select a capital site, or to perform any municipal functions whatever.

§27. Suits against the state.

The Legislature shall direct by law in what manner and in what courts suits may be brought against the state.

§28. Bribery and corrupt solicitation of officers -- Compelling testimony -- Immunity from prosecution.

Any person who shall give, demand, offer, directly or indirectly, any money, testimonial, privilege or personal advantage, thing of value to any executive or judicial officer or member of the Legislature, to influence him in the performance of any of his official or public duties, shall be guilty of bribery and shall be punished in such manner as shall be provided by law.

The offense of corrupt solicitation of members of the Legislature, or of public officers of the state, or any municipal division thereof, and any effort towards solicitation of said members of the Legislature, or officers to influence their official actions shall be defined by law, and shall be punishable by fine and imprisonment.

Any person may be compelled to testify in investigation or judicial proceedings against any person charged with having committed any offense of bribery or corrupt solicitation, and shall not be permitted to withhold his testimony upon the ground that it may criminate himself, but said testimony shall not afterwards be used against him in any judicial proceeding except for bribery in giving such testimony, and any person convicted of either of the offenses aforesaid shall be disqualified from holding any office or position or office of trust or profit in this state.

§29. Legislative powers in emergency from enemy attack.

Notwithstanding any general or special provisions of the Constitution, in order to insure continuity of state and local governmental operations in periods of emergency resulting from disasters caused by enemy attack, the Legislature shall have the power and the immediate duty (1) to provide for prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of public offices, of whatever nature and whether filled by election or appointment, the incumbents of which may become unavailable for carrying on the powers and duties of such offices, and (2) to adopt such other measures as may be necessary and proper for insuring the continuity of governmental operations. In the exercise of the powers hereby conferred the Legislature shall in all respects conform to the requirements of this Constitution except to the extent that in the judgment of the Legislature so to do would be impracticable or would admit of undue delay.

§30. Power of committee of Legislature to suspend administrative rules and regulations.

The Legislature may by law empower a committee comprised of members of both houses of the Legislature, acting during recesses or between sessions, to suspend rules and regulations promulgated by any administrative department or agency from going into effect until July 1 after the Legislature reconvenes.

§31. Convening of special sessions upon petition.

In addition to the provisions of Article IV, § 3, the Legislature may be convened in special session by the presiding officers of both houses upon the written request of two-thirds of the members of each house. The petition of request shall state the purposes of the session, and only business encompassed by those purposes may be transacted.

§32. Term limitations for United States Congressmen.

Commencing with the 1992 election, no person may be elected to more than two consecutive terms in the United States senate or more than six consecutive terms in the United States house of representatives.

Article IV

Executive Department

§1. Executive power.

The executive power of the state is vested in the Governor.

§2. Qualification, election and term.

The Governor and lieutenant governor must be citizens of the United States, have attained the age of twenty-one years, and be residents of the State of South Dakota for two years preceding their election. They shall be jointly elected for a term of four years at a general election held in a nonpresidential election year. The candidates having the highest number of votes cast jointly for them shall be elected. Commencing with the 1974 general election, no person shall be elected to more than two consecutive terms as Governor or as lieutenant governor. The election procedure shall be as prescribed by law.

§3. Powers and duties of the Governor.

The Governor shall be responsible for the faithful execution of the law. He may, by appropriate action or proceeding brought in the name of the state, enforce compliance with any constitutional or legislative mandate, or restrain violation of any constitutional or legislative power, duty or right by any officer, department or agency of the state or any of its civil divisions. This authority shall not authorize any action or proceedings against the Legislature.

He shall be commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the state, except when they shall be called into the service of the United States, and may call them out to execute the laws, to preserve order, to suppress insurrection or to repel invasion.

The Governor shall commission all officers of the state. He may at any time require information, in writing or otherwise, from the officers of any administrative department, office or agency upon any subject relating to the respective offices.

The Governor shall at the beginning of each session, and may at other times, give the Legislature information concerning the affairs of the state and recommend the measures he considers necessary.

The Governor may convene the Legislature or either house thereof alone in special session by a proclamation stating the purposes of the session, and only business encompassed by such purposes shall be transacted.

Whenever a vacancy occurs in any office and no provision is made by the Constitution or laws for filling such vacancy, the Governor shall have the power to fill such vacancy by appointment.

The Governor may, except as to convictions on impeachment, grant pardons, commutations, and reprieves, and may suspend and remit fines and forfeitures.

§4. Veto power.

Whenever the Legislature is in session, any bill presented to the Governor for signature shall become law when the Governor signs the bill or fails to veto the bill within five days, not including Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays, of presentation. A vetoed bill shall be returned by the Governor to the Legislature together with the Governor's objections within five days, not including Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays, of presentation if the Legislature is in session or upon the reconvening of the Legislature from a recess. Any vetoed bill shall be reconsidered by the Legislature and, if two-thirds of all members of each house shall pass the bill, it shall become law.

Whenever a bill has been presented to the Governor and the Legislature has adjourned sine die or recessed for more than five days within five days from presentation, the bill shall become law when the Governor signs the bill or fails to veto it within fifteen days after such adjournment or start of the recess.

The Governor may strike any items of any bill passed by the Legislature making appropriations. The procedure for reconsidering items struck by the Governor shall be the same as is prescribed for the passage of bills over the executive veto. All items not struck shall become law as provided herein.

Bills with errors in style or form may be returned to the Legislature by the Governor with specific recommendations for change. Bills returned shall be treated in the same manner as vetoed bills except that specific recommendations for change as to style or form may be approved by a majority vote of all the members of each house. If the Governor certifies that the bill conforms with the Governor's specific recommendations, the bill shall become law. If the Governor fails to certify the bill, it shall be returned to the Legislature as a vetoed bill.

§5. Powers and duties of lieutenant governor.

The lieutenant governor shall be president of the senate but shall have no vote unless the senators be equally divided. The lieutenant governor shall perform the duties and exercise the powers that may be delegated to him by the Governor.

§6. Succession of executive power.

When the office of Governor shall become vacant through death, resignation, failure to qualify, conviction after impeachment or permanent disability of the Governor, the lieutenant governor shall succeed to the office and powers of the Governor. When the Governor is unable to serve by reason of continuous absence from the state, or other temporary disability, the executive power shall devolve upon the lieutenant governor for the residue of the term or until the disability is removed.

Whenever there is a permanent vacancy in the office of the lieutenant governor, the Governor shall nominate a lieutenant governor who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of all the members of each house of the Legislature. Whenever there is a concurrent vacancy in the office of

Governor and lieutenant governor, the order of succession for the office of Governor shall be as provided by law.

The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction to determine when a continuous absence from the state or disability has occurred in the office of the Governor or a permanent vacancy exists in the office of lieutenant governor.

§7. Other executive officers -- Powers, duties, and term limitations.

There shall be chosen by the qualified electors of the state at the general election of the Governor and every four years thereafter the following constitutional officers: attorney general, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, and commissioner of school and public lands, who shall severally hold their offices for a term of four years. Commencing with the 1992 general election, no person may be elected to more than two consecutive terms as attorney general, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, or commissioner of school and public lands.

§8. Reorganization.

All executive and administrative offices, boards, agencies, commissions and instrumentalities of the state government and their respective functions, powers and duties, except for the office of Governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, and commissioner of school and public lands, shall be allocated by law among and within not more than twenty-five principal departments, organized as far as practicable according to major purposes, by no later than July 1, 1974. Subsequently, all new powers or functions shall be assigned to administrative offices, agencies and instrumentalities in such manner as will tend to provide an orderly arrangement in the administrative organization of state government. Temporary commissions may be established by law and need not be allocated within a principal department.

Except as to elected constitutional officers, the Governor may make such changes in the organization of offices, boards, commissions, agencies and instrumentalities, and in allocation of their functions, powers and duties, as he considers necessary for efficient administration. If such changes affect existing law, they shall be set forth in executive orders, which shall be submitted to the Legislature within five legislative days after it convenes, and shall become effective, and shall have the force of law, within ninety days after submission, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of all the members of either house.

§9. Appointment and removal power.

Each principal department shall be under the supervision of the Governor and, unless otherwise provided in this Constitution or by law, shall be headed by a single executive. Such single executive, unless provided otherwise by the Constitution, shall be nominated and, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appointed by the Governor and shall hold office for a term to expire at the end of the term for which the Governor was elected, unless sooner removed by the Governor.

Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, whenever a board, commission or other body shall head a principal department of the state government, the members thereof shall be nominated and, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appointed by the Governor. The term of office and removal of such members shall be as prescribed by law.

The Governor shall have power to nominate and make interim appointments requiring senate confirmation during recess of the Legislature except that such nominations and interim appointments shall extend only to the end of the Governor's term or until acted upon by the Legislature.

§10 to §13. Superseded.

**Article V
Judicial Department**

§1. Judicial powers.

The judicial power of the state is vested in a unified judicial system consisting of a Supreme Court, circuit courts of general jurisdiction and courts of limited original jurisdiction as established by the Legislature.

§2. Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court is the highest court of the state. It consists of a chief justice and four associate justices. Upon request by the Supreme Court the Legislature may increase the number of justices to seven. All justices shall be selected from compact districts established by the Legislature, and each district shall have one justice.

§3. Circuit courts.

The circuit courts consist of such number of circuits and judges as the Supreme Court determines by rule.

§4. Courts of limited jurisdiction.

Courts of limited jurisdiction consist of all courts created by the Legislature having limited original jurisdiction.

§5. Jurisdiction of courts.

The Supreme Court shall have such appellate jurisdiction as may be provided by the Legislature, and the Supreme Court or any justice thereof may issue any original or remedial writ which shall then be heard and determined by that court. The Governor has authority to require opinions of the Supreme Court upon important questions of law involved in the exercise of his executive power and upon solemn occasions.

The circuit courts have original jurisdiction in all cases except as to any limited original jurisdiction granted to other courts by the Legislature. The circuit courts and judges thereof have the power to issue, hear and determine all original and remedial writs. The circuit courts have such appellate jurisdiction as may be provided by law.

Imposition or execution of a sentence may be suspended by the court empowered to impose the sentence unless otherwise provided by law.

§6. Qualifications of judicial personnel.

Justices of the Supreme Court, judges of the circuit courts and persons presiding over courts of limited jurisdiction must be citizens of the United States, residents of the state of South Dakota and voting residents within the district, circuit or jurisdiction from which they are elected or appointed. No Supreme Court justice shall be deemed to have lost his voting residence in a district by reason of his removal to the seat of government in the discharge of his official duties. Justices of the Supreme Court and judges of circuit courts must be licensed to practice law in the state of South Dakota.

§7. Judicial selection.

Circuit court judges shall be elected in a nonpolitical election by the electorate of the circuit each represents for an eight-year term.

A vacancy, as defined by law, in the office of a Supreme Court justice or circuit court judge, shall be filled by appointment of the Governor from one of two or more persons nominated by the judicial qualifications commission. The appointment to fill a vacancy of a circuit court judge shall be for the balance of the unexpired term; and the appointment to fill a vacancy of a Supreme Court justice shall be subject to approval or rejection as hereinafter set forth.

Retention of each Supreme Court justice shall, in the manner provided by law, be subject to approval or rejection on a nonpolitical ballot at the first general election following the expiration of three years from the date of his appointment. Thereafter, each Supreme Court justice shall be subject to approval or rejection in like manner every eighth year. All incumbent Supreme Court justices at the time of the effective date of this amendment shall be subject to a retention election in the general election in the year in which their respective existing terms expire.

§8. Selection of the Chief Justice.

The chief justice shall be selected from among the justices of the Supreme Court for a term and in a manner to be provided by law. The chief justice may resign his office without resigning from the Supreme Court.

§9. Qualifications commission.

The Legislature shall provide by law for the establishment of a judicial qualifications commission which have such powers as the Legislature may provide, including the power to investigate complaints against any justice or judge and to conduct confidential hearings concerning the removal or involuntary retirement of a justice or judge. The Supreme Court shall prescribe by rule the means to implement and enforce the powers of the commission. On recommendation of the judicial qualifications commission the Supreme Court, after hearing, may censure, remove or retire a justice or judge for action which constitutes willful misconduct in office, willful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, disability that seriously interferes with the performance of the duties or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brings a judicial office into disrepute. No justice or judge shall sit in judgment in any hearing involving his own removal or retirement.

§10. Restrictions.

During his term of office, no Supreme Court justice or circuit court judge shall engage in the practice of law. Any Supreme Court justice or circuit court judge who becomes a candidate for an elective nonjudicial office shall thereby forfeit his judicial office.

§11. Administration.

The chief justice is the administrative head of the unified judicial system. The chief justice shall submit an annual consolidated budget for the entire unified judicial system, and the total cost of the system shall be paid by the state. The Legislature may provide by law for the reimbursement to the state of appropriate portions of such cost by governmental subdivisions. The Supreme Court shall appoint such court personnel as it deems necessary to serve at its pleasure.

The chief justice shall appoint a presiding circuit judge for each judicial circuit to serve at the pleasure of the chief justice. Each presiding circuit judge shall have such administrative power as the Supreme Court designates by rule and may, unless it be otherwise provided by law, appoint judicial personnel to courts of limited jurisdiction to serve at his pleasure. Each presiding circuit judge shall appoint clerks and other court personnel for the counties in his circuit who shall serve at his pleasure at a compensation fixed by law. Duties of clerks shall be defined by Supreme Court rule.

The chief justice shall have power to assign any circuit judge to sit on another circuit court, or on the Supreme Court in case of a vacancy or in place of a justice who is disqualified or unable to act. The chief justice may authorize a justice to sit as a judge in any circuit court.

The chief justice may authorize retired justices and judges to perform any judicial duties to the extent provided by law and as directed by the Supreme Court.

§12. Rule-making power.

The Supreme Court shall have general superintending powers over all courts and may make rules of practice and procedure and rules governing the administration of all courts. The Supreme Court by rule shall govern terms of courts, admission to the bar, and discipline of members of the bar. These rules may be changed by the Legislature.

§13. Transition.

The Legislature by law and the Supreme Court by rule shall provide for the orderly transition of the judicial system in conformity with this article.

§14 to §39. Superseded.

**Article VI
Bill of Rights**

§1. Inherent rights.

All men are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring and protecting property and the pursuit of happiness. To secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

§2. Due process -- Right to work.

No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law. The right of persons to work shall not be denied or abridged on account of membership or non-membership in any labor union, or labor organization.

§3. Freedom of religion -- Support of religion prohibited.

The right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience shall never be infringed. No person shall be denied any civil or political right, privilege or position on account of his religious opinions; but the liberty of conscience hereby secured shall not be so construed as to excuse licentiousness, the invasion of the rights of others, or justify practices inconsistent with the peace or safety of the state.

No person shall be compelled to attend or support any ministry or place of worship against his consent nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious establishment or mode of worship. No money or property of the state shall be given or appropriated for the benefit of any sectarian or religious society or institution.

§4. Right of petition and peaceable assembly.

The right of petition, and of the people peaceably to assemble to consult for the common good and make known their opinions, shall never be abridged.

§5. Freedom of speech -- Truth as defense -- Jury trial.

Every person may freely speak, write and publish on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of that right. In all trials for libel, both civil and criminal, the truth, when published with good motives and for justifiable ends, shall be a sufficient defense. The jury shall have the right to determine the fact and the law under the direction of the court.

§6. Jury trial -- Reduced jury -- Three fourths vote.

The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate and shall extend to all cases at law without regard to the amount in controversy, but the Legislature may provide for a jury of less than twelve in any court not a court of record and for the decision of civil cases by three-fourths of the jury in any court.

§7. Rights of accused.

In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall have the right to defend in person and by counsel; to demand the nature and cause of the accusation against him; to have a copy thereof; to meet the witnesses against him face to face; to have compulsory process served for obtaining witnesses in his behalf, and to a speedy public trial by an impartial jury of the county or district in which the offense is alleged to have been committed.

§8. Right to bail -- Habeas corpus.

All persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for capital offenses when proof is evident or presumption great. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended unless, when in case of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it.

§9. Self-incrimination -- Double jeopardy.

No person shall be compelled in any criminal case to give evidence against himself or be twice put in jeopardy for the same offense.

§10. Indictment or information Modification or abolishment of grand jury.

No person shall be held for a criminal offense unless on the presentment or indictment of a grand jury, or information of the public prosecutor, except in cases of impeachment, in cases cognizable by county courts, by justices of the peace, and in cases arising in the army and navy, or in the militia when in actual service in time of war or public danger: provided, that the grand jury may be modified or abolished by law.

§11. Search and seizure.

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures shall not be violated, and no warrant shall issue but upon probable cause supported by affidavit, particularly describing the place to be searched and the person or thing to be seized.

§12. Ex post facto laws -- Impairment of contract obligations -- Privilege or immunity.

No ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts or making any irrevocable grant of privilege, franchise or immunity, shall be passed.

§13. Private property not taken without just compensation -- Benefit to owner -- Fee in highways.

Private property shall not be taken for public use, or damaged, without just compensation, which will be determined according to legal procedure established by the Legislature and according to § 6 of this article. No benefit which may accrue to the owner as the result of an improvement made by any private corporation shall be considered in fixing the compensation for property taken or damaged. The fee of land taken for railroad tracks or other highways shall remain in such owners, subject to the use for which it is taken.

§14. Resident aliens' property rights.

No distinction shall ever be made by law between resident aliens and citizens, in reference to the possession, enjoyment or descent of property.

§15. Imprisonment for debt.

No person shall be imprisoned for debt arising out of or founded upon a contract.

§16. Military subordinate to civil power -- Quartering of soldiers.

The military shall be in strict subordination to the civil power. No soldier in time of peace shall be quartered in any house without consent of the owner, nor in time of war except in the manner prescribed by law.

§17. Taxation without consent -- Uniformity.

No tax or duty shall be imposed without the consent of the people or their representatives in the Legislature, and all taxation shall be equal and uniform.

§18. Equal privileges or immunities.

No law shall be passed granting to any citizen, class of citizens or corporation, privileges or immunities which upon the same terms shall not equally belong to all citizens or corporations.

§19. Free and equal elections -- Right of suffrage -- Soldier voting.

Elections shall be free and equal, and no power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere to prevent the free exercise of the right of suffrage. Soldiers in time of war may vote at their post of duty in or out of the state, under regulations to be prescribed by the Legislature.

§20. Courts open -- Remedy for injury.

All courts shall be open, and every man for an injury done him in his property, person or reputation, shall have remedy by due course of law, and right and justice, administered without denial or delay.

§21. Suspension of laws prohibited.

No power of suspending laws shall be exercised, unless by the Legislature or its authority.

§22. Attainder by Legislature prohibited.

No person shall be attainted of treason or felony by the Legislature.

§23. Excessive bail or fines -- Cruel punishments.

Excessive bail shall not be required, excessive fines imposed, nor cruel punishments inflicted.

§24. Right to bear arms.

The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the state shall not be denied.

§25. Treason.

Treason against the state shall consist only in levying war against it, or in adhering to its enemies, or in giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act or confession in open court.

§26. Power inherent in people -- Alteration in form of government -- Inseparable part of Union.

All political power is inherent in the people, and all free government is founded on their authority, and is instituted for their equal protection and benefit, and they have the right in lawful and

constituted methods to alter or reform their forms of government in such manner as they may think proper. And the state of South Dakota is an inseparable part of the American Union and the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land.

§27. Maintenance of free government -- Fundamental principles.

The blessings of a free government can only be maintained by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality and virtue and by frequent recurrence to fundamental principles.

§28. Right to vote by secret ballot.

The rights of individuals to vote by secret ballot is fundamental. If any state or federal law requires or permits an election for public office, for any initiative or referendum, or for any designation or authorization of employee representation, the right of any individual to vote by secret ballot shall be guaranteed.

§29. Rights of crime victim.

A victim shall have the following rights:

1. The right to due process and to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity;
2. The right to be free from intimidation, harassment and abuse;
3. The right to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on behalf of the accused;
4. The right to have the safety and welfare of the victim and the victim's family considered when setting bail or making release decisions;
5. The right, upon request, to prevent the disclosure to the public, or the defendant or anyone acting on behalf of the defendant in the criminal case, of information or records that could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family, or which could disclose confidential or privileged information about the victim, and to be notified of any request for such information or records. This does not limit law enforcement from sharing information with the public for the purposes of enlisting the public's help in solving a crime;
6. The right, upon request, to privacy, which includes the right to refuse an interview, deposition or other discovery request, and to set reasonable conditions on the conduct of any such interaction to which the victim consents;
7. The right, upon request, to reasonable, accurate and timely notice of, and to be present at, all proceedings involving the criminal or delinquent conduct, including release, plea, sentencing, adjudication and disposition, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated;
8. The right, upon request, to be promptly notified of any release or escape of the accused;
9. The right to be heard in any proceeding involving release, plea, sentencing, adjudication, disposition or parole, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated;
10. The right, upon request, to confer with the attorney for the government;
11. The right to provide information regarding the impact of the offender's conduct on the victim and the victim's family to the individual responsible for conducting any presentence or disposition investigation or compiling any pre-sentence investigation report or plan of disposition, and to have any such information considered in any sentencing or disposition recommendations;
12. The right, upon request, to receive a copy of any pre-sentence report or plan of disposition, and any other report or record relevant to the exercise of a victim's right, except for those portions made confidential by law;
13. The right, upon request, to the prompt return of the victim's property when no longer needed as evidence in the case;

14. The right to full and timely restitution in every case and from each offender for all losses suffered by the victim as a result of the criminal conduct and as provided by law for all losses suffered as a result of delinquent conduct;
15. The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay, and to a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post-judgment proceedings;
16. The right, upon request, to be informed of the conviction, adjudication, sentence, disposition, place and time of incarceration, detention or other disposition of the offender, any scheduled release date of the offender, and the release of or the escape by the offender from custody;
17. The right, upon request, to be informed in a timely manner of all post-judgment processes and procedures, to participate in such processes and procedures, to provide information to the release authority to be considered before any release decision is made, and to be notified of any release decision regarding the offender. Any parole authority shall extend the right to be heard to any person harmed by the offender;
18. The right, upon request, to be informed in a timely manner of clemency and expungement procedures, to provide information to the Governor, the court, any clemency board and other authority in these procedures, and to have that information considered before a clemency or expungement decision is made, and to be notified of such decision in advance of any release of the offender; and
19. The right to be informed of these rights, and to be informed that a victim can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to the victim's rights. This information shall be made available to the general public and provided to each crime victim in what is referred to as a Marsy's Card.

The victim, the retained attorney of the victim, a lawful representative of the victim, or the attorney for the government, upon request of the victim, may assert and seek enforcement of the rights enumerated in this section and any other right afforded to a victim by law in any trial or appellate court, or before any other authority with jurisdiction over the case, as a matter of right. The court or other authority with jurisdiction shall act promptly on such a request, affording a remedy by due course of law for the violation of any right and ensuring that victims' rights and interests are protected in a manner no less vigorous than the protections afforded to criminal defendants and children accused of delinquency. The reasons for any decision regarding the disposition of a victim's right shall be clearly stated on the record.

The granting of these rights to any victim shall ensure the victim has a meaningful role throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems and may not be construed to deny or disparage other rights possessed by victims. The Legislature, or the people by initiative or referendum, have the authority to enact substantive and procedural laws to further define, implement, preserve, and protect the rights guaranteed to victims by this section.

As used in this section, the term, victim, means a person against whom a crime or delinquent act is committed. In the case of a victim who is killed or incapacitated as a result of the crime or delinquent act, or who is a minor, the term also includes any spouse, parent, child, sibling, or as designated by the court, grandparent, grandchild, or guardian. The term does not include the accused or a person whom the court finds would not act in the best interests of a deceased, incompetent, minor or incapacitated victim.

Nothing in this section or any law enacted under this section creates a cause of action for damages against the state or any political subdivision of the state, or any officer, employee, or agent of the state or of any political subdivision of the state.

Article VII

Elections and Right of Suffrage

§1. Right to vote.

Elections shall be free and equal, and no power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere to prevent the free exercise of the right of suffrage.

§2. Voter qualification.

Every United States citizen eighteen years of age or older who has met all residency and registration requirements shall be entitled to vote in all elections and upon all questions submitted to the voters of the state unless disqualified by law for mental incompetence or the conviction of a felony. The Legislature may by law establish reasonable requirements to insure the integrity of the vote.

Each elector who qualified to vote within a precinct shall be entitled to vote in that precinct until he establishes another voting residence. An elector shall never lose his residency for voting solely by reason of his absence from the state.

§3. Elections.

The Legislature shall by law define residence for voting purposes, insure secrecy in voting and provide for the registration of voters, absentee voting, the administration of elections, the nomination of candidates and the voting rights of those serving in the armed forces.

§4 to §10. Superseded.

Article VIII Education and School Lands

§1. Uniform system of free public schools.

The stability of a republican form of government depending on the morality and intelligence of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature to establish and maintain a general and uniform system of public schools wherein tuition shall be without charge, and equally open to all; and to adopt all suitable means to secure to the people the advantages and opportunities of education.

§2. Perpetual trust fund for maintenance of public schools -- Principal inviolate.

All proceeds of the sale of public lands that have heretofore been or may hereafter be given by the United States for the use of public schools in the state; all such per centum as may be granted by the United States on the sales of public lands; the proceeds of all property that shall fall to the state by escheat; the proceeds of all gifts or donations to the state for public schools or not otherwise appropriated by the terms of the gift; and all property otherwise acquired for public schools, shall be and remain a perpetual fund for the maintenance of public schools in the state. It shall be deemed a trust fund held by the state. The principal shall never be diverted by legislative enactment for any other purpose, and may be increased; but, if any loss occurs through any unconstitutional act, the state shall make the loss good through a special appropriation.

§3. Fund income apportioned among schools -- Apportionment of fines.

The interest and income of this fund together with all other sums which may be added thereto by law, shall be faithfully used and applied each year for the benefit of the public schools of the state, and shall be for this purpose apportioned among and between all the several public school corporations of the state in proportion to the number of children in each, of school age, as may be fixed by law; and no part of the fund, either principal or interest, shall ever be diverted, by legislative enactment, even temporarily, from this purpose or used for any other purpose whatever than the maintenance of public schools for the equal benefit of all the people of the state. However, before the interest and income is apportioned to the public schools, the principal shall be increased each year by an amount equal to the rate of inflation from the interest and income earned from this fund. The principal may be prudently invested as provided by law.

The proceeds of all fines collected from violations of state laws shall be paid to the county treasurer of the county in which the fine was imposed, and distributed by the county treasurer among and between all of the several public schools incorporated in such county in proportion to the number of children in each, of school age, as may be fixed by law.

§4. Sale of school lands -- Appraisal.

After one year from the assembling of the first Legislature, the lands granted to the state by the United States for the use of public schools may be sold upon the following conditions and no other: not more than one-third of all such lands shall be sold within the first five years, and no more than

two-thirds within the first fifteen years after the title thereto is vested in the state, and the Legislature shall, subject to the provisions of this article, provide for the sale of the same.

The commissioner of school and public lands, the state auditor and the county superintendent of schools of the counties severally, shall constitute boards of appraisal and shall appraise all school lands within the several counties which they may from time to time select and designate for sale, at their actual value under the terms of sale.

They shall take care to first select and designate for sale the most valuable lands; and they shall ascertain all such lands as may be of special and peculiar value, other than agricultural, and cause the proper subdivision of the same in order that the largest price may be obtained therefor.

§5. Terms of sale of school lands.

No land shall be sold for less than the appraised value, and in no case for less than ten dollars per acre. The purchaser shall pay at least one-tenth of the purchase price in cash. The Legislature shall provide by general law for payment of the balance which shall be made in partial payments and must be fully paid up within thirty years. Interest shall be established by the Legislature. All lands may be sold for cash, provided further, that the purchaser or purchasers shall have the right or option of paying the balance in whole or in part on any interest paying date, under such rules as the Legislature may provide. No land shall be sold until appraised and advertised and offered for sale at public auction. No land can be sold except at public sale.

Such lands as shall not have been specially subdivided shall be offered in tracts of not more than eighty acres and these subdivided into the smallest division of the lands designated for sale and not sold within two years after their appraisal shall be reappraised by the board of appraisers as hereinafter provided before they are sold.

§6. Conduct of sales of school lands -- Conveyance of right or title.

All sales shall be conducted through the office of the commissioner of school and public lands as may be prescribed by law, and returns of all appraisals and sales shall be made to said office. No sale shall operate to convey any right or title to any lands for sixty days after the date thereof, nor until the same shall have received the approval of the Governor in such form as may be provided by law. No grant or patent for any such lands shall issue until final payment be made.

§7. Perpetual trust fund from proceeds of grants and gifts.

All lands, money, or other property donated, granted, or received from the United States or any other source for a university, agricultural college, normal schools, or other educational or charitable institution or purpose, and the proceeds of all such lands and other property so received from any source, shall be and remain perpetual funds, the interest and income of which, together with the rents of all such lands as may remain unsold, shall be inviolably appropriated and applied to the specific objects of the original grants or gifts. The principal of every such fund may be increased, but shall never be diverted by legislative enactment for any other purpose, and the interest and income only shall be used. Every such fund shall be deemed a trust fund held by the state, and the state shall make good all losses that may occur through any unconstitutional act or where required under the Enabling Act.

§8. Appraisal and sale of donated lands -- Separate accounts.

All lands mentioned in the preceding section shall be appraised and sold in the same manner and by the same officers and boards under the same limitations, and subject to all the conditions as to price, sale and approval, provided above for the appraisal and sale of lands for the benefit of public schools, but a distinct and separate account shall be kept by the proper officers of each of such funds.

§9. Lease of school lands.

The lands mentioned in this article shall be leased for pasturage, meadow, farming, the growing of crops of grain and general agricultural purposes, and at public auction after notice as hereinbefore provided in case of sale and shall be offered in tracts not greater than one section. All rents shall be payable annually in advance, and no term of lease shall exceed five years, nor shall any lease be valid until it receives the approval of the Governor.

Provided, that any lessee of school and public lands shall, at the expiration of a five-year lease, be entitled, at his option, to a new lease for the land included in his original lease, for a period of time not exceeding five years, without public advertising, at the current rental prevailing in the county in which such land is situated, at the time of the issuance of the new lease. The commissioner of school and public lands shall notify by registered mail each lessee or assignee on or before the first day of November first preceding the expiration of his lease that such lease will expire.

Such option shall be exercised by the lessee by notifying the commissioner of school and public lands by registered mail, on or before the first day of December first preceding the expiration of his lease describing the lands for which he desires a new lease, in the same manner as the same is described in his original lease.

The Legislature may provide by appropriate legislation for the payment of local property taxes by the lessees of school and public lands.

§10. Trespassers' claims to public lands not recognized -- Improvements not compensated.

No claim to any public lands by any trespasser thereon by reason of occupancy, cultivation or improvement thereof, shall ever be recognized; nor shall compensation ever be made on account of any improvements made by such trespasser.

§11. Investment of permanent educational funds.

Except as otherwise required by the Enabling Act, the moneys of the permanent school and other educational and charitable funds shall be invested by the state investment council in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other financial instruments as provided by law.

§12. Disapproval by Governor of sale, lease or investment.

The Governor may disapprove any sale, lease or investment other than such as are intrusted to the counties.

§13. Audit of losses to permanent educational funds -- Permanent debt -- Interest.

The permanent school or other educational and charitable funds of this state shall be audited by the proper authorities of the state. If any loss occurs through any unconstitutional act, the state shall make the loss good through a special appropriation. The amount of indebtedness so created shall not be counted as a part of the indebtedness mentioned in article XIII, 2.

§14. Protection and defense of school lands.

The Legislature shall provide by law for the protection of the school lands from trespass or unlawful appropriation, and for their defense against all unauthorized claims or efforts to divert them from the school fund.

§15. Taxation to support school system -- Classification of property.

The Legislature shall make such provision by general taxation and by authorizing the school corporations to levy such additional taxes as with the income from the permanent school fund shall secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools throughout the state. The Legislature is empowered to classify properties within school districts into separate classes for purposes of school taxation. Taxes shall be uniform on all property in the same class.

§16. Public support of sectarian instruction prohibited.

No appropriation of lands, money or other property or credits to aid any sectarian school shall ever be made by the state, or any county or municipality within the state, nor shall the state or any county or municipality within the state accept any grant, conveyance, gift or bequest of lands, money or other property to be used for sectarian purposes, and no sectarian instruction shall be allowed in any school or institution aided or supported by the state.

§17. Interest in sale of school equipment prohibited.

No teacher, state, county, township or district school officer shall be interested in the sale, proceeds or profits of any book, apparatus or furniture used or to be used in any school in this state, under such penalties as shall be provided by law.

§18. Apportionment of mineral leasing moneys -- Amounts covered into permanent funds.

Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 2, 3 and 7 of article VIII of this Constitution, moneys received from the leasing of all common school, indemnity, and endowment lands for oil and gas and other mineral leasing of said lands shall be apportioned among the public schools and the various state institutions in such manner that the public schools and each of such institutions shall receive an amount which bears the same ratio to the total amount apportioned as the number of acres (including any that may have been disposed of) granted for such public schools or for such institutions bears to the total number of acres (including any that may have been disposed of) granted in trust to the state by the Enabling Act approved February 22, 1889, as amended, and allocations authorized pursuant to the provisions of § 17 of such Enabling Act; and further that not less than fifty percent of each such amount so allocated shall be covered into the permanent fund of the public schools and each of such institutions.

§19. Mineral rights reserved to state -- Leases permitted.

All gas, coal, oil and mineral rights, and any other rights, as specified by law, to or in public lands, are reserved for the state. Leases may be executed by the state for the exploration, extraction and sale of such materials in the manner and with such conditions as are provided by law.

§20. Loan of nonsectarian textbooks to all school children.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3, Article VI and section 16, Article VIII, the Legislature may authorize the loaning of nonsectarian textbooks to all children of school age.

Article IX Local Government

§1. Organization of local government.

The Legislature shall have plenary powers to organize and classify units of local government, except that any proposed change in county boundaries shall be submitted to the voters of each affected county at an election and be approved by a majority of those voting thereon in each county. No township heretofore organized may be abolished unless the question is submitted to the voters of the township and approved by a majority of those voting thereon in each township.

§2. Home rule.

Any county or city or combinations thereof may provide for the adoption or amendment of a charter. Such charter shall be adopted or amended if approved at an election by a majority of the votes cast thereon. Not less than ten percent of those voting in the last preceding gubernatorial election in the affected jurisdiction may by petition initiate the question of whether to adopt or amend a charter.

A chartered governmental unit may exercise any legislative power or perform any function not denied by its charter, the Constitution or the general laws of the state. The charter may provide for any form of executive, legislative and administrative structure which shall be of superior authority to statute, provided that the legislative body so established be chosen by popular election and that the administrative proceedings be subject to judicial review.

Powers and functions of home rule units shall be construed liberally.

§3. Intergovernmental cooperation.

Every local government may exercise, perform or transfer any of its powers or functions, including financing the same, jointly or in cooperation with any other governmental entities, either within or without the state, except as the Legislature shall provide otherwise by law.

§4. Local initiatives to provide for cooperation and organization of local government units.

On or after January 1, 2001, the voters of any unit of local government shall have the right to initiate proposals for cooperation within or between local governmental units, either within or without the state, except as the Legislature shall provide otherwise by law. Such proposals may include combining, eliminating, and joint financing of offices, functions, and governmental units. Such proposals shall be adopted if approved at an election by a majority of the votes cast thereon in each affected unit. A number not less than fifteen percent of those voting in the last preceding

gubernatorial election in each affected jurisdiction may by petition initiate the question of whether to adopt the proposal at the next general election.

§5 to §7. Superseded.

Article X
Municipal Corporations [Repealed]

[Repealed by SL 1972, ch 3, approved Nov. 7, 1972.]

Article XI
Revenue and Finance

§1. Annual Tax.

The Legislature shall provide for an annual tax, sufficient to defray the estimated ordinary expenses of the state for each year, not to exceed in any one year two mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the state, to be ascertained by the last assessment made for state and county purposes.

And whenever it shall appear that such ordinary expenses shall exceed the income of the state for such year, the Legislature shall provide for levying a tax for the ensuing year, sufficient, with other sources of income, to pay the deficiency of the preceding year, together with the estimated expenses of such ensuing year. And for the purpose of paying the public debt, the Legislature shall provide for levying a tax annually, sufficient to pay the annual interest and the principal of such debt within ten years from the final passage of the law creating the debt; provided, that the annual tax for the payment of the interest and principal of the public debt shall not exceed in any one year two mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the state, as ascertained by the last assessment made for the state and county purposes.

Provided, that for the purpose of establishing, installing, maintaining and operating a hard fiber twine and cordage plant at the state penitentiary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Legislature shall provide for a tax for the year 1907 of not to exceed one and one-half mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the state, as ascertained by the last assessment made for state and county purposes.

§2. Classification of property for taxation -- Income.

To the end that the burden of taxation may be equitable upon all property, and in order that no property which is made subject to taxation shall escape, the Legislature is empowered to divide all property including moneys and credits as well as physical property into classes and to determine what class or classes of property shall be subject to taxation and what property, if any, shall not be subject to taxation. Taxes shall be uniform on all property of the same class, and shall be levied and collected for public purposes only. Taxes may be imposed upon any and all property including privileges, franchises and licenses to do business in the state. Gross earnings and net incomes may be considered in taxing any and all property, and the valuation of property for taxation purposes shall never exceed the actual value thereof. The Legislature is empowered to impose taxes upon incomes and occupations, and taxes upon incomes may be graduated and progressive and reasonable exemptions may be provided.

§3. Corporate tax power of state not suspended.

The power to tax corporations and corporate property shall not be surrendered or suspended by any contract or grant to which the state shall be a party.

§4. Banks and bankers taxed.

The Legislature shall provide for taxing all moneys, credits, investments in bonds, stocks, joint stock companies, or otherwise; and also for taxing the notes and bills discounted or purchased, moneys loaned and all other property, effects or dues of every description, of all banks and of all bankers, so that all property employed in banking shall always be subject to a taxation equal to that imposed on the property of individuals.

§5. Public property exempt from taxation -- Exceptions.

The property of the United States and of the state, county and municipal corporations, both real and personal, shall be exempt from taxation, provided, however, that all state owned lands acquired under the provisions of the rural credit act may be taxed by the local taxing districts for county, township and school purposes, and all state owned lands, known as public shooting areas, acquired under the provisions of § 25.0106 SDC 1939 and acts amendatory thereto, may be taxed by the local taxing districts for county, township and school purposes in such manner as the Legislature may provide.

§6. Property exempt from taxation -- Personal property.

The Legislature shall, by general law, exempt from taxation, property used exclusively for agricultural and horticultural societies, for school, religious, cemetery and charitable purposes, property acquired and used exclusively for public highway purposes, and personal property to any amount not exceeding in value two hundred dollars for each individual liable to taxation.

§7. Other exemption laws void.

All laws exempting property from taxation other than that enumerated in §§ 5 and 6 of this article, shall be void.

§8. Object of tax to be stated -- Use of vehicle and fuel taxes.

No tax shall be levied except in pursuance of a law, which shall distinctly state the object of the same, to which the tax only shall be applied, and the proceeds from the imposition of any license, registration fee, or other charge with respect to the operation of any motor vehicle upon any public highways in this state and the proceeds from the imposition of any excise tax on gasoline or other liquid motor fuel except costs of administration and except the tax imposed upon gasoline or other liquid motor fuel not used to propel a motor vehicle over or upon public highways of this state shall be used exclusively for the maintenance, construction and supervision of highways and bridges of this state.

§9. Taxes paid into treasury -- Appropriations required for expenditure.

All taxes levied and collected for state purposes shall be paid into the state treasury. No indebtedness shall be incurred or money expended by the state, and no warrant shall be drawn upon the state treasurer except in pursuance of an appropriation for the specific purpose first made. The Legislature shall provide by suitable enactment for carrying this section into effect.

§10. Special assessments for local improvements -- Taxes for municipal purposes.

The Legislature may vest the corporate authority of cities, towns and villages, with power to make local improvements by special taxation of contiguous property or otherwise. For all corporate purposes, all municipal corporations may be vested with authority to assess and collect taxes; but such tax shall be uniform in respect to persons and property within the jurisdiction of the body levying the same.

§11. Unauthorized use of public money as felony.

The making of profit, directly or indirectly, out of state, county, city, town or school district money, or using the same for any purpose not authorized by law, shall be deemed a felony and shall be punished as provided by law.

§12. Annual statement of receipts and expenditures.

An accurate statement of the receipts and expenditures of the public moneys shall be published annually, in such manner as the Legislature may provide.

§13. Vote required to increase tax rates or valuations.

The rate of taxation imposed by the state of South Dakota on personal or corporate income or on sales or services, or the allowable levies or the percentage basis for determining valuation as fixed by law for purposes of taxation on real or personal property, shall not be increased unless by consent of the people by exercise of their right of initiative or by two-thirds vote of all the members elect of each branch of the Legislature.

§14. Vote required to impose or increase taxes.

The rate of taxation imposed by the State of South Dakota in regard to any tax may not be increased and no new tax may be imposed by the State of South Dakota unless by consent of the people by exercise of their right of initiative or by two-thirds vote of all the members elect of each branch of the Legislature.

§15. Inheritance tax prohibited.

No tax may be levied on any inheritance, and the Legislature may not enact any law imposing such a tax. The effective date of this section is July 1, 2001.

Article XII**Public Accounts and Expenditures****§1. Appropriation and warrant required for payment from treasury.**

No money shall be paid out of the treasury except upon appropriation by law and on warrant drawn by the proper officer.

§2. Contents of general appropriation bill -- Separate appropriation bills.

The general appropriation bill shall embrace nothing but appropriations for ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the state, the current expenses of state institutions, interest on the public debt, and for common schools. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one object, and shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members of each branch of the Legislature.

§3. Extra compensation prohibited -- Unauthorized contracts -- Change in compensation of officers -- Appropriations for defense of state.

The Legislature shall never grant any extra compensation to any public officer, employee, agent or contractor after the services shall have been rendered or the contract entered into, nor authorize the payment of any claims or part thereof created against the state, under any agreement or contract made without express authority of law, and all such unauthorized agreements or contracts shall be null and void; nor shall the compensation of any public officer be increased or diminished during his term of office; provided, however, that the Legislature may make appropriations for expenditures incurred in suppressing insurrection or repelling invasion.

§4. Annual statement required.

An itemized statement of all receipts and expenditures of the public moneys shall be published annually in such manner as the Legislature shall provide, and such statement shall be submitted to the Legislature at the beginning of each regular session by the Governor with his message.

§5. Health care trust fund established – Investment -- Appropriations.

There is hereby created in the state treasury a trust fund named the health care trust fund. The state treasurer shall deposit into the health care trust fund any funds on deposit in the intergovernmental transfer fund as of July 1, 2001, and thereafter any funds appropriated to the health care trust fund as provided by law. The South Dakota Investment Council or its successor shall invest the health care trust fund in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other financial instruments as provided by law. Beginning in fiscal year 2003, and each year thereafter, the state treasurer shall make a distribution from the health care trust fund into the state general fund to be appropriated by law for health care related programs. The calculation of the distribution shall be defined by law and may promote growth of the fund and a steadily growing distribution amount. The health care trust fund may not be diverted for other purposes nor may the principal be invaded unless appropriated by a three-fourths vote of all the members-elect of each house of the Legislature.

§6. Education enhancement trust fund established – Investment -- Appropriations.

There is hereby created in the state treasury a trust fund named the education enhancement trust fund. The state treasurer shall deposit into the education enhancement trust fund any funds received as of July 1, 2001, and funds received thereafter by the state pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement entered into on November 23, 1998, by the State of South Dakota and major United States tobacco product manufacturers or the net proceeds of any sale or securitization of rights to receive

payments pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement, any funds in the youth-at-risk trust fund as of July 1, 2001, and thereafter any funds appropriated to the education enhancement trust fund as provided by law. The South Dakota Investment Council or its successor shall invest the education enhancement trust fund in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other financial instruments as provided by law. Beginning in fiscal year 2003, and each year thereafter, the state treasurer shall make a distribution from the education enhancement trust fund into the state general fund to be appropriated by law for education enhancement programs. The calculation of the distribution shall be defined by law and may promote growth of the fund and a steadily growing distribution amount. The education enhancement trust fund may not be diverted for other purposes nor may the principal be invaded unless appropriated by a three-fourths vote of all the members-elect of each house of the Legislature.

§7. Balanced budget.

The Governor shall propose a budget in which expenditures or appropriations may not exceed anticipated revenue and existing funds available for expenditure or appropriation. Appropriations by the Legislature may not exceed anticipated revenue and existing funds available for expenditure or appropriation. Nothing in this section is intended to limit, restrict, expand, modify, or otherwise affect any other provision of this Constitution, including Article XIII.

Article XIII
Public Indebtedness

§1. State enterprises -- Legislative vote required -- Defense of state -- Rural credits -- Maximum indebtedness.

For the purpose of developing the resources and improving the economic facilities of South Dakota, the state may engage in works of internal improvement, may own and conduct proper business enterprises, may loan or give its credit to, or in aid of, any association, or corporation, organized for such purposes. But any such association or corporation shall be subject to regulation and control by the state as may be provided by law. No money of the state shall be appropriated, or indebtedness incurred for any of the purposes of this section, except by the vote of two-thirds of the members of each branch of the Legislature. The state may also assume or pay any debt or liability incurred in time of war for the defense of the state. The state may establish and maintain a system of rural credits and thereby loan and extend credit to the people of the state upon real estate security in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by general law. The limit of indebtedness contained in § 2 of this article shall not apply to the provisions of this section, but the indebtedness of the state for the purposes contained in this section shall never exceed one-half of one percent of the assessed valuation of the property of the state, provided however, that nothing contained in this section shall affect the refinancing or refunding of the present outstanding indebtedness of this state.

§2. Maximum state debt -- Irrepealable tax to repay.

For the purpose of defraying extraordinary expenses and making public improvements, or to meet casual deficits or failure in revenue, the state may contract debts never to exceed with previous debts in the aggregate one hundred thousand dollars, and no greater indebtedness shall be incurred except for the purpose of repelling invasion, suppressing insurrection, or defending the state or the United States in war and provision shall be made by law for the payment of the interest annually, and the principal when due, by tax levied for the purpose or from other sources of revenue; which law providing for the payment of such interest and principal by such tax or otherwise shall be irrepealable until such debt is paid: provided, however, the state of South Dakota shall have the power to refund the territorial debt assumed by the state of South Dakota, by bonds of the state of South Dakota.

§3. State debt as in addition to territorial debt.

That the indebtedness of the state of South Dakota limited by § 2 of this article shall be in addition to the debt of the territory of Dakota assumed by and agreed to be paid by South Dakota.

§4. Debt limitations for municipalities and political subdivisions.

The debt of any county, city, town or civil township shall never exceed five per centum upon the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein, for the year preceding that in which said

indebtedness is incurred. The debt of any school district shall never exceed ten per centum upon the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein, for the year preceding that in which said indebtedness is incurred. In estimating the amount of the indebtedness which a municipality or subdivision may incur, the amount of indebtedness contracted prior to the adoption of the Constitution shall be included.

Provided, that any county, municipal corporation, civil township, district, or other subdivision may incur an additional indebtedness, not exceeding ten per centum upon the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein, for the year preceding that in which said indebtedness is incurred, for the purpose of providing water and sewerage, for irrigation, domestic uses, sewerage and other purposes; and

Provided, further, that in a city where the population is eight thousand or more, such city may incur an indebtedness not exceeding eight per centum upon the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein for the year next preceding that in which said indebtedness is incurred for the purpose of constructing street railways, electric lights or other lighting plants.

Provided, further, that no county, municipal corporation, civil township, district or subdivision shall be included within such district or subdivision without a majority vote in favor thereof of the electors of the county, municipal corporation, civil township, district or other subdivision, as the case may be, which is proposed to be included therein, and no such debt shall ever be incurred for any of the purposes in this section provided, unless authorized by a vote in favor thereof by a majority of the electors of such county, municipal corporation, civil township, district or subdivision incurring the same.

§5. Irrepealable tax to repay debt of municipality or political subdivision.

Any city, county, town, school district or any other subdivision incurring indebtedness shall, at or before the time of so doing, provide for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest and also the principal thereof when due, and all laws or ordinances providing for the payment of the interest or principal of any debt shall be irrepealable until such debt be paid.

§6. Adjustment of debts and liabilities of territory of Dakota.

In order that payment of the debts and liabilities contracted or incurred by and in behalf of the territory of Dakota may be justly and equitably provided for and made, and in pursuance of the requirements of an act of Congress approved February 22, 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the division of Dakota into two states and to enable the people of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Washington to form Constitutions and state governments and to be admitted into the union on an equal footing with the original states, and to make donations of public lands to such states" the states of North Dakota and South Dakota, by proceedings of a joint commission, duly appointed under said act, the sessions whereof were held at Bismarck in said state of North Dakota, from July 16, 1889, to July 31, 1889, inclusive, have agreed to the following adjustment of the amounts of the debts and liabilities of the territory of Dakota which shall be assumed and paid by each of the states of North Dakota and South Dakota, respectively, to wit:

1. This agreement shall take effect and be in force from and after the admission into the union, as one of the United States of America, of either the state of North Dakota or the state of South Dakota.
2. The words "state of North Dakota" wherever used in this agreement, shall be taken to mean the territory of North Dakota, in case the state of South Dakota shall be admitted into the union prior to the admission into the union of the state of North Dakota; and the words "state of South Dakota," wherever used in this agreement, shall be taken to mean the territory of South Dakota in case the state of North Dakota shall be admitted into the union prior to the admission into the union of the state of South Dakota.
3. The said state of North Dakota shall assume and pay all bonds issued by the territory of Dakota to provide funds for the purchase, construction, repairs or maintenance of such public institutions, grounds or buildings as are located within the boundaries of North Dakota, and shall pay all warrants issued under and by virtue of that certain act of the legislative assembly

of the territory of Dakota, approved March 3, 1889, entitled an act to provide for the refunding of outstanding warrants drawn on the capitol building fund.

4. The said state of South Dakota shall assume and pay all bonds issued by the territory of Dakota to provide funds for the purchase, construction, repairs or maintenance of such public institutions, grounds or buildings as are located within the boundaries of South Dakota.
5. That is to say: The state of North Dakota shall assume and pay the following bonds and indebtedness, to wit: Bonds issued on account of the hospital for insane at Jamestown, North Dakota, the face aggregate of which is two hundred and sixty-six thousand dollars; also, bonds issued on account of the North Dakota University at Grand Forks, North Dakota, the face aggregate of which is ninety-six thousand seven hundred dollars; also, bonds issued on account of the penitentiary at Bismarck, North Dakota, the face aggregate of which is ninety-three thousand six hundred dollars; also, refunding capitol building warrants dated April 1, 1889, eighty-three thousand five hundred and seven dollars and forty-six cents.

And the state of South Dakota shall assume and pay the following bonds and indebtedness, to wit: Bonds issued on account of the hospital for the insane at Yankton, South Dakota, the face aggregate of which is two hundred and ten thousand dollars; also, bonds issued on account of the school for deaf mutes, at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the face aggregate of which is fifty-one thousand dollars; also, bonds issued on account of the university at Vermillion, South Dakota, the face aggregate of which is seventy-five thousand dollars; also, bonds issued on account of the penitentiary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the face aggregate of which is ninety-four thousand three hundred dollars; also, bonds issued on account of agricultural college at Brookings, South Dakota, the face aggregate of which is ninety-seven thousand five hundred dollars; also, bonds issued on account of the normal school at Madison, South Dakota, the face aggregate of which is forty-nine thousand four hundred dollars; also, bonds issued on account of school of mines at Rapid City, South Dakota, the face aggregate of which is thirty-three thousand dollars; also, bonds issued on account of the reform school at Plankinton, South Dakota, the face aggregate of which is thirty thousand dollars; also, bonds issued on account of the normal school at Spearfish, South Dakota, the face aggregate of which is twenty-five thousand dollars; also, bonds issued on account of the soldiers' home at Hot Springs, South Dakota, the face aggregate of which is forty-five thousand dollars.

6. The states of North Dakota and South Dakota shall pay one-half each of all liabilities now existing or hereafter and prior to the taking effect of this agreement incurred, except those heretofore and hereafter incurred on account of public institutions, grounds or buildings, except as otherwise herein specifically provided.
7. The state of South Dakota shall pay to the state of North Dakota forty-six thousand five hundred dollars on account of the excess of territorial appropriations for the permanent improvement of territorial institutions which under this agreement will go to South Dakota, and in full of the undivided one-half interest of North Dakota in the territorial library and in full settlement of unbalanced accounts, and of all claims against the territory, of whatever nature, legal or equitable, arising out of the alleged erroneous or unlawful taxation of the Northern Pacific Railroad lands, and the payment of said amount shall discharge and exempt the state of South Dakota from all liability for or on account of the several matters hereinbefore referred to; nor shall either state be called upon to pay or answer to any portion of liability hereafter arising or accruing on account of transactions heretofore had, which liability would be a liability of the territory of Dakota had such territory remained in existence, and which liability shall grow out of matters connected with any public institution, grounds or buildings of the territory situated or located within the boundaries of the other state.
8. A final adjustment of accounts shall be made upon the following basis: North Dakota shall be charged with all sums paid on account of the public institutions, grounds or buildings located within its boundaries on account of the current appropriations since March 8, 1889; and South Dakota shall be charged with all sums paid on account of public institutions, grounds or buildings located within its boundaries on the same account and during the same time. Each

state shall be charged with one-half of all other expenses of the territorial government during the same time. All moneys paid into the treasury during the period from March 8, 1889, to the time of taking effect of this agreement by any county, municipality or person within the limits of the proposed state of North Dakota shall be credited to the state of North Dakota; and all sums paid into said treasury within the same time by any county, municipality or person within the limits of the proposed state of South Dakota shall be credited to the state of South Dakota; except that any and all taxes on gross earnings paid into said treasury by railroad corporations since the eighth day of March 1889, based upon earnings of years prior to 1888, under and by virtue of the act of the legislative assembly of the territory of Dakota, approved March 7, 1889, and entitled "An act providing for the levy and collection of taxes upon property of railroad companies in this territory," being chapter 107 of the Session Laws of 1889 (that is, the part of such sum going to the territory) shall be equally divided between the states of North Dakota and South Dakota; and all taxes heretofore or hereafter paid into said treasury under and by virtue of the act last mentioned, based on the gross earnings of the year 1888, shall be distributed as already provided by law, except that so much thereof as goes to the territorial treasury shall be divided as follows: North Dakota shall have so (much) thereof as shall be or has been paid by railroads within the limits of the proposed state of North Dakota and South Dakota so much thereof as shall be or has been paid by railroads within the limits of the proposed state of South Dakota. Each state shall be credited also with all balances of appropriations made by the seventeenth legislative assembly of the territory of Dakota for the account of public institutions, grounds or buildings situated within its limits, remaining unexpended on March 8, 1889. If there be any indebtedness except the indebtedness represented by the bonds and refunding warrants hereinbefore mentioned, each state shall at the time of such final adjustment of accounts, assume its share of said indebtedness as determined by the amount paid on account of the public institutions, grounds or buildings of such state in excess of the receipts from counties, municipalities, railroad corporations or persons within the limits of said state as provided in this article; and if there should be a surplus at the time of such final adjustment, each state shall be entitled to the amounts received from counties, municipalities, railroad corporations or persons within its limits over and above the amount charged to it.

§7. Obligation of state to pay proportion of territorial debt.

And the state of South Dakota hereby obligates itself to pay such part of the debts and liabilities of the territory of Dakota as is declared by the foregoing agreement to be its proportion thereof, the same as if such proportion had been originally created by said state of South Dakota as its own debt or liability.

§8. Refunding bond issue authorized for territorial debt payment.

The territorial treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to issue refunding bonds to the amount of one hundred seven thousand five hundred dollars, bearing interest not to exceed the rate of four percent per annum, for the purpose of refunding the following described indebtedness of the territory of Dakota, to wit:

Seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars, five percent bonds, dated May 1, 1883, issued for the construction of the west wing of the insane hospital at Yankton and thirty thousand dollars, six percent bonds dated May 1, 1883, issued for permanent improvements [of the] Dakota penitentiary, at Sioux Falls, such refunding bonds, if issued, to run for not more than twenty years, and shall be executed by the Governor and treasurer of the territory, and shall be attested by the secretary under the great seal of the territory.

In case such bonds are issued by the territorial treasurer as hereinbefore set forth, before the first day of October, 1889, then upon the admission of South Dakota as a state it shall assume and pay said bonds in lieu of the aforesaid territorial indebtedness.

§9. Road construction and coal supply by state.

The construction and maintenance of good roads and the supplying of coal to the people of the state from the lands belonging to the state are works of necessity and importance in which the state

may engage but no expenditure of money for the same shall be made except by the vote of a two-thirds majority of the Legislature.

§10. State cement enterprises.

The manufacture, distribution and sale of cement and cement products are hereby declared to be works of public necessity and importance in which the state may engage, and suitable laws may be enacted by the Legislature to empower the state to acquire, by purchase or appropriation, all lands, easements, rights of way, tracks, structures, equipment, cars, motive power, implements, facilities, instrumentalities and material, incident or necessary to carry the provisions of this section into effect: provided, however, that no expenditure of money for the purposes enumerated in this section shall be made, except upon a vote of two-thirds of the members elect of each branch of the Legislature.

§11. State pledge to fund cement enterprises.

The state may pledge such cement plants and all of the accessories thereto, and may pledge the credit of the state, to provide funds for the purposes enumerated in § 10 of this article, any provision in this Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding.

§12. State electric power enterprises.

The manufacture, distribution and sale of electric current for heating, lighting and power purposes are hereby declared to be works of public necessity and importance in which the state may engage, and suitable laws may be enacted by the Legislature to empower the state to acquire, by purchase or appropriation all lands, easements, rights of way, tracks, structures, equipment, cars, motive power, implements, facilities, instrumentalities and material incident or necessary to the acquisition, ownership, control, development and operation of the water powers of this state, and to carry this provision into effect: provided, however, that no expenditure of money for the purposes enumerated in this section shall be made except by a vote of two-thirds of the members elect of each branch of the Legislature.

§13. State pledge to fund electric power enterprises.

The state may pledge such plants and all of the accessories thereto, and may pledge the credit of the state, to provide funds for the purposes enumerated in § 12 of this article, any provision in this Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding.

§14. State coal mining enterprises.

The mining, distribution and sale of coal are hereby declared to be works of public necessity and importance in which the state may engage, and the Legislature may enact suitable laws to carry this provision into effect and to empower the state to acquire, by purchase or appropriation, all lands, structures, easements, tracks, rights of way, equipment, cars, motive power, and all other facilities, implements, instrumentalities, and materials necessary or incidental to the acquisition, mining, manufacturing and distribution of coal for fuel purposes: provided, however, that no expenditure of money for the purposes enumerated in this section shall be made except upon a vote of two-thirds of the members elect of each branch of the Legislature.

§15. State pledge to fund coal enterprises.

The state may pledge such plants and all of the accessories thereto, as well as the credit of this state, to provide funds for the purposes enumerated in § 14 of this article, any provision in this Constitution to the contrary notwithstanding.

§16. Works of internal improvement -- State indebtedness.

The state may engage in works of internal improvement, any provision in this Constitution, or limitation in § 2 of this article, to the contrary notwithstanding. The indebtedness of the state for the purposes contained in this section shall never exceed one-half of one percent of the assessed valuation of all property in this state and no such indebtedness shall be incurred nor money expended, except upon a two-thirds vote of the members elect in each branch of the Legislature.

§17. Home loans by state -- Debt limitation inapplicable.

The state may establish and maintain a system of credits for assisting in the building of homes by the people of the state, and therefor may loan money and extend credit to the people of the state upon real estate security in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by

general law. The limitations and provisions regarding the incurring of indebtedness elsewhere found in the Constitution shall not apply to this section, but the Legislature shall, at the time of incurring any indebtedness hereunder, provide for discharging same.

§18. Compensation of military and war relief personnel -- Maximum indebtedness.

The Legislature shall be authorized to provide by law for compensating honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, marines, and others, who have served with the armed forces of the United States, or who have engaged in war relief work in the World's War, or other wars of the United States, including former American citizens, who served in allied armies against the central powers in the World's War and who have been honorably discharged and repatriated; such compensation not to exceed the sum of fifteen dollars per month for the period of such service. For this purpose the Legislature may use the credit of the state, and any indebtedness created for this purpose shall not be a part of the indebtedness authorized or limited by other provisions of the Constitution; provided, that the amount of all indebtedness created by the state for the purposes specified in this section shall not exceed six million dollars.

§19. Bonus paid to veterans and deceased veterans' dependents.

1. The Legislature shall be authorized to provide by law for compensating and paying a bonus in money to veterans and to dependents of deceased veterans, who were legal residents of the state of South Dakota for a period of not less than six months immediately preceding entry into the armed forces of the United States and who have served for ninety or more days in the armed forces of the United States between the period beginning December 7, 1941 and ending September 2, 1945 and who are still in the armed forces or were discharged therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. Such bonus to be paid in cash, at the rate of fifty cents per day for each day of service in the armed forces within continental United States and at the rate of seventy-five cents per day for each day of service in the armed forces outside of continental United States, provided that any such person who served wholly within continental United States shall be entitled to receive not to exceed a bonus or total sum of five hundred dollars, and any such person who has served wholly outside of continental United States, or partly within and partly without, shall be entitled to receive not to exceed a bonus payment in the total sum of six hundred fifty dollars; such bonus to be paid on or before the thirty-first day of December 1950. For this purpose the Legislature may use credit of the state and any indebtedness created for this purpose shall not be a part of the indebtedness authorized or limited by other provisions of the Constitution; provided that the amount of indebtedness created by the state for the purpose specified in this section shall not exceed thirty million dollars. If upon computation the amount of thirty million dollars shall be inadequate to make the specified payments as stated in this section, the Legislature shall have the power to apportion the amount.
2. The term "armed forces" shall mean and include the following: United States Army, Army of the United States, United States Navy, United States Naval Reserves, United States Marine Corps, United States Marine Corps Reserve, United States Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard Reserve which shall be construed to include the United States Guard Temporary Reserve, Women's Army Corps, United States Navy Women's Reserve, United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve, United States Coast Guard Women's Reserve, Army Nurse Corps and Navy Nurse Corps.

§20. Trust fund created from proceeds from sale of state cement enterprises -- Investment.

The net proceeds derived from the sale of state cement enterprises shall be deposited by the South Dakota Cement Commission in a trust fund hereby created to benefit the citizens of South Dakota. The South Dakota Investment Council or its successor shall invest the trust fund in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other financial instruments as provided by law.

§21. Transfers from trust fund to general fund in support of education.

The Legislature shall transfer from the trust fund to the state general fund four percent of the lesser of the average market value of the trust fund determined by adding the market value of the trust fund at the end of the sixteen most recent calendar quarters as of December thirty-first of that year and

dividing that sum by sixteen, or the market value of the trust fund at the end of that calendar year for the support of education in South Dakota. The transfer shall be made prior to June thirtieth of the subsequent calendar year.

Article XIV State Institutions

§1. Charitable and penal institutions.

The charitable and penal institutions of the state of South Dakota shall consist of a penitentiary, a hospital for the mentally ill, a school for the developmentally disabled, and a reform school for juveniles.

§2. Government of charitable and penal institutions.

The state institutions provided for in the preceding section shall be governed under such rules and restrictions as the Legislature shall provide.

§3. Governance of state educational institutions.

The state university, the agriculture college, the school of mines and technology, the normal schools, a school for the deaf, a school for the blind, and all other educational institutions that may be sustained either wholly or in part by the state and that offer academic or professional degrees of associate of arts, associate of sciences, baccalaureate or greater, shall be under the control of a board of five members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the senate under such rules and restrictions as the Legislature shall provide. The Legislature may increase the number of members to nine. Postsecondary technical education institutes that offer career and technical associate of applied science degrees and certificates or their successor equivalents and that are funded wholly or in part by the state shall be separately governed as determined by the Legislature.

§4. Repealed by SL 1895, ch 36

§5. Mining and metallurgy to be taught.

The Legislature shall provide that the science of mining and metallurgy be taught in at least one institution of learning under the patronage of the state.

Article XV Militia

§1. Composition of militia.

The militia of the state of South Dakota shall consist of all able-bodied male persons residing in the state, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, except such persons as now are, or hereafter may be, exempted by the laws of the United States or of this state.

§2. Legislative provisions for militia.

The Legislature shall provide by law for the enrollment, uniforming, equipment and discipline of the militia and the establishment of volunteer and such other organizations or both, as may be deemed necessary for the protection of the state, the preservation of order and the efficiency and good of the service.

§3. Conformity to federal regulations.

The Legislature in providing for the organization of the militia shall conform, as nearly as practicable, to the regulations for the government of the armies of the United States.

§4. Commissions of officers of militia.

All militia officers shall be commissioned by the Governor and may hold their commissions for such period of time as the Legislature may provide, subject to removal by the Governor for cause, to be first ascertained by a court-martial pursuant to law.

§5. Militia privileged from arrest.

The militia shall in cases except treason, felony or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at muster and elections and in going to and returning from the same.

§6. Safekeeping of military records and relics.

All military records, banners and relics of the state, except when in lawful use, shall be preserved in the office of the adjutant general as an enduring memorial of the patriotism and valor of South Dakota; and it shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide by law for the safekeeping of the same.

§7. Conscientious objectors.

No person having conscientious scruples against bearing arms shall be compelled to do military duty in time of peace.

Article XVI

Impeachment and Removal from Office

§1. Power of impeachment in house -- Majority required.

The house of representatives shall have the sole power of impeachment. The concurrence of a majority of all members elected shall be necessary to an impeachment.

§2. Trial of impeachments -- Presiding officer.

All impeachments shall be tried by the senate. When sitting for that purpose the senators shall be upon oath or affirmation to do justice according to law and evidence. No person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members elected. When the Governor or lieutenant governor is on trial the presiding judge of the Supreme Court shall preside.

§3. Officers subject to impeachment – Grounds -- Removal from office -- Criminal prosecution.

The Governor and other state and judicial officers, except county judges, justices of the peace and police magistrates, shall be liable to impeachment for drunkenness, crimes, corrupt conduct, or malfeasance or misdemeanor in office, but judgment in such cases shall not extend further than to removal from office and disqualification to hold any office of trust or profit under the state. The person accused whether convicted or acquitted shall nevertheless be liable to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment according to law.

§4. Removals of officers not subject to impeachment.

All officers not liable to impeachment shall be subject to removal for misconduct or malfeasance or crime or misdemeanor in office, or for drunkenness or gross incompetency, in such manner as may be provided by law.

§5. Suspension of duties between impeachment and acquittal.

No officer shall exercise the duties of his office after he shall have been impeached and before his acquittal.

§6. Lieutenant governor not to try Governor.

On trial of an impeachment against the Governor the lieutenant governor shall not act as a member of the court.

§7. Service of copy of impeachment before trial required.

No person shall be tried on impeachment before he shall have been served with a copy thereof at least twenty days previous to the day set for trial.

§8. Impeachment twice for same offense prohibited.

No person shall be liable to impeachment twice for the same offense.

Article XVII

Corporations

§1. Special corporation laws prohibited -- State-controlled corporations excepted.

No corporation shall be created or have its charter extended, changed or amended by special laws, except those for charitable, educational, penal or reformatory purposes, which are to be and remain under the patronage and control of the state; but the Legislature shall provide, by general laws, for the organization of all corporations hereafter to be created.

§2. Invalidation of charters without bona fide organization and business.

All existing charters or grants of special or exclusive privileges under which a bona fide organization shall not have taken place and business been commenced in good faith at the time this Constitution takes effect, shall thereafter have no validity.

§3. Laws for benefit of corporation as conditioned on compliance with Constitutional provision.

The Legislature shall not remit the forfeiture of the charter of any corporation now existing nor alter or amend the same nor pass any other general or special law for the benefit of such corporation, except upon the condition that such corporation shall thereafter hold its charter subject to the provisions of this Constitution.

§4. Corporations subject to eminent domain -- Police power.

The exercise of the right of eminent domain shall never be abridged or so construed as to prevent the Legislature from taking the property and franchises of incorporated companies and subjecting them to public use, the same as the property of individuals; and the exercise of the police power of the state shall never be abridged or so construed as to permit corporations to conduct their business in such manner as to infringe the equal rights of individuals or the general well-being of the state.

§5. Casting of votes for directors or managers.

In all elections for directors or managers of a corporation, each member or shareholder may cast the whole number of his votes for one candidate, or distribute them upon two or more candidates, as he may prefer.

§6. Place of business and authorized agent required of foreign corporation.

No foreign corporation shall do any business in this state without having one or more known places of business and an authorized agent or agents in the same upon whom process may be served.

§7. Business to be expressed in charter -- Real estate restricted.

No corporation shall engage in any business other than that expressly authorized in its charter, nor shall it take or hold any real estate except such as may be necessary and proper for its legitimate business.

§8. Stocks and bonds -- Indebtedness increase.

No corporation shall issue stocks or bonds except for money, labor done, or money or property actually received; and all fictitious increase of stock or indebtedness shall be void. The stock and indebtedness of corporations shall not be increased except in pursuance of general law, nor without the consent of the persons holding the larger amount in value of the stock first obtained, at a meeting to be held after sixty days' notice given in pursuance of law.

§9. Legislature's power to alter, revise, or annul corporate charters -- Creation, renewal, or extension.

The Legislature shall have the power to alter, revise or annul any charter of any corporation now existing and revocable at the taking effect of this Constitution, or any that may be created, whenever in their opinion it may be injurious to the citizens of this state, in such a manner, however, that no injustice shall be done to the incorporators. No law hereafter enacted shall create, renew or extend the charter of more than one corporation.

§10. Local consent required for grant of street railroad right.

No law shall be passed by the Legislature granting the right to construct and operate a street railroad within any city, town or incorporated village, without requiring the consent of the local authorities having the control of the street or highway proposed to be occupied by such street railroad.

§11. Construction and maintenance of telegraph lines -- Controlling interest in competing company prohibited.

Any association or corporation organized for the purpose, or any individual, shall have the right to construct and maintain lines of telegraph in this state and to connect the same with other lines; and the Legislature shall by general law of uniform operation provide reasonable regulations to give full effect to this section. No telegraph company shall consolidate with or hold a controlling interest in

the stock or bonds of any other telegraph company owning a competing line, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, any other competing line of telegraph.

§12. Railroad corporations.

Every railroad corporation organized or doing business in this state under the laws or authority thereof shall have and maintain a public office or place in this state for the transaction of its business, where transfers of its stock shall be made, and in which shall be kept for public inspection books in which shall be recorded the amount of capital stock subscribed, and by whom; the names of the owners of its stock, and the amount owned by them respectively; the amount of stock paid in, and by whom; the transfers of said stock; the amount of its assets and liabilities; and the names and place of residence of its officers. The directors of every railroad corporation shall annually make a report, under oath, to the auditor of public accounts or some officer or officers to be designated by law, of all their acts and doings, which report shall include such matters relating to railroads as may be prescribed by law, and the Legislature shall pass laws enforcing by suitable penalties the provisions of this section.

§13. Movable property of railroad corporation considered personality -- Execution and sale.

The rolling stock, and all other movable property belonging to any railroad company or corporation in this state shall be considered personal property, and shall be liable to execution and sale in the same manner as the personal property of individuals, and the Legislature shall pass no laws exempting such property from execution and sale.

§14. Consolidation of railroad lines -- Forfeiture of charter for evasion of provisions.

No railroad corporation shall consolidate its stock, property or franchises with any other railroad corporation owning a parallel or competing line; and in no case shall any consolidation take place except upon public notice given out, at least sixty days to all stockholders, in such manner as may be provided by law. Any attempt to evade the provisions of this section, by any railroad corporation, by lease or otherwise, shall work a forfeiture of its charter.

§15. Railways and rail companies declared public highways and common carriers -- Regulation of rates.

Railways heretofore constructed or that may hereafter be constructed, in this state are hereby declared public highways, and all railroad and transportation companies are declared to be common carriers and subject to legislative control; and the Legislature shall have power to enact laws regulating and controlling the rates of charges for the transportation of passengers and freight as such common carriers from one point to another in this state.

§16. Right to construct and operate railroad -- Passengers, tonnage and cars.

Any association or corporation organized for the purpose shall have the right to construct and operate a railroad between any points within this state, and to connect at the state line with railroads of other states. Every railroad company shall have the right with its road to intersect, connect with, or cross any other railroad, and shall receive and transport each the other's passengers, tonnage and cars, loaded or empty, without delay or discrimination.

§17. Rate discrimination prevention.

The Legislature shall pass laws to correct abuses and prevent discrimination and extortion in the rates of freight and passenger tariffs on the different railroads in this state, and enforce such laws by adequate penalties, to the extent, if necessary for that purpose, of forfeiture of their property and franchises.

§18. Compensation for private property taken for public use -- Assessment of damages.

Municipal and other corporations and individuals invested with the privilege of taking private property for public use shall make just compensation for property taken, injured or destroyed, by the construction or enlargement of their works, highways or improvements, which compensation shall be paid or secured before such taking, injury or destruction. The Legislature is hereby prohibited from depriving any person of an appeal from any preliminary assessment of damages against any such corporation or individuals made by viewers or otherwise; and the amount of such damages in all cases of appeal shall, on the demand of either party, be determined by a jury as in other civil cases.

§19. Corporations defined.

The term "corporations," as used in this article, shall be construed to include all joint stock companies or associations having any of the powers or privileges of corporations not possessed by individuals or partnerships.

§20. Monopolies and trusts prohibited -- Combinations in restraint of trade -- Legislative powers.

Monopolies and trusts shall never be allowed in this state and no incorporated company, copartnership or association of persons in this state shall directly or indirectly combine or make any contract with any incorporated company, foreign or domestic, through their stockholders or the trustees or assigns of such stockholders, or with any copartnership or association of persons, or in any manner whatever to fix the prices, limit the production or regulate the transportation of any product or commodity so as to prevent competition in such prices, production or transportation or to establish excessive prices therefor.

The Legislature shall pass laws for the enforcement of this section by adequate penalties and in the case of incorporated companies, if necessary, for that purpose may, as a penalty, declare a forfeiture of their franchises.

§21. Corporate or syndicate farming prohibited – Definitions -- Restrictions.

No corporation or syndicate may acquire, or otherwise obtain an interest, whether legal, beneficial, or otherwise, in any real estate used for farming in this state or engage in farming. The term, corporation, means any corporation organized under the laws of any state of the United States or any country. The term, syndicate, includes any limited partnership, limited liability partnership, business trust, or limited liability company organized under the laws of any state of the United States or any country. A syndicate does not include general partnerships, except general partnerships in which nonfamily farm syndicates or nonfamily farm corporations are partners. The term, farming, means the cultivation of land for the production of agricultural crops, fruit, or other horticultural products, or the ownership, keeping, or feeding of animals for the production of livestock or livestock products.

§22. Restrictions -- Application.

The restrictions in §21 of Article XVII do not apply to:

- (1) A family farm corporation or syndicate. A family farm corporation or syndicate is a corporation or syndicate engaged in farming or the ownership of agricultural land, in which a majority of the partnership interests, shares, stock, or other ownership interests are held by members of a family or a trust created for the benefit of a member of that family. The term, family, means natural persons related to one another within the fourth degree of kinship according to civil law, or their spouses. At least one of the family members in a family farm corporation or syndicate shall reside on or be actively engaged in the day-to-day labor and management of the farm. Day-to-day labor and management shall require both daily or routine substantial physical exertion and administration. None of the corporation's or syndicate's partners, members, or stockholders may be nonresident aliens, or other corporations or syndicates, unless all of the stockholders, members, or partners of such entities are persons related within the fourth degree of kinship to the majority of partners, members, or stockholders in the family farm corporation or syndicate;
- (2) Agricultural land acquired or leased, or livestock kept, fed or owned, by a cooperative organized under the laws of any state, if a majority of the shares or other interests of ownership in the cooperative are held by members in the cooperative who are natural persons actively engaged in the day-to-day labor and management of a farm, or family farm corporations or syndicates, and who either acquire from the cooperative, through purchase or otherwise, such livestock, or crops produced on such land, or deliver to the cooperative, through sale or otherwise, crops to be used in the keeping or feeding of such livestock;
- (3) Nonprofit corporations organized under state nonprofit corporation law;
- (4) Agricultural land, which, as of the approval date of this amendment, is being farmed, or which is owned or leased, or in which there is a legal or beneficial interest, directly or indirectly

owned, acquired, or obtained by a corporation or syndicate, if such land or other interest is held in continuous ownership or under continuous lease by the same such corporation or syndicate. For the purposes of this exemption, land purchased on a contract signed as of the approval date of this amendment is considered as owned on that date;

- (5) Livestock, which as of the approval date of this amendment, is owned by a corporation or syndicate. For the purposes of this exemption, livestock to be produced under contract for a corporation or syndicate are considered as owned, if the contract is for the keeping or feeding of livestock and is signed as of the approval date of this amendment, and if the contract remains in effect and is not terminated by either party to the contract. This exemption does not extend beyond the term of any contract signed as of the approval date of this amendment;
- (6) A farm operated for research or experimental purposes, if any commercial sales from the farm are only incidental to the research or experimental objectives of the corporation or syndicate;
- (7) Land leases by alfalfa processors for the production of alfalfa;
- (8) Agricultural land operated for the purpose of growing seed, nursery plants, or sod;
- (9) Mineral rights on agricultural land;
- (10) Agricultural land acquired or leased by a corporation or syndicate for immediate or potential nonfarming purposes, for a period of five years from the date of purchase. A corporation or syndicate may hold such agricultural land in such acreage as may be necessary to its nonfarm business operation, but pending the development of the agricultural land for nonfarm purposes, such land may not be used for farming except under lease to a family farm corporation or family farm syndicate or a non-syndicate or noncorporate farm;
- (11) Agricultural lands or livestock acquired by a corporation or syndicate by process of law in the collection of debts, or by any procedures for the enforcement of a lien, encumbrance, or claim thereon, whether created by mortgage or otherwise. Any lands so acquired shall be disposed of within a period of five years and may not be used for farming before being disposed of, except under a lease to a family farm corporation or syndicate, or a non-syndicate or noncorporate farm. Any livestock so acquired shall be disposed of within six months;
- (12) Agricultural lands held by a state or nationally chartered bank as trustee for a person, corporation or syndicate that is otherwise exempt from the provisions of §§ 21 to 24, inclusive, of Article XVII;
- (13) A bona fide encumbrance taken for purposes of security;
- (14) Custom spraying, fertilizing, or harvesting;
- (15) Livestock futures contracts, livestock purchased for slaughter within two weeks of the purchase date, or livestock purchased and resold within two weeks.

§23. Loss of qualification -- Requalification or dissolution.

If a family farm corporation or family farm syndicate that has qualified under all the requirements of a family farm corporation or a family farm syndicate ceases to meet the defined criteria, it has twenty years, if the ownership of the majority of the stock of such corporation, or the majority of the ownership interest of such syndicate, continues to be held by persons related to one another within the fourth degree of kinship or their spouses, and their land holdings are not increased, to either requalify as a family farm corporation or family farm syndicate or dissolve and return to personal ownership.

§24. Annual report – Violations -- Action and enforcement.

Any corporation or syndicate that owns agricultural land or engages in farming is required to report information necessary for the enforcement of §§ 21 to 24, inclusive, of Article XVII to the secretary of state on an annual basis, under rules promulgated by the secretary pursuant to state law. The secretary of state shall monitor such reports and notify the attorney general of any possible violations, and any resident of the state may also notify the attorney general of any possible violations. If a corporation or syndicate violates any provision of §§ 21 to 24, inclusive, of Article XVII, the attorney

general shall commence an action in circuit court to enjoin any pending illegal purchase of land or livestock, or to force divestiture of land or livestock held in violation of §§ 21 to 24, inclusive, of Article XVII. The court shall order any land held in violation of §§ 21 to 24, inclusive, of Article XVII to be divested within two years and any livestock to be divested within six months. If land so ordered by the court has not been divested within two years, the court shall declare the land escheated to the state. If the attorney general fails to bring an action in circuit court to enforce §§ 21 to 24, inclusive, of Article XVII, any resident of the state has standing in circuit court to sue for enforcement.

Article XVIII
Banking and Currency

§1. General banking law -- Provisions required.

If a general banking law shall be enacted it shall provide for the registry and countersigning by an officer of this state of all bills or paper credit designed to circulate as money, and require security to the full amount thereof, to be deposited with the state treasurer, in the approved securities of the state or of the United States, to be rated at ten per centum below their par value, and in case of their depreciation the deficiency shall be made good by depositing additional securities.

§2. Bank to cease operations within twenty years of organization -- Reorganization.

Every bank, banking company or corporation shall be required to cease all banking operations within twenty years from the time of its organization, and promptly thereafter close its business, but shall have corporate capacity to sue or be sued until its business is fully closed, but the Legislature may provide by general law for the reorganization of such banks.

§3. Liability of banking corporation shareholders and stockholders -- Exemption under federal law.

The shareholders or stockholders of any banking corporation shall be held individually responsible and liable for all contracts, debts and engagements of such corporation to the extent of the amount of their stock therein, at the par value thereof, in addition to the amount invested in such shares or stock and such individual liability shall continue for one year after any transfer or sale of stock by any stockholder or stockholders. Provided that if the shareholders and stockholders of any national banking corporation shall be exempt from liability by federal law then and in that event the liability upon shareholders and stockholders of state banking corporations herein imposed shall not be operative in the event that such state banking corporation has membership in the federal deposit insurance corporation.

Article XIX
Congressional and Legislative Apportionment

§1. Congressional representatives elected at large.

Until otherwise provided by law, the members of the house of representatives of the United States, apportioned to this state, shall be elected by the state at large.

§2. Senatorial and representative districts -- Apportionment.

Until otherwise provided by law, the senatorial and representative districts shall be formed, and the senators and representatives shall be apportioned as follows:

DISTRICTS
[Omitted--See Chapter 2-2 for current provisions.]

Article XX
Seat of Government

§1. Temporary seat of government -- Vote.

The question of the location of the temporary seat of government shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the proposed state of South Dakota in same manner and at the same election at which this Constitution shall be submitted, and the place receiving the highest number of votes shall be the

temporary seat of government until a permanent seat of government shall be established as hereinafter provided.

§2. Permanent seat of government -- Vote.

The Legislature at its first session after the admission of this state, shall provide for the submission of the question of a place for a permanent seat of government to the qualified voters of the state at the next general election thereafter, and that place which receives a majority of all the votes cast upon that question shall be the permanent seat of government.

§3. Election between two places with highest votes if majority vote not received.

Should no place voted for at said election have a majority of all votes cast upon this question, the Governor shall issue his proclamation for an election to be held in the same manner at the next general election to choose between the two places having received the highest number of votes cast at the first election on this question. This election shall be conducted in the same manner as the first election for the permanent seat of government, and the place receiving the majority of all votes cast upon this question shall be the permanent seat of government.

Article XXI

Miscellaneous

§1. Seal and coat of arms.

The design of the great seal of South Dakota shall be as follows: A circle within which shall appear in the left foreground a smelting furnace and other features of mining work. In the left background a range of hills. In the right foreground a farmer at his plow. In the right background a herd of cattle and a field of corn. Between the two parts thus described shall appear a river bearing a steamboat. Properly divided between the upper and lower edges of the circle shall appear the legend, "Under God the People Rule" which shall be the motto of the state of South Dakota. Exterior to this circle and within a circumscribed circle shall appear, in the upper part, the words, "State of South Dakota," in the lower part the words, "Great Seal," and the date in Arabic numerals of the year in which the state shall be admitted to the union.

§2. Salary of constitutional officers.

The Legislature by two-thirds vote of each branch thereof at any regular session may fix the salary of any or all constitutional officers including members of the Legislature. In fixing any such salary the Legislature shall determine the effective date thereof and may in its discretion decrease or increase the salary of any officer during his term.

§3. Oath of office.

Every person elected or appointed to any office in this state, except such inferior offices as may be by law exempted, shall, before entering upon the duties thereof, take an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, and faithfully to discharge the duties of his office.

§4. Exemptions.

The right of the debtor to enjoy the comforts and necessities of life shall be recognized by wholesome laws exempting from forced sale a homestead, the value of which shall be limited and defined by law, to all heads of families, and a reasonable amount of personal property, the kind and value of which to be fixed by general laws.

§5. Rights of married women.

The real and personal property of any woman in this state, acquired before marriage, and all property to which she may after marriage become in any manner rightfully entitled, shall be her separate property, and shall not be liable for the debts of her husband.

§6. Drainage of agricultural lands.

The drainage of agricultural lands is hereby declared to be a public purpose and the Legislature may provide therefor, and may provide for the organization of drainage districts for the drainage of lands for any public use, and may vest the corporate authorities thereof, and the corporate authorities of counties, townships and municipalities, with power to construct levees, drains and ditches, and to

keep in repair all drains, ditches and levees heretofore constructed under the laws of this state, by special assessments upon the property benefited thereby, according to benefits received.

§7. Irrigation of agricultural lands.

The irrigation of agricultural lands is hereby declared to be a public purpose and the Legislature may provide for the organization of irrigation districts for the irrigation of land, and may vest the corporate authorities thereof and the corporate authorities of counties, townships and municipalities with the power to construct, operate and maintain irrigation dams, reservoirs, canals, flumes, ditches and laterals, and to keep in repair all irrigation dams, reservoirs, canals, flumes, ditches and laterals heretofore constructed, under the laws of the state, by special assessments upon the property benefited thereby, according to the benefits received.

§8. Hail insurance.

The providing of insurance against loss or damage to crops by hail is hereby declared to be a public purpose, and the Legislature is authorized and empowered to levy an assessment upon agricultural land for such purpose, with such exemptions as may be provided by law. The state may be divided into hail insurance districts and the assessment per acre in the different districts shall be as the Legislature may determine, but such assessment shall be uniform upon all land of the same district that is similarly situated. The assessment hereby authorized may be levied by the Legislature direct, or by the corporate authorities of the districts herein provided for, or by such other agency as may be authorized by general law.

§9. Marriage.

Only marriage between a man and a woman shall be valid or recognized in South Dakota. The uniting of two or more persons in a civil union, domestic partnership, or other quasi-marital relationship shall not be valid or recognized in South Dakota.

§10. Medicaid eligibility expanded.

Beginning July 1, 2023, the State of South Dakota shall provide Medicaid benefits to any person over eighteen and under sixty-five whose income is at or below one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level plus five percent of the federal poverty level for the applicable family size, as authorized by federal law as of January 1, 2021. Such person shall receive coverage that meets or exceeds the benchmark or benchmark-equivalent coverage requirements, as such terms are defined by federal law as of January 1, 2021.

The State of South Dakota may not impose greater or additional burdens or restrictions on eligibility or enrollment standards, methodologies, or practices on any person eligible under this section than on any person otherwise eligible for Medicaid under South Dakota law, except that the State of South Dakota may, to the extent permitted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, impose a work requirement on any person, eligible under this section, who has not been diagnosed as being physically or mentally disabled.

No later than March 1, 2023, the Department of Social Services shall submit all state plan amendments necessary to implement this section to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The State of South Dakota shall take all actions necessary to maximize the federal financial medical assistance percentage in funding medical assistance pursuant to this section.

This section shall be broadly construed to accomplish its purposes and intents. If any provision in this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or applications of the section that can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.

Article XXII

Compact with the United States

The following article shall be irrevocable without the consent of the United States and the people of the state of South Dakota expressed by their legislative assembly:

First. That perfect toleration of religious sentiment shall be secured, and that no inhabitant of this state shall ever be molested in person or property on account of his or her mode of religious worship.

Second. That we, the people inhabiting the state of South Dakota, do agree and declare that we forever disclaim all right and title to the unappropriated public lands lying within the boundary of South Dakota, and to all lands lying within said limits owned or held by any Indian or Indian tribes; and that until the title thereto shall have been extinguished by the United States, the same shall be and remain subject to the disposition of the United States; and said Indian lands shall remain under the absolute jurisdiction and control of the Congress of the United States; that the lands belonging to citizens of the United States residing without the said state shall never be taxed at a higher rate than the lands belonging to residents of this state; that no taxes shall be imposed by the state of South Dakota on lands or property therein belonging to or which may hereafter be purchased by the United States, or reserved for its use. But nothing herein shall preclude the state of South Dakota from taxing as other lands are taxed any lands owned or held by any Indian who has severed his tribal relation and has obtained from the United States, or from any person a title thereto by patent or other grant save and except such lands as have been or may be granted to any Indian or Indians under any act of Congress containing a provision exempting the lands thus granted from taxation. All such lands which may have been exempted by any grant or law of the United States, shall remain exempt to the extent, and as prescribed by such act of Congress.

Third. That the state of South Dakota shall assume and pay that portion of the debts and liabilities of the territory of Dakota as provided in this Constitution.

Fourth. That provision shall be made for the establishment and maintenance of systems of public schools, which shall be open to all the children of this state, and free from sectarian control.

Article XXIII

Amendments and Revisions of the Constitution

§1. Amendments.

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by initiative or by a majority vote of all members of each house of the Legislature. An amendment proposed by initiative shall require a petition signed by qualified voters equal in number to at least ten percent of the total votes cast for Governor in the last gubernatorial election. The petition containing the text of the proposed amendment and the names and addresses of its sponsors shall be filed at least one year before the next general election at which the proposed amendment is submitted to the voters. A proposed amendment may amend one or more articles and related subject matter in other articles as necessary to accomplish the objectives of the amendment; however, no proposed amendment may embrace more than one subject. If more than one amendment is submitted at the same election, each amendment shall be so prepared and distinguished that it can be voted upon separately.

§2. Revision.

A convention to revise this Constitution may be called by a three-fourths vote of all the members of each house. The calling of a constitutional convention may be initiated and submitted to the voters in the same manner as an amendment. If a majority of the voters voting thereon approve the calling of a convention, the Legislature shall provide for the holding thereof. Members of a convention shall be elected on a nonpolitical ballot in the same districts and in the same number as the house of representatives. Proposed amendments or revisions approved by a majority of all the members of the convention shall be submitted to the electorate at a special election in a manner to be determined by the convention.

§3. Ratification.

Any constitutional amendment or revision must be submitted to the voters and shall become a part of the Constitution only when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon. The Legislature may provide for the withdrawal by its sponsors of an initiated amendment at any time prior to its submission to the voters.

Article XXIV**Prohibition [Repealed]**

[Repealed by SL 1933, ch 128]

Article XXV**Minority Representation [Rejected]****Article XXVI****Schedule and Ordinance****§1. Continuation of prior writs, actions, claims, and bodies corporate -- Validation of previously issued process.**

That no inconvenience may arise from the change of the territorial government to the permanent state government, it is hereby declared that all writs, actions, prosecutions, claims and rights of individuals, and all bodies corporate, shall continue as if no change had taken place in this government; and all process which may be before the organization of the judicial department, under this Constitution, issued under the authority of the territory of Dakota, within the boundary of this state, shall be as valid as if issued in the name of the state of South Dakota.

§2. Fines, forfeitures and escheats of territory to accrue to state.

That all fines, penalties, forfeitures and escheats accruing to the territory of Dakota, within the boundary of the state of South Dakota, shall accrue to the use of said state.

§3. Recognizances, bonds, obligations and undertakings -- Criminal prosecutions and penal actions.

That all recognizances, bonds, obligations or other undertakings, heretofore taken, or which may be taken before the organization of the judicial department under this Constitution, shall remain valid, and shall pass over to, and may be prosecuted in the name of the state of South Dakota; and all bonds, obligations or undertakings, executed to this territory, within the boundaries of the state of South Dakota, or to any officer in his official capacity, shall pass over to the proper state authority, and to their successors in office, for the uses therein respectively expressed, and may be sued for and recovered accordingly.

All criminal prosecutions and penal actions, which have arisen, or which may arise before the organization of the judicial department under this Constitution, and which shall then be pending, may be prosecuted to judgment and executed in the name of the state.

§4. Civil and military officers.

All officers, civil and military, now holding their offices and appointments in this territory under the authority of the United States, or under the authority of the territory of Dakota, shall continue to hold and exercise their respective offices and appointments until superseded under this Constitution: provided, that the provisions of the above sections shall be subject to the provisions of the act of Congress providing for the admission of the state of South Dakota, approved by the president of the United States on February 22, 1889.

§5. Election of Constitution and state officers -- Ballots.

This Constitution shall be submitted for adoption or rejection to a vote of the electors qualified by the laws of this territory to vote at all elections, at the election to be held on Tuesday, October 1, 1889.

At the said election the ballots shall be in the following form:

For the Constitution: Yes. No.

For prohibition: Yes. No.

For minority representation: Yes. No.

As a heading to each of said ballots shall be printed on each ballot the following instructions to voters:

All persons desiring to vote for the Constitution, or for any of the articles submitted to a separate vote, must erase the word "No."

All persons who desire to vote against the Constitution, or against any article submitted separately, must erase the word "Yes."

Any person may have printed or written on his ballot only the words "for the Constitution," or "against the Constitution," and such ballot shall be counted for or against the Constitution accordingly. The same provision shall apply to articles submitted separately.

In addition to the foregoing election for the Constitution and for the articles submitted by this convention for a separate vote thereon, an election shall be held at the same time and places, by the said qualified electors, for the following state officers, to be voted for on the same ballot as above provided for votes on the Constitution and separate articles, to wit:

A Governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, commissioner of school and public lands, judges of the Supreme, circuit and county Courts, representatives in Congress, state senators, and representatives in the Legislature.

All the elections above provided for shall be held in the same manner and form as provided for the election for the adoption or rejection of the Constitution. And the names of all the officers above specified to be voted for at such election shall be written or printed upon the same ballots as the vote for or against the Constitution.

The judges of election in counting the ballots voted at such election shall count all the affirmative ballots upon the Constitution as votes for the Constitution; and they shall count all the negative ballots voted at said election upon the Constitution as votes against the Constitution; and ballots voted at said election upon which neither of said words "yes" or "no" following the words "for the Constitution" are erased, shall not be counted upon such proposition. And they shall count all affirmative ballots so voted upon the article on prohibition separately submitted, as votes for such article, and they shall count all negative ballots so voted upon such article as votes against such article; and ballots upon which neither the words "yes" or "no" following the words "for prohibition" are erased, shall not be counted upon such proposition; and they shall count all the affirmative ballots so voted upon the article on minority representation, separately submitted, as votes for such article. And they shall count all negative ballots so voted upon such article as votes against such article; and ballots upon which neither of said words "yes" or "no" following the words "for minority representation" are erased, shall not be counted upon such proposition.

If it shall appear in accordance with the returns hereinafter provided for, that a majority of the votes polled at such election, for and against the Constitution, are for the Constitution, then this Constitution shall be the Constitution of the state of South Dakota. If it shall appear, according to the returns hereinafter provided for, that a majority of all votes cast at said election for and against "prohibition" are for prohibition then said article XXIV shall be and form a part of this Constitution, and be in full force and effect as such from date of said election, but if a majority of said votes shall appear, according to said returns to be against prohibition, then article XXIV shall be null and void and shall not be a part of this Constitution. And if it appear, according to the returns hereinafter provided for, that a majority of all votes cast at said election for and against "minority representation" are for minority representation, then article XXV shall be and form a part of said Constitution, and be in full force and effect as such from the date of said election; but if a majority of said votes shall appear, according to said returns, to be against minority representation, then said article XXV shall be null and void and shall not be a part of this Constitution.

At such election the person voted for, for any one of the offices to be filled at such election, who shall receive the highest number of votes cast at said election, shall be declared elected to said office.

§6. Election for temporary seat of government.

At the same time and places of election there shall be held by said qualified electors an election for the place of the temporary seat of government.

On each ballot, and on the same ballot on which are the matters voted for or against, as hereinbefore provided, shall be written or printed the words "for temporary seat of government," (Here insert the name of the city, town or place, to be voted for.)

And upon the canvass and return of the vote, made as hereinafter provided for, the name of the city, town or place which shall have received the largest number of votes for said temporary seat of government, shall be declared by the Governor, chief justice and secretary of the territory of Dakota, or by any two of them, at the same time that they shall canvass the vote for or against the Constitution, together with the whole number of votes cast for each city, town or place, and the officers above named, shall immediately after the result of said election shall have been ascertained, issue a proclamation directing the Legislature elected at said election to assemble at said city, town or place so selected, on the day fixed by this schedule and ordinance.

§7. Conduct of election.

The election provided for herein shall be under the provisions of the Constitution herewith submitted, and shall be conducted in all respects as elections are conducted under the general laws of the territory of Dakota, except as herein provided. No mere technicalities or informalities in the manner or form of election, or neglect of any officer to perform his duty with regard thereto, shall be deemed to vitiate or avoid the same, it being the true intent and object of this ordinance to ascertain and give effect to the true will of the people of the state of South Dakota, as expressed by their votes at the polls.

§8. Election returns.

Immediately after the election herein provided for, the judges of election at each voting place shall make a true and complete count of all the votes duly cast at such election, and shall certify and return the result of the same, with the names of all the candidates and the number of votes cast for each candidate, and the number of votes cast for and against the Constitution, and the number of votes cast for and against prohibition, and the number of votes cast for and against minority representation, and the number of votes cast for each city, town or place for the "temporary seat of government," to the county clerk, or auditor of the respective counties, together with one of the poll lists and election books used in said election.

§9. Canvass of vote -- Filing with county clerks or auditors.

Within five days after said election the several boards of county canvassers provided by law for the canvassing of the results of the election, shall make and certify to the secretary of the territory of Dakota the true and correct return of the total number of votes cast for the Constitution, and against the Constitution, of the number of votes cast for and against "prohibition," and the number of votes cast for and against "minority representation," and the number of votes cast for each city, town or place as the "temporary seat of government," and of the number of votes cast for each person voted for at such election, except county officers and members of the Legislature, and shall transmit the same to the secretary of the territory of Dakota, by mail, and shall file with the county clerk or auditor of each of said counties a duplicate and certified copy of said return.

Said board of county canvassers shall issue certificates of election to the persons who shall have received the highest number of votes cast for the respective offices of judge of the county court, and representatives in the Legislature, and for state senator or senators.

§10. Certification of senator or representative from multi-county district.

When two or more counties are connected in one senatorial or representative district, it shall be the duty of the clerks and auditors of the respective counties to attend at the office of the county clerk of the senior county in the date of organization within twenty days after the date of election, and they shall compare the votes given in the several counties comprising such senatorial and representative

district and such clerks or auditors shall immediately make out a certificate of election to the person having the highest number of votes in such district for state senator or representative or both; which certificate shall be delivered to the person entitled thereto on his application to the clerk of the senior county of such district.

§11. Delivery of returns to proper state officer -- Certification to president -- Proclamation of election result -- Lists of elected officers -- Certificates of election.

The secretary of the territory shall receive all returns of election transmitted to him as above provided, and shall preserve the same, and after they have been canvassed as hereinafter provided, and after the admission of the state of South Dakota into the union, he shall deliver said returns to the proper state officer of said state of South Dakota.

Within fifteen days after said election the secretary of the territory, with the Governor and chief justice thereof, or any two of them, shall canvass such returns and certify the same to the president of the United States, as provided in the Enabling Act.

They shall also ascertain the total number of votes cast at such election for the Constitution and against the Constitution; the total number of votes cast for and against prohibition; and the total number of votes cast for and against minority representation; and the total number of votes cast for each city, town or place as the "temporary seat of government"; and the total number of votes cast for each person voted for, for any office at said election, excepting county judges and members of the Legislature, and shall declare the result of said election in conformity with such vote, and the Governor of the territory shall thereupon issue a proclamation at once thereof.

They shall also make and transmit to the state Legislature, immediately upon its organization, a list of all the state and judicial officers who shall thus be ascertained to be duly elected.

The various county and district canvassing boards shall make and transmit to the secretary of the territory the names of all persons declared by them to be elected members of the senate and house of representatives of the state of South Dakota; he shall make separate lists of the senators and representatives so elected, which list shall constitute the rolls under which the senate and house of representatives shall be organized.

The Governor of the territory shall make and issue certificates of election to the persons who are shown by the canvass to have received the highest number of votes for Governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, commissioner of school and public lands and judges of the Supreme and circuit Courts. Such certificates to be attested by the secretary of the territory.

§12. Apportionment of state Legislature -- Number of senators and representatives initially elected.

The apportionment made in this Constitution shall govern the elections above provided for for members of the state Legislature, until otherwise provided by law.

At the first election held under this ordinance for senators and representatives of the Legislature, there shall be elected forty-five senators and one hundred and twenty-four representatives in the state Legislature respectively.

§13. First assembly of Legislature -- Oaths of office.

The Legislature elected under the provisions of this ordinance and Constitution shall assemble at the temporary seat of government on the third Tuesday in October, in the year A. D. 1889, at 12 o'clock noon, and on the first day of their assemblage the Governor and other state officers shall take the oath of office in the presence of the Legislature. The oath of office shall be administered to the members of the Legislature and to the state officers by the chief justice of the territory, or by any other officer duly authorized by the laws of the territory of Dakota to administer oaths.

§14. Election of two United States senators -- Two representatives.

Immediately after the organization of the Legislature and taking the oath of office by the state officers, the Legislature shall then and there proceed to the election of two senators of the United States for the state of South Dakota, in the mode and manner provided by the laws of Congress for

the election of United States senators. And the Governor and the secretary of the state of South Dakota shall certify the election of the said senators and two representatives in Congress, in the manner required by law.

§15. Adjournment after election of senators -- Next meeting.

Immediately after the election of the United States senators as above provided for, said Legislature shall adjourn to meet at the temporary seat of government on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of January, 1890, at 12 o'clock m.; provided, however, that if the state of South Dakota has not been admitted by proclamation or otherwise at said date, then said Legislature shall convene within ten days after the date of the admission of the state into the union.

§16. Legislature and officers to exercise necessary and authorized powers only pending admission of state into union.

Nothing in this Constitution or schedule contained shall be construed to authorize the Legislature to exercise any powers except such as are necessary to its first organization, and to elect United States senators, and to adjourn as above provided. Nor to authorize any officer of the executive, administrative or judiciary departments to exercise any duties of his office until the state of South Dakota shall have been regularly admitted into the union, excepting such as may be authorized by the Congress of the United States.

§17. Validity of ordinances and schedule.

The ordinances and schedule enacted by this convention shall be held to be valid for all the purposes thereof.

§18. Freedom of religion -- Public lands -- Indian lands -- Uniformity of taxation -- Territorial debt -- Public schools -- Federal reservations -- Irrevocability.

That we, the people of the state of South Dakota, do ordain:

First. That perfect toleration of religious sentiment shall be secured, and that no inhabitant of this state shall ever be molested in person or property on account of his or her mode of religious worship.

Second. That we, the people inhabiting the state of South Dakota, do agree and declare, that we forever disclaim all right and title to the unappropriated public lands lying within the boundaries of South Dakota; and to all lands lying within said limits owned or held by any Indian or Indian tribes, and that until the title thereto shall have been extinguished by the United States the same shall be and remain subject to the disposition of the United States, and said Indian lands shall remain under the absolute jurisdiction and control of the Congress of the United States; that the lands belonging to citizens of the United States residing without the said state, shall never be taxed at a higher rate than the lands belonging to residents of this state. That no taxes shall be imposed by the state of South Dakota on lands or property therein belonging to or which may hereafter be purchased by the United States or reserved for its use. But nothing herein shall preclude the state of South Dakota from taxing as other lands are taxed any lands owned or held by any Indian who has severed his tribal relation and has obtained from the United States, or from any person a title thereto by patent or other grant save and except such lands as have been, or may be granted to any Indian or Indians under any act of Congress containing a provision exempting the lands thus granted from taxation, all such lands which may have been exempted by any grant or law of the United States, shall remain exempt to the extent, and as prescribed by such act of Congress.

Third. That the state of South Dakota shall assume and pay that portion of the debts and liabilities of the territory of Dakota as provided in this Constitution.

Fourth. That provision shall be made for the establishment and maintenance of systems of public schools, which shall be open to all the children of this state, and free from sectarian control.

Fifth. That jurisdiction is ceded to the United States over the military reservations of Fort Meade, Fort Randall and Fort Sully, heretofore declared by the president of the United States: provided legal process, civil and criminal, of this state shall extend over such reservations, in all cases of which exclusive jurisdiction is not vested in the United States, or of crimes not committed within the limits of such reservations.

These ordinances shall be irrevocable without the consent of the United States, and also the people of the said state of South Dakota, expressed by their legislative assembly.

§19. Tenure of elected officers.

The tenure of all officers, whose election is provided for in this schedule, on the first day of October, A. D. 1889, shall be as follows:

The Governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, attorney general, superintendent of public instruction, commissioner of school and public lands, judges of county courts, shall hold their respective offices until the first Tuesday, after the first Monday, in January, A. D. 1891, at twelve o'clock m., and until their successors are elected and qualified.

The judges of the Supreme Court and circuit courts shall hold their offices until the first Tuesday, after the first Monday, in January, A. D. 1894, at twelve o'clock m., and until their successors are elected and qualified; subject to the provisions of § 26 of article V of the Constitution.

The terms of office of the members of the Legislature, elected at the first election held under the provisions of this Constitution, shall expire on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday, in January, 1891.

§20. Time of general election.

That the first general election under the provisions of this Constitution shall be held on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday, in November, 1890, and every two years thereafter.

§21. Form of ballot.

The following form of ballot is adopted:

Constitutional Ticket

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

All persons desiring to vote for the Constitution, or for any of the articles submitted to a separate vote, may erase the word "No."

All persons who desire to vote against the Constitution, or any articles separately submitted may erase the word "Yes."

For the Constitution: Yes. No.

For Prohibition: Yes. No.

For Minority Representation: Yes. No.

For ____ as the temporary seat of government.

For Governor. _____

For Lieutenant Governor. _____

For Secretary of State. _____

For Auditor. _____

For Treasurer. _____

For Attorney General. _____

For Superintendent of Public Instruction. _____

For Commissioner of School and Public Lands. _____

For Judges of the Supreme Court.

First District _____

Second District _____

Third District _____

For Judge of the Circuit Court ____ Circuit.

For Representatives in Congress. _____

For State Senator. _____

For Representative in the Legislature. _____

For County Judge. _____

§22. Enrollment of Constitution -- Delivery to secretary of state -- Inclusion in State laws -- Copy to president of United States.

This Constitution shall be enrolled and after adoption and signing by the convention shall be delivered to Hon. A. J. Edgerton, the president of the constitutional convention, for safekeeping, and by him to be delivered to the secretary of state as soon as he assumes the duties of his office, and printed copies thereof shall be prefixed to the books containing the laws of the state and all future editions thereof.

The president of this convention shall also supervise the making of the copy that must be sent to the president of the United States; said copy is to be certified by the president and chief clerk of this convention.

§23. Agreement by joint commission concerning territorial records, books, and archives.

The agreement made by the joint commission of the constitutional conventions of North and South Dakota concerning the records, books, and archives of the territory of Dakota is hereby ratified and confirmed, which agreement is in the words following: That is to say:

The following books, records and archives of the territory of Dakota shall be the property of North Dakota, to wit:

All records, books and archives in the offices of the Governor and secretary of the territory (except records of articles of incorporation of domestic corporations, returns of election of delegates to the constitutional convention of 1889, for South Dakota, returns of elections held under the so-called local option law in counties within the limits of South Dakota, bonds of notaries public appointed for counties within the limits of South Dakota, papers relating to the organization of counties situate within the limits of South Dakota, all of which records and archives are a part of the records and archives of said secretary's office; excepting also census returns from counties situate within the limits of South Dakota and papers relating to requisitions issued upon the application of officers of counties situate within the limits of South Dakota, all which are part of the records and archives of said Governor's office.)

And the following records, books and archives shall also be the property of the state of North Dakota, to wit:

Vouchers in the office or in the custody of the auditor of this territory relating to expenditures on account of public institutions, grounds or buildings situate within the limits of North Dakota; one warrant register in the office of the treasurer of this territory, being a record of warrants issued under and by virtue of chapter twenty-four of the laws enacted by the eighteenth legislative assembly of Dakota territory; all letters, receipts and vouchers in the same office now filed by counties and pertaining to counties within the limits of North Dakota; paid and canceled coupons in the same office representing interest on bonds which said state of North Dakota is to assume and pay; reports of gross earnings of the year 1888 in the same office, made by corporations operating lines of railroad situated wholly or mainly within the limits of North Dakota; records and papers of the office of the public examiner of the second district of the territory; records and papers of the office of the second district board of agriculture; records and papers in the office of the board of pharmacy of the district of North Dakota.

All records, books and archives of the territory of Dakota which it is not herein agreed shall be the property of North Dakota, shall be the property of South Dakota.

The following books shall be copied, and the copies shall be the property of North Dakota, and the cost of such copies shall be borne equally by the said states of North Dakota and South Dakota. That is to say:

Appropriation ledger for the years ending November, 1889 and 1890--one volume.

The current warrant auditor's register--one volume.

Insurance record for 1889--one volume.

Treasurer's cash book "D."

Assessment ledger "B."

Dakota territory bond register--one volume.

Treasurer's current ledger--one volume.

The originals of the foregoing volumes which are to be copied, shall at any time after such copying shall have been completed, be delivered on demand to the proper authorities of the state of South Dakota.

All other records, books and archives which it is hereby agreed shall be the property of South Dakota shall remain at the capital of North Dakota until demanded by the Legislature of the state of South Dakota, and until the state of North Dakota shall have had a reasonable time after such demand is made to provide copies or abstracts or such portions thereof as the said state of North Dakota may desire to have copies or abstracts of.

The state of South Dakota may also provide copies or abstracts of such records, books and archives which is agreed shall be the property of North Dakota as said state of South Dakota shall desire to have copies or abstracts of.

The expense of all copies or abstracts of records, books and archives which it is herein agreed may be made, shall be borne equally by said two states.

Article XXVII

State Control of Manufacture and Sale of Liquor [Repealed]

[Repealed by SL 1899, ch 64]

Article XXVIII

County Investment of Permanent School and Investment Funds

§1. School and governmental bonds -- Farm loans.

The several counties of the state shall invest the moneys of the permanent school and endowment funds in bonds of school corporations, state, county and municipal bonds or in first mortgages upon good improved farm lands within their limits respectively, under such regulations as the Legislature may provide, but no farm loan shall exceed one thousand dollars to any one person, firm or corporation.

Article XXIX

State Elevators, Warehouses, Flouring Mills and Packing Houses

§1. Provision for elevators and warehouses -- Marketing of agricultural products Flouring mills and packing houses.

The Legislature may provide by law and appropriate money for the purchase or construction and operation of elevators and warehouses, within or without the state, for the marketing of agricultural products; and provided, further, that the Legislature may provide by law and appropriate money to buy or construct and operate flouring mills and packing houses within the state, if, in the future, and in the judgment of the Legislature, the public necessities may so require.

Article XXX

Marijuana and Hemp

Article XXX was held unconstitutional by Thom v. Barnett, 2021 S.D. 65 (2021).

§1. Definitions.

Terms used in this article mean:

- (1) "Department," the Department of Revenue or its successor agency;
- (2) "Hemp," the plant of the genus cannabis, and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether

growing or not with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than three-tenths of one percent on a dry weight basis;

- (3) "Local government," means a county, municipality, town, or township;
- (4) "Marijuana," the plant of the genus cannabis, and any part of that plant, including the seeds, the resin extracted from any part of the plant, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant, its seeds, or its resin, including hash and marijuana concentrate. The term includes an altered state of marijuana absorbed into the human body. The term does not include hemp, or fiber produced from the stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of the plant, sterilized seed of the plant which is incapable of germination, or the weight of any other ingredient combined with marijuana to prepare topical or oral administrations, food, drink, or other products;
- (5) "Marijuana accessory," any equipment, product, or material, which is specifically designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing marijuana into the human body.

§2. Laws not limited or affected by this article.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this article, this article does not limit or affect laws that prohibit or otherwise regulate:

- (1) Delivery or distribution of marijuana or marijuana accessories, with or without consideration, to a person younger than twenty-one years of age;
- (2) Purchase, possession, use, or transport of marijuana or marijuana accessories by a person younger than twenty-one years of age;
- (3) Consumption of marijuana by a person younger than twenty-one years of age;
- (4) Operating or being in physical control of any motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport while under the influence of marijuana;
- (5) Consumption of marijuana while operating or being in physical control of a motor vehicle, train, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport, while it is being operated;
- (6) Smoking marijuana within a motor vehicle, aircraft, motorboat, or other motorized form of transport, while it is being operated;
- (7) Possession or consumption of marijuana or possession of marijuana accessories on the grounds of a public or private preschool, elementary school, or high school, in a school bus, or on the grounds of any correctional facility;
- (8) Smoking marijuana in a location where smoking tobacco is prohibited;
- (9) Consumption of marijuana in a public place, other than in an area licensed by the department for consumption;
- (10) Consumption of marijuana as part of a criminal penalty or a diversion program;
- (11) Conduct that endangers others;
- (12) Undertaking any task under the influence of marijuana, if doing so would constitute negligence or professional malpractice; or
- (13) Performing solvent-based extractions on marijuana using solvents other than water, glycerin, propylene glycol, vegetable oil, or food grade ethanol, unless licensed for this activity by the department.

§3. Employment--Public and private property.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this article, this article does not:

- (1) Require that an employer permit or accommodate conduct allowed by this article;
- (2) Affect an employer's ability to restrict the use of marijuana by employees;

- (3) Limit the right of a person who occupies, owns, or controls private property from prohibiting or otherwise regulating conduct permitted by this article on or in that property; or
- (4) Limit the ability of the state or a local government to prohibit or restrict any conduct otherwise permitted under this article within a building owned, leased, or occupied by the state or the local government.

§4. Acts that are not unlawful.

Subject to the limitations in this article, the following acts are not unlawful and shall not be an offense under state law or the laws of any local government within the state or be subject to a civil fine, penalty, or sanction, or be a basis for detention, search, or arrest, or to deny any right or privilege, or to seize or forfeit assets under state law or the laws of any local government, if the person is at least twenty-one years of age:

- (1) Possessing, using, ingesting, inhaling, processing, transporting, delivering without consideration, or distributing without consideration one ounce or less of marijuana, except that not more than eight grams of marijuana may be in a concentrated form;
- (2) Possessing, planting, cultivating, harvesting, drying, processing, or manufacturing not more than three marijuana plants and possessing the marijuana produced by the plants, provided:
 - (a) The plants and any marijuana produced by the plants in excess of one ounce are kept at one private residence, are in a locked space, and are not visible by normal, unaided vision from a public place;
 - (b) Not more than six plants are kept in or on the grounds of a private residence at one time; and
 - (c) The private residence is located within the jurisdiction of a local government where there is no licensed retail store where marijuana is available for purchase pursuant to this article;
- (3) Assisting another person who is at least twenty-one years of age, or allowing property to be used, in any of the acts permitted by this section; and
- (4) Possessing, using, delivering, distributing, manufacturing, transferring, or selling to persons twenty-one years of age or older marijuana accessories.

§5. Civil penalties.

- (1) A person who, pursuant to § 4 of this article, cultivates marijuana plants that are visible by normal, unaided vision from a public place is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.
- (2) A person who, pursuant to § 4 of this article, cultivates marijuana plants that are not kept in a locked space is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars.
- (3) A person who, pursuant to § 4 of this article, cultivates marijuana plants within the jurisdiction of a local government where marijuana is available for purchase at a licensed retail store is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, unless the cultivation of marijuana plants is allowed through local ordinance or regulation pursuant to § 10.
- (4) A person who smokes marijuana in a public place, other than in an area licensed for such activity by the department, is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars.
- (5) A person who is under twenty-one years of age and possesses, uses, ingests, inhales, transports, delivers without consideration or distributes without consideration one ounce or less of marijuana or possesses, delivers without consideration, or distributes without consideration marijuana accessories is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed one hundred dollars. The person shall be provided the option of attending up to four hours of drug education or counseling in lieu of the fine.

§6. Power and duties of department.

The department shall have the exclusive power, except as otherwise provided in § 10, to license and regulate the cultivation, manufacture, testing, transport, delivery, and sale of marijuana in the

state and to administer and enforce this article. The department shall accept applications for and issue, in addition to any other types of licenses the department deems necessary:

- (1) Licenses permitting commercial cultivators and manufacturers of marijuana to cultivate, process, manufacture, transport, and sell marijuana to marijuana wholesalers;
- (2) Licenses permitting independent marijuana testing facilities to analyze and certify the safety and potency of marijuana;
- (3) Licenses permitting marijuana wholesalers to package, process, and prepare marijuana for transport and sale to retail sales outlets; and
- (4) Licenses permitting retail sales outlets to sell and deliver marijuana to consumers.

§7. Promulgation of rules.

Not later than April 1, 2022, the department shall promulgate rules and issue regulations necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this article. The rules shall be reasonable and shall include:

- (1) Procedures for the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of licenses;
- (2) Application, licensing, and renewal fees, not to exceed the amount necessary to cover the costs to the department of implementing and enforcing this article;
- (3) Time periods, not to exceed ninety days, by which the department must issue or deny an application;
- (4) Qualifications for licensees;
- (5) Security requirements, including lighting and alarm requirements, to prevent diversion;
- (6) Testing, packaging, and labeling requirements, including maximum tetrahydrocannabinol levels, to ensure consumer safety and accurate information;
- (7) Restrictions on the manufacture and sale of edible products to ensure consumer and child safety;
- (8) Health and safety requirements to ensure safe preparation and to prohibit unsafe pesticides;
- (9) Inspection, tracking, and record-keeping requirements to ensure regulatory compliance and to prevent diversion;
- (10) Restrictions on advertising and marketing;
- (11) Requirements to ensure that all applicable statutory environmental, agricultural, and food and product safety requirements are followed;
- (12) Requirements to prevent the sale and diversion of marijuana to persons under twenty-one years of age; and
- (13) Civil penalties for the failure to comply with rules adopted pursuant to this article.

§8. Number of licenses.

In determining the appropriate number of licenses to issue, as required under this article, the department shall:

- (1) Issue enough licenses to substantially reduce the illicit production and sale of marijuana throughout the state; and
- (2) Limit the number of licenses issued, if necessary, to prevent an undue concentration of licenses in any one municipality.

§9. Conduct permitted by license--Contracts--Professional services.

Actions and conduct by a licensee, a licensee's employee, and a licensee's agent, as permitted pursuant to a license issued by the department, or by those who allow property to be used by a licensee, a licensee's employee, or a licensee's agent, as permitted pursuant to a license issued by the department, are not unlawful and shall not be an offense under state law, or the laws of any local government within the state, or be subject to a civil fine, penalty, or sanction, or be a basis for detention, search, or arrest, or to deny any right or privilege, or to seize or forfeit assets under state

law, or the laws of any local government within the state. No contract is unenforceable on the basis that marijuana is prohibited by federal law. A holder of a professional or occupational license is not subject to professional discipline for providing advice or services related to marijuana licenses or applications on the basis that marijuana is prohibited by federal law.

§10. Local ordinances.

A local government may enact ordinances or regulations governing the time, place, manner, and number of licensees operating within its jurisdiction. A local government may ban the establishment of licensees or any category of licensee within its jurisdiction. A local government may allow for cultivation at private residences within its jurisdiction that would otherwise not be allowed under subsection 4(2)(c) so long as the cultivation complies with subsections 4(2)(a) and 4(2)(b) and the other requirements of this article. A local government may not prohibit the transportation of marijuana through its jurisdiction on public roads by any person licensed to do so by the department or as otherwise allowed by this article.

§11. Excise tax--Use of revenue.

An excise tax of fifteen percent is imposed upon the gross receipts of all sales of marijuana sold by a person licensed by the department pursuant to this article to a consumer. The Legislature may adjust this rate after November 3, 2024. The department shall by rule establish a procedure for the collection of this tax and shall collect the tax. The revenue collected under this section shall be appropriated to the department to cover costs incurred by the department in carrying out its duties under this article. Fifty percent of the remaining revenue shall be appropriated by the Legislature for the support of South Dakota public schools and the remainder shall be deposited into the state general fund.

§12. Compliance with administrative procedures act--Mandamus.

Any rule adopted by the department pursuant to this article must comply with chapter 1-26 of the South Dakota Codified Laws. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the department is entitled to appeal the decision in accordance with chapter 1-26 of the South Dakota Codified Laws. If by April 1, 2022, the department fails to promulgate rules required by this article, or if the department adopts rules that are inconsistent with this article, any resident of the state may commence a mandamus action in circuit court to compel performance by the department in accordance with this article.

§13. Annual report.

The department shall publish an annual report that includes the number and type of licenses issued, demographic information on licensees, a description of any enforcement or disciplinary action taken against licensees, a statement of revenues and expenses of the department related to the implementation, administration, and enforcement of this article, and a statement of taxes collected in accordance with this article, and an accounting for how those revenues were disbursed.

§14. Marijuana for medical use--Hemp.

Not later than April 1, 2022, the Legislature shall pass laws to:

- (1) Ensure access to marijuana beyond what is set forth in this article by persons who have been diagnosed by a health care provider, acting within the provider's scope of practice, as having a serious and debilitating medical condition and who are likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from marijuana; and
- (2) Regulate the cultivation, processing, and sale of hemp.

§15. Construction of article--Severability.

This article shall be broadly construed to accomplish its purposes and intents. Nothing in this article purports to supersede any applicable federal law, except where allowed by federal law. If any provision in this article or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect other provisions or applications of the article that can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this article are severable.

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State Seal and State Emblems

Great Seal of the State of South Dakota

The original design of the Great Seal of South Dakota, along with the motto “Under God the People Rule”, was first suggested by Dr. Joseph Ward, the founder of Yankton College. At the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention of 1885 the ultimate design and motto were adopted and then modified in 1889 in Article XXI, Miscellaneous, Section 1, of the Original State Constitution, which reads:



Seal and Coat of Arms. The design of the Great Seal of Dakota shall be as follows: A circle within which shall appear in the left foreground, a smelting furnace and other features of mining work. In the left

background, a range of hills. In the right foreground, a farmer at his plow. In the right background, a herd of cattle and a field of corn.

Between the two parts thus described shall appear a river bearing a steamboat. Properly divided between the upper and lower edges of the circle shall appear the legend, "Under God the People Rule," which shall be the motto of the State of South Dakota. Exterior to this circle and within a circumscribed circle shall appear in the upper part the words "State of Dakota," in the lower part the words "Great Seal" and the date in Arabic numerals of the year in which the state shall be admitted to the Union.

It is noted that this adoption occurred four years prior to South Dakota being admitted as a state. The wording from 1885 was changed from “State of Dakota” to “State of South Dakota” in 1889.

The color interpretation of the Great Seal was not standardized until a Mitchell, SD, artist, Richard Cropp, designed the official color version in magic marker as the basis for all reproductions. This version was later revised by John Moisan from Fort Pierre, who was commissioned by Governor Bill Janklow in 1986, to create an official painted version from which all future replications are now based. In January 2016, John G. Moisan penned the following letter, documenting his memories of the State Seal:

In 1982, I transferred from the Department of Public Safety to the Bureau of Administration by, then Governor, Bill Janklow to be a forms management specialist. My job was to consolidate state forms and reduce the number and quantity of forms used by state government and to, somehow, cause agencies to share information, rather than each collecting their own data. My “first” job, however, quickly changed as the Governor found [out] about my artistic ability and directed me to paint a colored version of the South Dakota State Seal for his office.

In my research, I found the “official” South Dakota State Seal in the Secretary of State’s vault in the basement of the Capitol. The “official” state seal was a black and white drawing colored with magic marker that had faded to white over time. That seal was listed in SDCL and included the artist’s name and specifications. The seal in the vault was on white paper glued to a piece of foam core board and in very poor condition. I returned the seal to the vault and never used it.

After I described the situation to Governor Janklow, he directed me to paint a new official state seal that would be hung in his office. I assumed that he had coordinated with the Secretary of State at the time.

I set about, then, to recreate the new state seal for the Governor's Office. Over a period of about 8 weeks, I painted the new official state seal using acrylic paint on acid free board using the descriptions of color and panorama of the State Seal described in SDCL. The completed seal was then permanently glued to a mahogany frame and hung behind Governor Janklow's desk. Once the State Seal was hung in the Governor's Office, SDCL was changed to reflect the official changes:

1-6-1. State seal adopted--Reproductions. There is hereby adopted as the official colored seal of the State of South Dakota, a reproduction of the seal, described in article XXI, section 1 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, and made in conformity therewith but whose proportions and colored detail are set out specifically in accord with an original painting of the great seal produced by John G. Moisan of Fort Pierre and shall be the basis for all reproductions of the great seal of the State of South Dakota.

At one point, I rescued that very same State Seal from going to surplus property from a Governor's staff person because "the Governor didn't like it" and it was rehung behind the Governor's desk. I assume it is still there today. Since then, the version of the State Seal which hangs behind the Governor's desk has been the basis for all state seal duplications, as well as the reproductions of the South Dakota State Flag. To my knowledge, there is no notification on the State Seal that it is the "Official" State Seal.

The State Seal is not public domain. Permission must be granted by the Secretary of State, the Custodian of the Seal, for its use. This was enacted by the legislature to protect the image of the state seal and to ensure its tasteful and respectful display.

The Official State Seal was transferred from State Archives to the Secretary of State's Office in January 2017, where it is on public display in the lobby.



State Flag and Pledge

The current, official South Dakota State Flag features the state seal surrounded by a golden blazing sun in a field of sky blue. Letters reading “South Dakota, The Mount Rushmore State” – the official state nickname are arranged in a circle around the sun. However, the original flag or banner had a different design.



Front and reverse sides of the original State Flag



Original Flag Stand – “Original 1909 Design of the Flag of South Dakota” – Ida Anding McNeil – Member of GFWC [General Federation of Women’s Clubs] Pierre Women’s Club

South Dakota had no official state flag until 1909. As recounted in *Wiyohi Bulletin*, Volume II, November 1, 1948: “In 1909 Senator Ernest May of Deadwood came into the Historical Society office. Seth Bullock wanted a state flag. May asked Doane Robinson about it and was told by Robinson that Ida Anding, now Mrs. McNeil, former operator of KGFX radio of Pierre, who was then a stenographer in the Historical offices, would design him a flag. She did. It was a blazing sun, on an azure (blue) background. May liked the design, Senate Bill 208 was introduced. Later, on the floor, he moved that ‘on the reverse of the blazing sun shall appear the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in dark blue.’ This was adopted and the bill passed. Money to buy two flags was appropriated. One went to the Secretary of State, and Seth Bullock of Camp No. 1, United Spanish Veterans of South Dakota, got the other.”

The state flag was then designed by Ida M. Anding, legislative librarian, in 1909, according to the following specifications: “The Flag of South Dakota shall consist of a field of blue, one and two-thirds as long as it is wide, in the center of which shall be a blazing sun in gold, two-fifths as wide in diameter as the width of the flag. Above this sun shall be arranged in the arc of the circle, in gold letters, the words ‘South Dakota’ and below this sun in the arc of the circle shall be arranged the words in gold letters, ‘The Sunshine State’, and on the reverse of the blazing sun shall be printed in dark blue the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota. The edges of the flag shall be trimmed with a fringe of gold, to be in proportion to the width of the flag. The staff shall be surmounted by a spearhead to which shall be attached cord and tassels of suitable length and size.”

This was the only official state flag until the year 1963. It became increasingly evident by this time that the cost to manufacture a flag with a different emblem on each side was expensive to the degree



South Dakota's "Betsy Ross" is Mrs. Ida McNeil who designed State flag in 1909. She now operates radio station KGFX.

that there were few South Dakota state flags in existence, and they were seldom flown. In the legislature of 1963, House Bill 503, introduced by Representative William Sahr of Hughes County, was enacted and approved by the Governor on March 11, 1963.

It appears this was a wise decision, as the cost of the South Dakota state flag was greatly reduced, and more requests for the state flag were made than ever before. In 1992, a measure sponsored by State Representative Gordon Pederson of Pennington County, South Dakota, changed the wording on the flag to read "The Mount Rushmore State". Codified law now reads as follows:

§1-6-4. State flag - Description.

The state flag or banner shall consist of a field of sky-blue one and two-thirds as long as it is wide. Centered on such field shall be the great seal of South Dakota made in conformity with the terms of the Constitution, which shall be four-ninths, the width of the flag in diameter. The seal shall be on a white background with the seal outlined in dark blue or, in the alternative, shall be on a sky-blue background with the seal outlined in dark blue thereon.

Surrounding the seal in gold shall be a serrated sun whose extreme width shall be five-ninths the width of the flag. The words "South Dakota" symmetrically arranged to conform to the circle of the sun and seal shall appear in gold letters one-eighteenth the width of the field above the sun and seal and the words "The Mount Rushmore State" in like-sized gold letters and in like arrangement shall appear below the sun and seal. Flags designed of such material as may be provident for outdoor use need have no fringe but flags for indoor and display usage shall have a golden fringe one-eighteenth the width of the flag on the three sides other than the hoist.



Of the two Original State Flags that were appropriated and made, one is maintained by State Archives at the Cultural Heritage Center. The other Official 1909 State Flag was placed back on public display in the Secretary of State's Office in October 2015.

The Pledge to the State Flag is:

"I pledge loyalty and support to the flag and state of South Dakota, land of sunshine, land of infinite variety."

The pledge to the flag and to the state may not preempt, replace, or be recited before the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

State Song – "Hail South Dakota"

The official state song was adopted in 1943. It is a marching song, composed by Deecort Hammitt.

Memorize the Words and Music of Your State Song . . .
Sing Her Praises Wherever You May Go!

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The Favorite South Dakota Song for All Occasions

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Mount Rushmore of Black Hills, S. Dak.

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CHAPTER 268

(H. B. 115)

HAIL! SOUTH DAKOTA, ADOPTED AS STATE SONG

AN ACT Entitled, An Act Adopting and Establishing a State Song

As it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota:

Section 1. The Song "Hail, South Dakota," having words and music written by Deecort Hammitt is adopted and established as the official state song of South Dakota. A copy of such composition is on file in the office of the Secretary of State.

Approved March 5, 1943.

The above bill was introduced in the South Dakota Legislature by Representative J. T. Moore, of Grand Coulee, and was officially adopted as the State Song of South Dakota.

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The Selected South Dakota Song for All Occasions

"HAIL! SOUTH DAKOTA"

A Great State of The Land

Words and Music

by

DEECORT HAMMITT

Play in Snappy March Time

Intro.

Voice *Sing with spirit*

1. Hail! South Da - ko -
2. Come where the sun
3. Hail! South Da - ko -

ta, A great state of the land, _____
 shines, And where life's worth your while, _____
 ta, The state we love the best, _____

Health, wealth and beau - ty, That's what
 You won't be here long, 'Till you'll
 Land of our fa - thers, Build - ers

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makes her grand; She has her
 wear a smile; No state's so
 of the west; Home of the

Black Hills, And mines with gold so rare,
 health y, And no folk quite so true,
 Bad lands, And Rush - more's age - less shrine,

And with her seen' - ry,
 To South Da - ko ta,
 Black Hills and prai - ries,
 (Hills, farms and prai - ries,

No state can com - pare. pare.
 We all wel - come you. you.
 Farm - land and Sun - shine. shine.
 Blessed with bright Sun - shine.)

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State Animal – Coyote

(*canis latrans*)

Named the state animal in 1949, the coyote is a natural and adaptable predator of small game and rodents, hunting the open prairies and fields over the entire state. The coyote occurs in greatest numbers along the Missouri River, its tributaries, and in the Black Hills. The coyote appears often in the traditions and tales of Native Americans, usually as a very savvy and clever beast.

State Bird – Ring-Necked Pheasant

(*phasianus colchicus*)

Native to Asia, the Ring-Necked Pheasant was first successfully introduced to Spink County, South Dakota in 1908 by A.E. Cooper and E.L. Ebbert. Easily recognized by its colorful plumage, the pheasant is also known for its delicious meat. Since it is primarily a Midwestern bird, pheasant is considered a delicacy in many states. The Ring-Necked Pheasant officially earned the state bird designation in 1943.

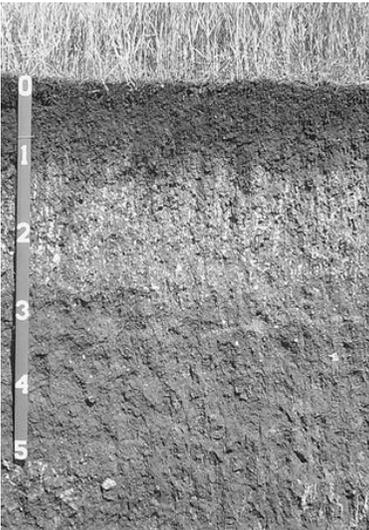


State Soil – Houdek Soil

Houdek was designated the state soil in 1990. According to the United States Department of Agriculture:

Houdek soil, a deep, well drained, loamy soil, represents many soils formed in South Dakota under the influence of prairie grass. The surface layer is dark colored from decayed plants and other material that has been deposited over thousands of years.

Houdek soil is of major economic importance to South Dakota because the productive Houdek soils are often used for cropland and rangeland. Small grains, corn, sunflowers, and soybeans are commonly grown crops. Alfalfa and grass-alfalfa mixtures provide hay and pasture for grazing livestock. Large areas of Houdek soil are in native range. Crops and grasses grown on the Houdek soil also provide habitat for wildlife.



State Drink – Milk

(lac vacuum)

Dairy producers are one of the major industries in South Dakota, producing nearly 246 million gallons of milk in 2014 and generating approximately \$427 million in sales annually. Milk was adopted as the official state drink in 1986.



State Insect – Honeybee

(apis mellifera L)

South Dakota is a leader in honey production. In recognition of its importance to the state’s farm economy, the honeybee was adopted as the state insect in 1978. The state’s mild, clear, clover honey is often shipped out-of-state to be blended with darker honey.



State Fossil – Triceratops

A horned dinosaur of the late Cretaceous period (about 66 to 68 million years ago) is the state fossil. The Triceratops was an herbivorous ceratopsid (quadrupedal), who may have used its horns and frill for combat or display in courtship. Discovered in Harding County in 1927, the skeleton is now on display in Rapid City at the Museum of Geology, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

State Grass – Western Wheatgrass

(pascopyrum/agropyron smithii)

This variety of wheat is a common grass that is one of the few found throughout South Dakota. It is a long lived, cool season species that has coarse blue-green leaves with prominent veins. Because of this bluish appearance, it has sometimes been called bluestem wheatgrass or blue joint. The sheaths are hairy, and the purplish auricles typically clasp the stem. It is grown primarily as feed for livestock and harvested for its seed. Western Wheatgrass was named the state grass in 1970.





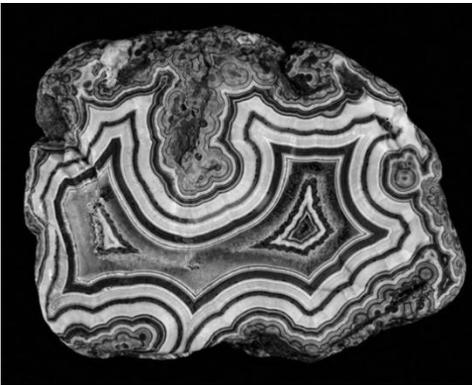
State Flower – American Pasque

(*pulsatilla hirsutissima*)

Also called the May Day flower, the American Pasque grows wild throughout the state. In 1903, South Dakota law set forth that “the floral emblem of this state shall be the American pasque flower with the motto ‘I lead.’” South Dakota is the only state which has an emblem with a motto instead of simply a flower. The blooming of these five-petal, lavender flowers is one of the first signs of spring in South Dakota. The pasque is a member of the anemone family.

State Jewelry – Black Hills Gold

Black Hills Gold jewelry was first created in the 1870s by French goldsmith Henri LeBeau. Today, this beautiful jewelry is created and manufactured exclusively in the Black Hills. Each design incorporates the motif of grape clusters and leaves in tricolor combinations of green, rose, and yellow gold, making it easily recognizable. The state jewelry was designated in 1988.



State Gemstone – Fairburn Agate

Fairburn Agate is a semiprecious stone that was first discovered near Fairburn, South Dakota. Found primarily in an area extending from Orella, Nebraska, to Farmingdale, South Dakota, it is used in jewelry and is a favorite of rock collectors. Fairburn agates are noted for their strikingly contrasted, thin bands of natural colors, generally yellowish-brown with narrow opaque white bands, or dark red with white bands. This designation was made in 1966.

State Mineral – Rose Quartz

This pink colored quartz was discovered near Custer, South Dakota, in the 1880s. It is mined in the southern Black Hills and is used primarily for ornaments and jewelry. In South Dakota, the color of rose quartz ranges from the pale shades of pink to rose-pink to rose-red. Occasionally, it has a faint purplish or lavender cast. This designation was made in 1966.





**State Nickname –
The Mount Rushmore State**

The state nickname became official in 1992. The Mount Rushmore State refers to the mountain sculpture created by Gutzon Borglum over a period of 14 years. Before that South Dakota was known as the "Sunshine State"; the "Coyote State"; the "Artesian State"; the "Blizzard State"; "The Land of Plenty"; and "The Land of Infinite Variety."

State Fish – Walleye

(stizostedion vitreum)

Designated as the state fish in 1992, the walleye is the fish most sought after by South Dakota anglers, not only because it is one of the most challenging adversaries, but because of its delicious and delicate taste. Found in lakes and rivers across the state, walleyes are most common in the Missouri River system and in the glacial lakes area of northeastern South Dakota. The Museum of Wildlife, Science, and Industry, in Webster, is designated as the site of the State Fishing Museum.



State Musical Instrument – Fiddle

The fiddle was designated the official state musical instrument in 1989. Fiddle is another name for the bowed string musical instrument more often called a violin. It is also a colloquial term for the instrument used by players in all genres, including classical music. Fiddle is also a common term among musicians who play folk music on the violin. Wilbur Foss, a Scotland, South Dakota, native, organized the South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers Association. The association has been in existence for over thirty years.



State Tree – Black Hills Spruce

(picea glauca densata)

The Black Hills Spruce, named in 1947, as the state tree, is a member of the evergreen family. Black Hills Spruce is a naturally occurring variety of white spruce native to South Dakota. The pyramid shaped tree is characterized by dense foliage of short, blue-green needles and slender cones. The largest spruce tree is 95 feet tall with a canopy spread of 42 feet. The Black Hills Spruce is very wind firm, not damaged by heavy snow or ice storms, and can live 80 or more years in windbreaks. Deer will normally not eat this species unless nothing else is available.





State Dessert – Kuchen

This quintessential German Russian pastry is a sweet dough crust filled with custard, which is served plain or studded with fruit, such as prunes, peaches, blueberries, and apples. Kuchen was designated as the official state dessert in 2000.

State Bread – Frybread

Frybread has been part of Native American family meals for generations. A mixture of flour, sugar, salt and oil, the dough is then fried in hot oil. Frybread is served both at home and public events, such as fairs and pow-wows. With House Bill 1205, the 2005 Legislature designated fry bread as the official bread of South Dakota.



State “Nosh”/Food – Chislic

While Chislic may vary slightly in preparation from region to region, it is traditionally prepared very simply. Cubed mutton or lamb (or alternately beef or venison), generally no bigger than a half-inch, are cooked in a deep fryer. After cooking, while the meat cools on a paper towel, it is flavored with garlic salt, or other varieties of seasoned salts. The cubes are eaten hot, using toothpicks. With Senate Bill 96, the 2018 Legislature designated Chislic as the official food or “nosh” of South Dakota.

State Sport – Rodeo

Rodeos are rooted in South Dakota history, as people across the state gather to both watch and participate. They are a time-honored tradition throughout the state. Rodeos are generally comprised of the following events: tie-down roping, team roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, bull riding, and barrel racing. These events are divided into two basic categories: the rough stock events and the timed events. Rodeo became the official sport of the State of South Dakota in 2003.





**State Indigenous Musical Instrument
– Traditional “Dakota” Flute**

The Dakota flute is one of the oldest instruments in North America. Its current form arose in the 1980’s and utilizes a Japanese-style tuning.

While it is specifically recognized as the Dakota flute in the bill, the term Dakota can be used to represent the Oceti Sakowin (oh-CHEH-tee shah-KOH-wee) language as a general term. This includes both the Nakota and Lakota languages.

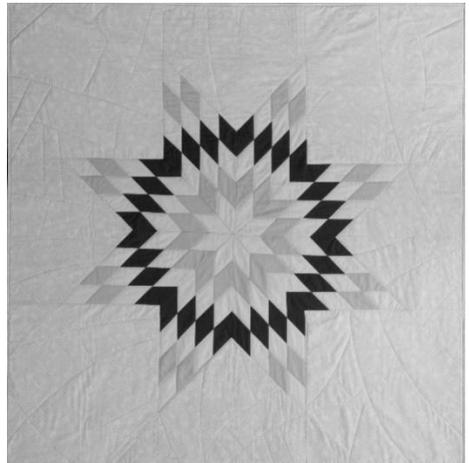
This designation was made in 2022.

State Quilt – Star Quilt

Patterns for this quilt are composed of small diamond pieces sewn together to create a large eight-point star that encompasses the entire quilt top. These quilts grew out of the tradition of Lakota, Nakota, Dakota warriors being honored when they returned from a battle, hunt, or vision quest.

Star Quilts represent honor and generosity to the Lakota people. They may be used to mark events, honoring those who have passed, and many other achievements.

The Star Quilt recognizes our Lakota, Nakota, Dakota culture, artists, and quilters. It became the official quilt of South Dakota in 2022.





State Hall of Fame

The South Dakota Hall of Fame is a nonprofit, governmental organization, recognizing South Dakotans who have contributed to our state's progress, forged our way of life, and shaped our values. The Hall of Fame honors those who built our great state and those who continue to contribute to future developments. It is dedicated exclusively to the preservation and extension of our state's heritage.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1974 and was originally located in Fort Pierre. The State Legislature officially recognized the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 1996. The doors opened at its permanent location in Chamberlain on June 3, 2000.

Each year the South Dakota Hall of Fame hosts an induction ceremony, during which up to 10 individuals may be inducted into one of the following Categories of Recognition:

- **Agriculture** – Farm & Ranch, Farm, Ranch, Business
- **Arts & Entertainment** – Actor, Actress, Artist, Film, Media, Musician, Occupation, Photography, Sculptor, Writer.
- **General** – Education, Military, Political, Religion, Native American Heritage
- **Professional** – Business Leader, Inventor, Law, Medical Advancement, Medical Field, Philanthropy, Researcher, Scientist, Technology/Computer Science, Sports

The South Dakota Hall of Fame Inductees for 2023:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Robert Arnio
Lead, SD
Professional | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Thomas “Tom” Dean
Wessington Springs, SD
Professional |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce Bad Moccasin
Pierre, SD
Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jose’-Marie Griffiths
London, England
Education |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walt Bones, III
Parker, SD
Agriculture | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Pamela “Pam” Homan
Sioux Falls, SD
Education |

- **Gary Mule Deer**
Spearfish, SD
Arts and Entertainment
 - **Larry Rohrer**
Sioux Falls, SD
Arts and Entertainment
 - **Hani Shafai**
Beit Lahia, Palestine
Business
 - **Adam Vinatieri**
Rapid City, SD
Sports
-

The South Dakota Hall of Fame Inductees for 2024:

- **Bryan Akipa**
Sisseton, SD
Arts and Entertainment
- **Jim Entenman**
Sioux Falls, SD
Professional
- **Jeff Hazard**
Sioux Falls, SD
General
- **Hugh Ingalls**
Faith, SD
Agriculture
- **Arlouine Gay Kingman**
Eagle Butte, SD
Education
- **Jan Manolis**
Huron, SD
General
- **Judith Knittel Meierhenry**
Gregory, SD
Professional
- **Dr. Peggy Gordon Miller**
Mayfield, KY
Education
- **Greg Sands**
Aberdeen, SD
Business
- **Dean Sorenson**
Sioux Falls, SD
Arts and Entertainment



Official Directory of State Government

United States of America Legislative Branch South Dakota Congressional Delegation

John Thune, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Sioux Falls
 M. Michael Rounds, U.S. Senate Fort Pierre
 Dustin “Dusty” Johnson, U.S. Representative at Large Mitchell

United States of America Executive Branch

Donald Trump, President Palm Beach, FL
 JD Vance, Vice President Cincinnati, OH

United States of America Judicial Branch South Dakota District Judges

Roberto Lange, Chief Judge Sioux Falls
 Karen E. Schreier, Judge Sioux Falls
 Lawrence L. Piersol, Judge Sioux Falls
 Laura L. Kulm Ask, Bankruptcy Judge Sioux Falls
 Veronica Duffy, Magistrate Judge Sioux Falls
 Camela C. Theeler, Judge Rapid City
 Daneta Wollmann, Magistrate Judge Rapid City
 Eric C. Schulte, Judge Pierre
 Mark A. Moreno, Magistrate Judge Pierre
 Charles B. Kornmann, Judge Aberdeen

South Dakota Legislative Branch Senate Leadership - 2025

Tonnis H. Venhuizen President
 Chris Karr President Pro Tempore
 Jim Mehlhaff Majority Leader
 Carl Pery Assistant Majority Leader
 Randy Deibert Majority Whip
 Kevin Jensen Majority Whip
 Sue Peterson Majority Whip
 Tom Pischke Majority Whip
 Liz Larson Minority Leader
 Jamie Smith Assistant Minority Leader
 Red Dawn Foster Minority Whip
 Ernie Otten Appropriations Chair

Senate Standing Committees – 2025

**Denotes Chair *Denotes Vice-Chair

Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Tom Pischke (R)	Sydney Davis (R)	Sam Marty (R)	Curt Voight (R)
*Kevin Jensen (R)	Helene Duhamel (R)	Michael Rohl (R)	

Appropriations

**Ernie Otten (R)	Red Dawn Foster (D)	Paul Miskimins (R)	Mykala Voita (R)
*Mark Lapka (R)	Taffy Howard (R)	Glen Vilhauer (R)	Larry Zikmund (R)
John Carley (R)			

Commerce and Energy:

**Casey Crabtree (R)	Randy Deibert (R)	Chris Karr (R)	Liz Larson (D)
*Sue Peterson (R)	Joy Hohn (R)	Steve Kolbeck (R)	Carl Perry (R)
Arch Beal (R)			

Education:

**Kyle Schoenfish (R)	Sam Marty (R)	Sue Peterson (R)	Jamie Smith (D)
*Curt Voight (R)	Lauren Nelson (R)	Stephanie Sauder (R)	

Government Operations and Audit:

**Taffy Howard (R)	Red Dawn Foster (D)	Chris Karr (R)	David Wheeler (R)
*Ernie Otten (R)			

Health and Human Services:

**Kevin Jensen (R)	Tamara Grove (R)	Tim Reed (R)	Curt Voight (R)
*Sydney Davis (R)	Carl Perry (R)	Jamie Smith (D)	

Judiciary:

**David Wheeler (R)	Greg Blanc (R)	Tamara Grove (R)	Tom Pischke (R)
*Amber Hulse (R)	Helene Duhamel (R)	Jim Mehlhaff (R)	

Legislative Procedure:

**Chris Karr (R)	Randy Deibert (R)	Carl Perry (R)	Tom Pischke (R)
*Jim Mehlhaff (R)	Liz Larson (D)	Sue Peterson (R)	

Local Government:

**Tim Reed (R)	Lauren Nelson (R)	Kyle Schoenfish (R)	David Wheeler (R)
*Helene Duhamel (R)	Michael Rohl (R)	Jamie Smith (D)	

Military and Veterans Affairs:

**Larry Zikmund (R)	Greg Blanc (R)	Joy Hohn (R)	Taffy Howard (R)
*Sam Marty (R)			

Retirement Laws:

**Randy Deibert (R)	Red Dawn Foster (D)	Steve Kolbeck (R)	Jamie Smith (D)
*Glen Vilhauer (R)			

State Affairs:

**Jim Mehlhaff (R)	Randy Deibert (R)	Chris Karr (R)	Sue Peterson (R)
*Carl Perry (R)	Kevin Jensen (R)	Liz Larson (D)	Tom Pischke (R)
Arch Beal (R)			

Taxation:

**Steve Kolbeck (R)	Greg Blanc (R)	Sydney Davis (R)	Amber Hulse (R)
*Joy Hohn (R)	Casey Crabtree (R)	Tamara Grove (R)	

Transportation:

**Randy Deibert (R)	Joy Hohn (R)	Stephanie Sauder (R)	David Wheeler (R)
*Arch Beal (R)	Liz Larson (D)	Kyle Schoenfish (R)	

State-Tribal Relations:

**Michael Rohl (R)	Tamara Grove (R)	Sam Marty (R)	Jamie Smith (D)
Red Dawn Foster (D)			

House Leadership – 2025

Jon Hansen	Speaker
Karla Lems	Speaker Pro Tempore
Scott Odenbach.....	Majority Leader
Marty Overweg.....	Assistant Majority Leader
Jessica Bahmuller	Majority Whip
Les Heinemann.....	Majority Whip
Greg Jamison	Majority Whip
Brandei Schaeffbauer.....	Majority Whip
Bethany Soye.....	Majority Whip
Erin Healy.....	Minority Leader
Eric Emery.....	Assistant Minority Leader
Kadyn Wittman	Minority Whip
Nicole Uhre-Balk.....	Minority Whip
Mike Derby.....	Appropriations Chair

House Standing Committees – 2025

**Denotes Chair *Denotes Vice-Chair

Agriculture and Natural Resources:

**Marty Overweg (R)	Jana Hunt (R)	Kaley Nolz (R)	Kevin Van Diepen (R)
*Spencer Gosch (R)	Travis Ismay (R)	Drew Peterson (R)	Richard Vasgaard (R)
Julie Auch (R)	Trish Ladner (R)	Kathy Rice (R)	Kadyn Wittman (D)
Tim Goodwin (R)			

Appropriations:

**Mike Derby (R)	Chris Kassin (R)	Liz May (R)	Erik Muckey (D)
*Al Novstrup (R)	Jack Kolbeck (R)	Scott Moore (R)	John Sjaarda (R)
Terri Jorgenson (R)			

Commerce and Energy:

**Karla Lems (R)	Lana Greenfield (R)	Kaley Nolz (R)	William Shorma (R)
*Jessica Bahmuller (R)	Tony Kayser (R)	Drew Peterson (R)	Nicole Uhre-Balk (D)
Aaron Aylward (R)	Tina Mulally (R)	Tesa Schwans (R)	Mike Weisgram (R)
Steve Duffy (R)			

Education:

**Lana Greenfield (R)	Roger DeGroot (R)	Travis Ismay (R)	Kathy Rice (R)
*Mike Stevens (R)	Josephine Garcia (R)	Phil Jensen (R)	Tesa Schwans (R)
Amber Arlint (R)	Jim Halverson (R)	Dylan Jordan (R)	Nicole Uhre-Balk (D)
Heather Baxter (R)	Melissa Heermann (R)	Logan Manhart (R)	

Government Operations and Audit:

**Marty Overweg (R)	Julie Auch (R)	Eric Emery (D)	Karla Lems (R)
*Scott Moore (R)			

Health and Human Services:

**Brian Mulder (R)	Eric Emery (D)	Tony Kayser (R)	Rebecca Reimer (R)
*Leslie Heinemann (R)	Josephine Garcia (R)	Logan Manhart (R)	Brandei
Bobbi Andera (R)	Jim Halverson (R)	Taylor Rehfeldt (R)	Schaeffbauer (R)
Heather Baxter (R)	Dylan Jordan (R)		

Judiciary:

**Mike Stevens (R)	John Hughes (R)	Curt Massie (R)	Rebecca Reimer (R)
*Bethany Soye (R)	Jana Hunt (R)	Will Mortenson (R)	Tim Reisch (R)
Mary Fitzgerald (R)	David Kull (R)	Peri Pourier (R)	Tim Walburg (R)

Legislative Procedure:

**Jon Hansen (R)	Erin Healy (D)	Tina Mulally (R)	Marty Overweg (R)
*Karla Lems (R)	Greg Jamison (R)	Scott Odenbach (R)	

Local Government:

**Greg Jamison (R)	Roger DeGroot (R)	David Kull (R)	Matt Roby (R)
*Julie Auch (R)	Mary Fitzgerald (R)	Trish Ladner (R)	Kevin Van Diepen (R)
Bobbi Andera (R)	Melissa Heermann (R)	Tina Mulally (R)	Kadyn Wittman (D)
Jeff Bathke (R)			

Military and Veterans Affairs:

**Tim Goodwin (R)	Heather Baxter (R)	Scott Moore (R)	Christopher Reder (R)
*Tim Reisch (R)	Terry Jorgenson (R)	Peri Pourier (R)	William Shorma (R)
Bobbi Andera (R)	Tony Kayser (R)	Tony Randolph (R)	Keri Weems (R)
Aaron Aylward (R)			

Retirement Laws:

**Mike Weisgram (R)	Amber Arlint (R)	David Kull (R)	Erik Muckey (D)
*Leslie Heinemann (R)			

State Affairs:

**Scott Odenbach (R)	Spencer Gosch (R)	Greg Jamison (R)	Brandei
*Marty Overweg (R)	Jon Hansen (R)	Karla Lems (R)	Schaeftbauer (R)
Jessica Bahmuller (R)	Erin Healy (D)	Tim Reisch (R)	Bethany Soye (R)
Eric Emery (D)	Leslie Heinemann (R)		

Taxation:

**Aaron Aylward (R)	Curt Massie (R)	Tony Randolph (R)	Tim Walburg (R)
*John Hughes (R)	Will Mortenson (R)	Christopher Reder (R)	Keri Weems (R)
Jeff Bathke (R)	Peri Pourier (R)	Kent Roe (R)	Mike Weisgram (R)
Tim Czmowski (R)			

Transportation:

**Tony Randolph (R)	Steve Duffy (R)	Brian Mulder (R)	Kent Roe (R)
*Richard Vasgaard (R)	Tim Goodwin (R)	Christopher Reder (R)	William Shorma (R)
Amber Arlint (R)	Phil Jensen (R)	Taylor Rehfeldt (R)	Keri Weems (R)
Tim Czmowski (R)			

State-Tribal Relations:

**Will Mortenson (R)	Eric Emery (D)	Scott Odenbach (R)	Peri Pourier (R)
Heather Baxter (R)			

**South Dakota Executive Branch
Constitutional and State Elected Officers**

Larry Rhoden, Governor.....	Union Center
Tony Venhuizen, Lieutenant Governor	Sioux Falls
Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State	Pierre
Marty Jackley, Attorney General.....	Pierre
Rich Sattgast, Auditor.....	Spearfish
Josh Haeder, Treasurer	Huron
Brock Greenfield, Commissioner of School and Public Lands.....	Clark

Public Utilities Commission

Kristie Fiegen, Commissioner	Sioux Falls
Gary Hanson, Chairman	Sioux Falls
Chris Nelson, Vice Chairman	Pierre

Department Secretaries and Bureau Commissioners

Agriculture and Natural Resources, Department of	Hunter Roberts, Secretary
Corrections, Department of	Nick Lamb, Secretary
Economic Development, Office of	Joe Fiala, Commissioner
Education, Department of.....	Joe Graves, Secretary
Finance & Management, Bureau of.....	Jim Terwilliger, Commissioner
Game, Fish and Parks, Department of	Kevin Robling, Secretary
Health, Department of	Melissa Magstadt, Secretary
Housing Development Authority.....	Chas Olson, Executive Director
Human Resources and Administration, Bureau of.....	Darin Seeley, Commissioner
Human Services, Department of.....	Shawnie Rechtenbaugh, Secretary
Information & Telecommunications, Bureau of.....	Mark Wixon, Commissioner
Labor and Regulation, Department of	Marcia Hultman, Secretary
Military, Department of.....	Major General Mark R. Morrell, Secretary
Public Safety, Department of.....	Robert Perry, Secretary
Revenue, Department of	Michael Houdyshell, Secretary
Social Services, Department of.....	Matt Althoff, Secretary
Tourism, Department of	Jim Hagen, Secretary
Transportation, Department of.....	Joel Jundt, Secretary
Tribal Relations, Department of	David Flute, Secretary
Veterans Affairs, Department of.....	Greg Whitlock, Secretary

**South Dakota Judicial Branch
Supreme Court Justices**

Steven R. Jensen, Chief Justice	Vermillion
Janine M. Kern	Rapid City
Mark E. Salter.....	Sioux Falls
Patricia J. DeVaney	Pierre
Scott P. Myren	Aberdeen

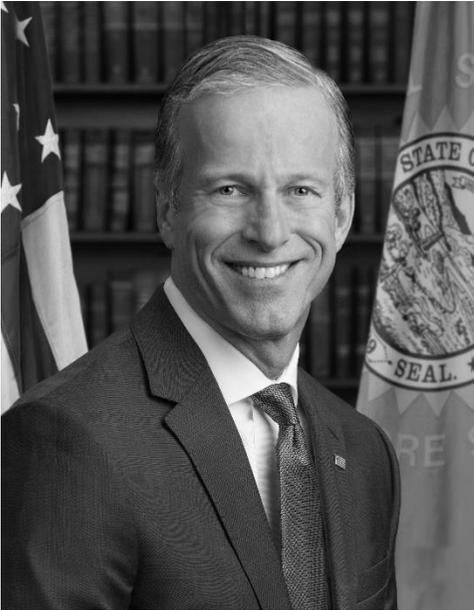
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U.S. Congressional Delegation



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United States Senator - John Thune



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Hometown: Murdo, SD

Affiliation: Republican

John Thune grew up in Murdo, South Dakota. His interest in politics was sparked at a young age after making five of six free throws during a freshman high school basketball game. He was later greeted by a spectator who said, "I noticed you missed one." That spectator happened to be a well-known sports enthusiast and then-South Dakota U.S. Rep. Jim Abdnor. The introduction was the start of a friendship that ignited John's career in public service.

John received his undergraduate degree at Biola University and his master's degree in business administration from the University of South Dakota. Upon completion of his master's degree in 1984, he married Kimberley Weems, a native of Doland, South Dakota.

John's attraction to public service took him to Washington, D.C., to work for that sports enthusiast and then-U.S. Sen. Jim Abdnor. He then served at the Small Business Administration under an appointment from President Ronald Reagan.

In 1989, John and his family returned to South Dakota, where he served as the executive director of the South Dakota Republican Party. In 1991, then-Gov. George S. Mickelson appointed him to be state railroad director, a position he held until 1993, when he became executive director of the South Dakota Municipal League.

In 1996, with a shoestring budget and the support of family and friends, John won his first term as South Dakota's lone member of the U.S. House of Representatives. John was re-elected to a second term by the largest margin in South Dakota history. He returned again to Washington in 2001 to serve his third term in the House.

John then honored his 1996 campaign pledge to serve only three terms in the House. After a narrow loss in a U.S. Senate race in 2002, he won his current Senate seat in 2004, when he made history by defeating a sitting Senate party leader for the first time in 52 years.

In 2010, John was elected to serve a second term in the Senate in a rare unopposed race. He was only the third Republican and the only South Dakotan to run unopposed for the Senate since direct elections were created in 1913. John was elected to a third term in 2016. In 2022, John became the second South Dakotan in history to be elected to a fourth term in the U.S. Senate.

For the 119th Congress, John serves on the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee; the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee; and the Finance Committee. He also serves as the Senate Majority Leader, and has previously served as the Senate Republican Whip from 2019-

2024, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee from 2009–2011, and chairman of the Senate Republican Conference from 2012-2018.

John and his wife Kimberley live in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and they have two grown daughters and six grandchildren. In his free time, John enjoys spending time with his family, pheasant hunting, and running.

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United States Senator - M. Michael Rounds



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Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Phone: (202) 224-5842

Internet: www.rounds.senate.gov

Hometown: Huron, SD

Affiliation: Republican

On January 6th, 2015, Senator Marion Michael “Mike” Rounds was sworn into the United States Senate. Senator Rounds serves on five committees: Senate Appropriations; Senate Armed Services; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; Indian Affairs; and the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Rounds previously served as the 31st governor of South Dakota from 2003 – 2011. From 1991 to 2000, he was elected five times to the South Dakota State Senate. In 1995, his colleagues selected him to serve as Senate

Majority Leader, a position that he held for six years. During his time in state government, Rounds was committed to growing the economy, keeping taxes low and strengthening South Dakota families.

A lifelong South Dakotan, Senator Rounds was born in Huron, the eldest of 11 children. He earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from South Dakota State University. In the private sector, Rounds built a successful insurance and real estate business with offices throughout the state. He resides in Fort Pierre and is the proud parent of four grown children and 11 grandchildren.

Rapid City Office	Pierre Office	Aberdeen Office	Sioux Falls Office
603 Omaha Street, Suite 100 Rapid City, SD 57701 Phone: (605) 343-5035	111 W. Capitol Ave., Suite 201 P.O. Box 309 Pierre, SD 57501 Phone: (605) 224-1450	221 Brown County Highway 19 S, #112 Aberdeen, SD 57401 Phone: (605) 225-0366	320 N. Main Avenue, Suite A Sioux Falls, SD 57104 Phone: (605) 336-0486

United States Representative - Dusty Johnson



Address: 1714 Longworth
House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Phone: (202) 225-2801

Internet: dustyjohnson.house.gov

Hometown: Pierre, SD

Affiliation: Republican

Dusty Johnson brings an energetic and optimistic style to Washington as South Dakota’s lone voice in the U.S. House of Representatives. An outspoken leader on issues related to border security, countering China, and welfare reform, he serves on the Select Committee on China, Agriculture Committee, and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He also chairs the Republican Main Street Caucus, a group of 80 solutions-focused conservatives.

Prior to being elected to Congress, he served as chief of staff to the Governor and as vice president of an engineering firm specializing in rural telecommunications. Dusty lives in Mitchell with his wife and three sons.

Aberdeen Office	Rapid City Office	Sioux Falls Office
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Former Members of Congress

Dakota Territory Delegates^a

John B.S. Todd, D	1862 – 1865 ^b	G.G. Bennett, R	1879 – 1881
William Jayne, R	1863	R.F. Pettigrew, R	1881 – 1883
Walter A. Burleigh, R.....	1865 – 1869	J.B. Raymond, R.....	1883 – 1885
S.L. Spink, R	1869 – 1871	Oscar S. Gifford, R	1885 – 1889
M.K. Armstrong, D	1871 – 1875	George A. Mathews, R	1889 ^c
J.P. Kidder, R	1875 – 1879		

State of South Dakota

U.S. Senators^f

Gideon C. Moody, R.....	1889 – 1891	Harlan J. Bushfield, R.....	1943 – 1948 ^h
R.F. Pettigrew, R	1889 – 1901	Mrs. Vera C. Bushfield, R	1948 – 1949
James H. Kyle, D/P	1891 – 1901 ^d	Karl E. Mundt, R	1949 – 1973
Robert J. Gamble, R	1901 – 1913	Francis H. Case, R	1951 – 1962
Alfred B. Kittredge, R	1901 – 1909 ^e	Joseph H. Bottum, R.....	1962 – 1963
Coe I. Crawford, R	1909 – 1915	George S. McGovern, D	1963 – 1981
Thomas Sterling, R	1913 – 1925	James Abourezk, D.....	1973 – 1979
Edwin S. Johnson, D.....	1915 – 1921 ^f	Larry Pressler, R	1979 – 1997
Peter Norbeck, R	1921 – 1936 ^g	James Abdnor, R.....	1981 – 1987
William H. McMaster, R	1925 – 1931	Thomas A. Daschle, D.....	1987 – 2005
William J. Bulow, D.....	1931 – 1943	Tim Johnson, D.....	1997 – 2014
Herbert Hitchcock, D.....	1936 – 1938	John Thune, R.....	2005 –
Gladys Pyle, R.....	1938 – 1939	Michael Rounds, R	2015 –
Chan Gurney, R.....	1939 – 1951		

U.S. Representatives

Oscar S. Gifford, R.....	AL..1889 – 1891	Fred H. Hildebrandt, D..1	1933 – 1939	
John A. Pickler, R.....	AL..1889 – 1897	Theodore B. Werner, D..2	1933 – 1937	
John R. Gamble, R.....	AL..1891	Francis H. Case, R	2	1937 – 1951
John L. Jolley, R.....	AL..1891 – 1893	Karl E. Mundt, R	1	1939 – 1949
William V. Lucas, R.....	AL..1893 – 1895	Harold O. Lovre, R.....	1	1949 – 1957
Robert J. Gamble, R	AL..1895 – 1897	E.Y. Berry, R	2	1951 – 1971
	1899 – 1901	George S. McGovern, D 1	1	1957 – 1961
John E. Kelley, D/P	AL..1897 – 1899	Ben Reifel, R	1	1961 – 1971
Freeman Knowles, D/P	AL..1897 – 1899	James Abourezk, D.....	2	1971 – 1973
Charles H. Burke, R.....	2	Frank E. Denholm, D.....	1	1971 – 1975
	1899 – 1907	James Abdnor, R.....	2	1973 – 1981
	1909 – 1915	Larry Pressler, R	1	1975 – 1979
Eben W. Martin, R.....	3	Thomas A. Daschle, D.1.AL..	1979 – 1987	
	1909 – 1915	Clint Roberts, R	2	1981 – 1983
Philo Hall, R.....	AL..1907 – 1909	Tim Johnson, D.....	AL	1987 – 1997
William H. Parker, R.....	AL..1907 – 1908	John Thune, R.....	AL	1997 – 2003
Charles H. Dillion, R.....	1	William J. Janklow, R.....	AL	2003 – 2004 ^j
Harry L. Gandy, D.....	3	Stephanie Herseth, D	AL	2004 – 2010 ^k
Royal C. Johnson, R.....	2	Kristi Noem, R.....	AL	2011 – 2018
C.A. Christopherson, R..1	1915 – 1933	Dusty Johnson, R.....	AL	2019 –
C.A. Christopherson, R..1	1919 – 1933			
William Williamson, R..2,3	1921 – 1933			

R – Republican

D – Democrat

P – Populist

AL – At-Large

- a. Territorial Delegates were popularly elected to represent the territory in the U.S. Congress. Delegates did not have a vote but could participate in debate.
- b. William Jayne opposed John B.S. Todd for reelection in 1862. Jayne was given the certificate of election, but Todd successfully contested the election in the House of Representatives and retained his seat.
- c. George A. Mathews was elected to Congress in November 1888, for a term beginning March 4, 1889; however, Congress did not convene until the following December, after South Dakota was admitted to the Union. Consequently, Mathews was never sworn in.
- d. James H. Kyle died July 1, 1901.
- e. Alfred B. Kittredge appointed to fill vacancy by death of J. H. Kyle and was elected January 21, 1903, for term ending March 3, 1909.
- f. The 17th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution provided for the direct, popular election of U.S. Senators. Prior to its ratification, the State Legislatures selected the U.S. Senators. Edwin S. Johnson was the first U.S. Senator to be elected in South Dakota by a direct vote of the people on November 3, 1914.
- g. Peter Norbeck died December 20, 1936. Herbert Hitchcock was appointed to complete his term until the election of November, 1938.
- h. Harlan J. Bushfield died September 7, 1948. Mrs. Vera C. Bushfield was appointed to complete the term.
- i. When South Dakota entered the Union in 1889, the state was entitled to two representatives in Congress. They were elected at large by the people. From 1913 to 1933, the state was allotted three representatives who were elected to represent specific districts in the state. From 1933 to 1983, South Dakota was allotted two representatives. The boundaries of those two congressional districts were adjusted periodically to reflect population changes. In the 1982 election, South Dakotans elected only one Congressman to represent the state at large.
- j. William Janklow resigned from Congress on January 20, 2004.
- k. Stephanie Herseth was elected in a special congressional election on June 1, 2004. She took office on June 3, 2004.

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South Dakota Legislative Branch



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Members of the Senate

1st Special Session of the 100th Legislature – 2025



Arch Beal (R) District 12

Email: Arch.Beal@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Lincoln, Minnehaha

Spouse: Pam **Children:** 7

Religion: Protestant/Reformed

Education: O’Gorman High School; Creighton University; Augustana University

Occupation: Business Owner

Professional Experience: President/Owner of Beal Distributing, 42 Years

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2023-Present; State Representative, 2015-2022; Majority Whip, 2017-2018; Assistant Minority Leader, 2019-2020

Committees: Senate Commerce and Energy, Senate State Affairs, Senate Transportation (Vice-Chair)



Greg Blanc (R) District 35

Email: Greg.Blanc@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Pennington

Religion: Christian

Education: Grossmont College – San Diego

Occupation: Pastor

Professional Experience: Pastor, 30 Years; Former Contractor

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2025-Present

Committees: Senate Judiciary, Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Senate Taxation



John Carley (R) District 29

Email: John.Carley@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Meade

Religion: Christian

Occupation: Businessman

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2025-Present

Committees: Senate Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations, Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee (Vice-Chair)



Casey Crabtree (R) District 8

Email: Casey.Crabtree@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, Miner

Spouse: Ashley **Children:** 2

Religion: Wesleyan

Education: Arlington High School; Northern State University, Bachelor of Science

Occupation: Director of Economic Development, Heartland Consumers Power District

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2020-Present; Majority Whip, 2021-2022; Majority Leader, 2023-2024; LRC Executive Board Member, 2023-2024

Committees: Senate Commerce and Energy (Chair), Senate Taxation



Sydney Davis (R) District 17

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Counties: Clay, Union

Occupation: CRNA, Cattle Producer

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2023-Present; State Representative, 2021-2022

Committees: Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, Senate Health and Human Services (Vice-Chair), Senate Taxation



Randy Deibert (R) District 31

Email: Randy.Deibert@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Lawrence

Spouse: Lori **Children:** 4

Occupation: Professional Land Surveyor

Professional Experience: County Commissioner

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2023-Present; Majority Whip, 2025-Present

Committees: Senate Commerce and Energy, Senate Legislative Procedure, Joint Legislature Procedure, Senate Retirement Laws (Chair), Senate State Affairs, Senate Transportation (Chair), Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force, Executive Board, Retirement Laws (Chair)



Helene Duhamel (R) District 32

Email: Helene.Duhamel@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Pennington

Spouse: Steve **Children:** 3

Religion: Catholic

Education: Stanford University, BA; Graduate Courses from the University of South Dakota

Occupation: Law Enforcement, Business Owner

Professional Experience: TV News, 35 Years; Public Information Office for Pennington County Sheriff's Office, 8 Years

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2019-Present; Senate Majority Whip, 2021-2024

Committees: Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, Senate Judiciary, Senate Local Government (Vice-Chair)



Red Dawn Foster (D) District 27

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Counties: Bennett, Jackson, Oglala Lakota, Pennington

Education: University of Colorado at Denver, BA in Political Science and Ethnic Studies; University of Notre Dame, MA in Business Administration

Professional Experience: Tribal Economic Development Consulting; Founder of a Non-Profit

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2019-Present; Assistant Minority Leader, 2021-2022; Minority Whip, 2025-Present

Committees: Senate Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations, Senate Government Operations and Audit, Senate Retirement Laws, Revenue Projection Subcommittee, Agricultural Land Assessment Task Force, Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force, Government Operations and Audit, Retirement Laws, State-Tribal Relations



Tamara R. Grove (R) District 26

Email: Tamara.Grove@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Brule, Buffalo, Hughes, Hyde, Jones, Lyman, Mellette, Todd

Spouse: Ian **Children:** 3

Religion: Pentecostal – Assemblies of God

Education: Doctorate in Business Management with an Emphasis in Emerging Media

Occupation: Consultant

Professional Experience: CEO of Grove Projects and Transformation Consulting Agency; Internationally Published Author; Scholar; Reverend with the Assemblies of God; Pastor of The Hope Center of Lower Brule; Former Lobbyist

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2025-Present

Committees: Senate Health and Human Services; Senate Judiciary; Senate Taxation; Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee; Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee; State-Tribal Relations



Joy A. Hohn (R) District 9

Email: Joy.Hohn@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Minnehaha

Spouse: Rod **Children:** 2

Religion: Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Education: West Central High School; Augustana College, BA in Aviation and Business Administration

Occupation: Professional Pilot, Farmer, Business Owner

Professional Experience: Charter Pilot, Check Airman, and Instructor Pilot for Legacy Aviation; Private Contractor – Adele Aire, LLC; 13,000 Hours of Accident- and Incident-Free Flying as a Captain and First Officer; First Female Airline Pilot in South Dakota

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2025-Present

Committees: Senate Commerce and Energy, Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Senate Taxation (Vice-Chair), Senate Transportation, Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation



Taffy Howard (R) District 34

Email: Taffy.Howard@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Pennington

Spouse: Mark **Children:** 2

Religion: Christian

Education: Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls; South Dakota State University, BS in Mathematics

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Professional Experience: Air Force Officer, Homeschool Mom, Community and Church Volunteer

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2025-Present; State Representative, 2017-2022

Committees: Senate Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations, Senate Government Operations and Audit (Chair), Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Revenue Projection Subcommittee, Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force, Government Operations and Audit (Chair), Rules Review (Vice-Chair)



Amber Hulse (R) District 30

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Counties: Custer, Fall River, Pennington

Religion: Christian

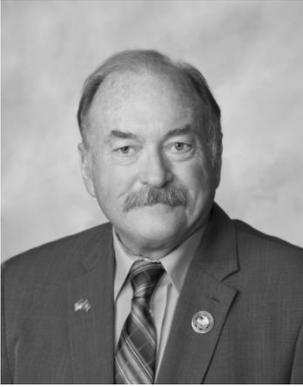
Education: University of South Dakota, Political Science; Georgetown Law School, Juris Doctorate

Occupation: Law Clerk

Professional Experience: Law Clerk, Lawyer at Dhillon Law Group; Legislative Page, 2 Years; Intern for Secretary of State

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2025-Present

Committees: Senate Judiciary (Vice-Chair), Senate Taxation

**Kevin D. Jensen (R) District 16**

Email: Kevin.Jensen@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Lincoln, Turner, Union

Education: Washington High School; Southeast Technical Institute, Computer Science; Villanova University, Project Management Program, 2003; Sioux Falls Seminary, Master of Divinity

Occupation: Business Owner

Professional Experience: Owner, Quik Products, LLC, 2015-Present; Vice President/Chief Financial Officer, Prairie View Prevention Services, Inc., 1999-2016; Owner, Innovative Systems, 1996- 1999; Partner, Software Alternatives, 1992-1996; Regional IT Director, Alco Health Services, 1980-1992; Computer Operations Manager, Brown Drug Company, 1977-1980

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2025-Present; State Representative, 2017-2024; Majority Whip, 2019-2022, 2025-Present

Committees: Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources (Vice-Chair); Senate Health and Human Services (Chair); Senate State Affairs; Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee; Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee (Co-Chair)

**Chris Karr (R) District 11****Email:** Chris.Karr@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Minnehaha**Education:** South Dakota State University, Bachelor's in Economics and Business Administration, 2003; University of South Dakota, Master's in Business Administration, 2004**Occupation:** Self-Employed**Professional Experience:** Business Owner, Accredited Valuation Analyst, and Financial Consultant; Small Business Administration's Young Entrepreneur of the Year, 2009; Finalist, SD Governor's Awards in Business Excellence, 2008; Silver Telly Award, 2007**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2025-Present; State Representative, 2017-2024; Majority Whip, 2019-2020; LRC Executive Board Member, 2023-2024; President Pro Tempore, 2025-Present**Committees:** Senate Commerce and Energy; Senate Government Operations and Audit; Senate Legislative Procedure (Chair); Joint Legislative Procedure (Vice-Chair); Senate State Affairs; Bonding (Vice-Chair); Community Support Providers, State and Federal Efficiencies Interim Committee (Co-Chair); Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force (Chair); Executive Board (Vice-Chair); Government Operations and Audit; Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee; South Dakota-Ireland Trade Commission (Chair); Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation (Chair)**Steve Kolbeck (R) District 2****Email:** Steve.Kolbeck@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Minnehaha**Spouse:** Stacy **Children:** 4**Religion:** Catholic**Education:** AAS Mitchell Technical College, BS South Dakota State University, MBA Dakota Wesleyan University**Occupation:** State Director, Xcel Energy**Professional Experience:** Former Chairman of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Former Operations Manager at CenturyLink – South Dakota, Former Operations Manager at Alliance Communications Cooperative, Former Brandon City Councilman**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2023-Present**Committees:** Senate Commerce and Energy, Senate Retirement Laws, Senate Taxation (Chair), Executive Board, Retirement Laws, Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation



Mark Lapka (R) District 23

Email: Mark.Lapka@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, McPherson, Potter, Walworth

Spouse: Holly **Children:** 1

Religion: Lutheran

Education: Leola High School

Occupation: Farmer, Rancher

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2025-Present

Committees: Senate Committee on Appropriations (Vice-Chair), Joint Committee on Appropriations, Revenue Projection Subcommittee (Chair), Agricultural Land Assessment Task Force, Government Operations and Audit, Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation



Liz Larson (D) District 10

Email: Liz.Larson@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Minnehaha

Spouse: Suraj **Children:** 2

Religion: Lutheran

Education: Master's Degree

Occupation: Program Manager, Economic Development

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2023-Present; Minority Whip, 2023-2024; Minority Leader, 2025-Present

Committees: Senate Commerce and Energy; Senate Legislative Procedure; Joint Legislative Procedure; Senate State Affairs; Senate Transportation; Agricultural Land Assessment Task Force; Bonding; Community Support Providers, State and Federal Efficiencies Interim Committee; Executive Board; Rules Review



Sam S. Marty (R) District 28

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Counties: Butte, Corson, Dewey, Harding, Perkins, Ziebach

Occupation: Rancher

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2025-Present; State Representative, 2015-2022

Committees: Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, Senate Education, Senate Military and Veterans Affairs (Vice-Chair), Agricultural Land Assessment Task Force, State-Tribal Relations

**Jim Mehlhaff (R) District 24****Email:** Jim.Mehlhaff@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Stanly, Sully**Spouse:** Annie **Children:** 2**Religion:** Catholic**Education:** Northern State University**Occupation:** Retired, Former Small Business Owner**Professional Experience:** Retired State Grain and Insurance Regulator; Former Pierre City Commissioner, 12 Years**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2023-Present; Majority Leader, 2025-Present**Committees:** Senate Judiciary, Senate Legislative Procedure (Vice-Chair), Joint Legislative Procedure, Senate State Affairs (Chair), Bonding, Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force, Rules Review, Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation**Paul R. Miskimins (R) District 20****Email:** Paul.Miskimins@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Davison, Jerauld, Miner, Sanborn**Occupation:** Retired Dentist, Farmer**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2025-Present; State Representative, 2019-2022**Committees:** Senate Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations**Lauren Nelson (R) District 18****Email:** Lauren.Nelson@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Clay, Yankton**Spouse:** David **Children:** 3**Religion:** Reformed (RCUS)**Education:** Arlington High School; Dakota State University, BS in Elementary and Special Education; University of South Dakota, Master's in K-12 Education Administration**Occupation:** Teacher, Administrator**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2025-Present**Committees:** Senate Education; Senate Local Government; Community Support Providers, State and Federal Efficiencies Interim Committee; Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee

**Ernie Otten (R) District 6****Email:** Ernie.Otten@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Lincoln**Spouse:** Betty **Children:** 2**Religion:** Free Lutheran**Education:** Lennox High School, 1972**Occupation:** Retired**Professional Experience:** Associate Member, Remodeling Council & Homebuilders Association; 2004 Remodeling Council Member of the Year; Past Prison Ministry; Past Independent Home Building and Small Business Owner; Precinct Committeeman and State Central Committeeman, Lincoln County, Republican Party**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2025-Present, 2013-2020; State Representative, 2021-2024; Majority Whip, 2015-2016; LRC Executive Board Member, 2021-2022**Committees:** Senate Committee on Appropriations (Chair), Joint Committee on Appropriations (Lead Co-Chair), Senate Government Operations and Audit (Vice-Chair), Revenue Projection Subcommittee, Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force, Executive Board, Government Operations and Audit, Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation**Carl Perry (R) District 3****Email:** Carl.Perry@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Brown**Spouse:** Sheryl **Children:** 2**Religion:** Christian/Non-Denominational**Education:** St. Aloysius Parochial School, Pershing Country School, Selby High School, Northern State University**Occupation:** Retired Education Collection Management**Professional Experience:** Management, 32 Years in Education, Collections; Former Senior VP for Three Fortune 500 Companies; Former Lobbyist**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2025-Present; State Representative, 2019-2024; Assistant Majority Leader, 2025-Present**Committees:** Senate Commerce and Energy; Senate Health and Human Services; Senate Legislative Procedure; Joint Legislative Procedure; Senate State Affairs (Vice-Chair); Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee



Sue Peterson (R) District 13

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Counties: Lincoln, Minnehaha

Education: Concordia College, Degree in Business Administration and Communications; University of South Dakota, Masters in Business Administration

Occupation: Retired Banker, Track Coach

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2025-Present; State Representative, 2017-2024; LRC Executive Board Member, 2019-2020; Majority Whip, 2025-Present

Committees: Senate Commerce and Energy (Vice-Chair), Senate Education, Senate Legislative Procedure, Joint Legislative Procedure, Senate State Affairs, Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force



Tom Pischke (R) District 25

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Counties: Minnehaha, Moody

Spouse: Lisa **Children:** 4

Religion: Catholic

Education: Corsica High School, 2000; Dakota State University, BS in Computer Information Systems, 2004

Occupation: System Quality Analyst at Esurance

Professional Experience: Customer Service Representative/Computer Analyst/Fraud Investigator/Global ID Administration Programmer, Citibank, 2005-2013; System Quality Analyst, Esurance, 2013-Present

Legislative Experience: State Senator, 2023-Present; State Representative, 2017-2022; Majority Whip, 2025-Present

Committees: Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources (Chair), Senate Judiciary, Senate Legislative Procedure, Joint Legislative Procedure, Senate State Affairs, Executive Board

**Tim S. Reed (R) District 7****Email:** Tim.Reed@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Brookings**Spouse:** Mary **Children:** 2**Education:** South Dakota State University, BS in Commercial Economics**Occupation:** Retired**Professional Experience:** Former Mayor of Brookings, Economic Development CEO**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2023-Present; State Representative, 2017-2022; LRC Executive Board Member, 2017-2018**Committees:** Senate Health and Human Services, Senate Local Government (Chair), Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee (Co-Chair)**Michael H. Rohl (R) District 1****Email:** Michael.Rohl@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Brown, Day, Marshall, Roberts**Religion:** Catholic**Education:** Drake University, BS in Business Administration, 2013**Occupation:** General Manager**Professional Experience:** Entrepreneur, 2022 CSD 20 Under 40 Award**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2021-Present**Committees:** Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, Senate Local Government, State-Tribal Relations (Co-Chair)**Stephanie Sauder (R) District 4****Email:** Stephanie.Sauder@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Roberts**Spouse:** Jerry **Children:** 2**Religion:** Protestant (NALC)**Education:** Dakota State University, BS in Education; Northern State University, Master's in Educational Leadership and Administration**Occupation:** Agricultural Producer, Retired K-12 Educator, Retired Newspaper Publisher**Professional Experience:** K-12 Educator, 30 Years; Agricultural Producer; Newspaper Publisher/Editor; Mayor of Bryant, SD; Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative Board Member; Charter Board Member of Bryant Cinema**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2025-Present; State Representative, 2023-2024**Committees:** Senate Education, Senate Transportation

**Kyle Schoenfish (R) District 19****Email:** Kyle.Schoenfish@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Bon Homme, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Turner**Religion:** Lutheran**Education:** Scotland High School; Dakota Wesleyan University, BA in Accounting, Minor in Political Science**Occupation:** Certified Public Accountant**Professional Experience:** Treasurer, Capital Township, 2011-2012**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2020-Present; State Representative, 2013-2019; Majority Whip, 2021-2022**Committees:** Senate Education (Chair), Senate Local Government, Senate Transportation, Liaison Committee to the Department of Education (Co-Chair)**Jamie Smith (D) District 15****Email:** Jamie.Smith@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Minnehaha**Occupation:** Realtor**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2025-Present; State Representative, 2017-2022; Minority Leader, 2019-2022; LRC Executive Board Member, 2019-2022; Assistant Minority Leader, 2025-Present**Committees:** Senate Education; Senate Health and Human Services; Senate Local Government; Senate Retirement Laws; Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee; Retirement Laws; South Dakota-Ireland Trade Commission; State-Tribal Relations, Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation**Glen Vilhauer (R) District 5****Email:** Glen.Vilhauer@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Codington**Spouse:** Darla **Children:** 4**Religion:** Protestant/Methodist**Education:** University of South Dakota, Bachelor's in Accounting**Occupation:** Retired CPA**Professional Experience:** Watertown City Council, 8 Years**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2025-Present**Committees:** Senate Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations, Senate Retirement Laws (Vice-Chair), Revenue Projection Subcommittee, Code Commission, Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force, Retirement Laws

**Curt Voight (R) District 33****Email:** Curt.Voight@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Meade, Pennington**Occupation:** Retired, Agricultural Business Owner**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2025-Present**Committees:** Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, Senate Education (Vice-Chair), Senate Health and Human Services, Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee, Liaison Committee to the Department of Education**Mykala Voita (R) District 21****Email:** Mykala.Voita@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Aurora, Charles Mix, Douglas, Gregory, Tripp**Spouse:** Justice **Children:** 2**Religion:** Follower of Jesus Christ**Occupation:** Self-Employed, Operator, Laborer**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2025-Present**Committees:** Senate Committee on Appropriations; Joint Committee on Appropriations; Community Support Providers, State and Federal Efficiencies Interim Committee**Brandon Wipf (R) District 22****Email:** Brandon.Wipf@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Beadle, Clark, Spink**Spouse:** Mandy**Religion:** Mennonite**Education:** James Valley Christian School, 2004; Dordt College, BS in Electrical Engineering, 2008**Occupation:** Farmer**Professional Experience:** American Soybean Association Director, 2017-Present; 2024 Co-Chair Commodity Classic; 2024 Agribusiness Seminar at Harvard Business School**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2025-Present

**Larry P. Zikmund (R) District 14****Email:** Larry.Zikmund@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Minnehaha**Education:** Comstock High School, 1964; North Platte Junior College, Associate of Arts, 1968; University of Illinois, BS in Industrial Education, 1972; Master's in Vocational Education, 1972; Post-Graduate Studies, University of Illinois; Johns Hopkins University, Policy Studies**Occupation:** Retired**Professional Experience:** Teacher, 1972-1974; Student Services Coordinator, 1974-1976; Director, Jo Daviess Carroll AVC, 1976-1987; State Director, Chair, National Vocational Industrial Clubs of America State Directors; State Director, South Dakota Adult Vocational and Technical Education, 1987-1995; President and CEO, Associated General Contractors Building Chapter, 1995-2010; Chair, Vocational Technical Education Consortium of States, Armed Forces, and Bureau of Prisons; Regional Board Member, Associated General Contractors of America State Directors; City Commission, City of Stockton, 1976-1984; Police Commissioner, City of Stockton, 1980-1984; US Air Force, 1968-1972; Lobbyist, 1995-2010**Legislative Experience:** State Senator, 2021-Present; State Representative, 2015-2020**Committees:** Senate Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations, Senate Military and Veterans Affairs (Chair)

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Bobbi L. Andera (R) District 10

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Counties: Minnehaha

Occupation: Entrepreneur/Scientist

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Health and Human Services, House Local Government, House Military and Veterans Affairs, Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee



Amber Arlint (R) District 12

Email: Amber.Arlint@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Lincoln, Minnehaha

Spouse: Trenton **Children:** 2

Religion: Lutheran

Education: Freeman High School; University of South Dakota, Degree in Political Science, 2009; University of South Dakota, MA in Education Administration, 2014

Occupation: Insurance Agency Owner

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2023-Present

Committees: House Education, House Retirement Laws, House Transportation, Retirement Laws



Julie Auch (R) District 18

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Counties: Clay, Yankton

Occupation: Farmer, Small Business Owner

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2023-Present

Committees: House Agriculture and Natural Resources, House Government Operations and Audit, House Local Government (Vice-Chair), Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force, Government Operations and Audit



Aaron Aylward (R) District 6

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Counties: Lincoln

Spouse: Callie **Children:** 2

Religion: Catholic

Education: University of South Dakota, MA in Kinesiology

Occupation: Senior Recruiter

Professional Experience: Strength and Conditioning Coach, Agency Recruiter, Sales

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2021-Present

Committees: House Commerce and Energy, House Military and Veterans Affairs, House Taxation (Chair), Executive Board



Jessica Bahmuller (R) District 19

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Counties: Bon Homme, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Turner

Spouse: Aaron **Children:** 3

Religion: Reformed

Education: Harrisburg High School; South Dakota State University, Business; Dakota Wesleyan University, Elementary Education

Occupation: Municipal Finance Officer

Professional Experience: 3rd Generation Family Business, 10 Years as a Municipal Finance Officer, Hanson County Republican Chairwoman

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2023-Present; Majority Whip, 2025-Present

Committees: House Commerce and Energy (Vice-Chair), House State Affairs, South Dakota-Ireland Trade Commission



Jeff Bathke (R) District 20

Email: Jeff.Bathke@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Davison, Jerauld, Miner, Sanborn

Spouse: Michelle **Children:** 3

Religion: Methodist

Education: University of South Dakota, Master's in Administration

Occupation: Emergency Management, Planning and Zoning Director for Davison County; Command Sergeants Major in the Army Reserves; Former Program Administrator for Department of Corrections Counseling Program

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Local Government; House Taxation: Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee



Heather Baxter (R) District 34

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Counties: Pennington

Children: 2

Religion: Christian, Follower of Jesus Christ

Education: Associate Degree in Radiography Technology, Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Management

Occupation: Business Owner

Professional Experience: Member of the Pennington County GOP Board

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Education; House Health and Human Services; House Military and Veterans Affairs; Community Support Providers, State and Federal Efficiencies Interim Committee; Liaison Committee to the Department of Education; State-Tribal Relations



Tim Czmowski (R) District 6

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Counties: Lincoln

Occupation: Technical Business Consultant

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Taxation, House Transportation



Roger DeGroot (R) District 7

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Counties: Brookings

Spouse: Diane **Children:** 3

Religion: Protestant

Education: Washington High School, Sioux Falls; Dakota State University, BS; University of South Dakota, Ed.D

Occupation: Retired Teacher, Principal, Superintendent, School Board Member

Professional Experience: 23 Years as an Elementary School Principal, Tea; 12 Years as a Superintendent; Brookings School Board

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2023-Present

Committees: House Education, House Local Government, Rules Review



Mike Derby (R) District 34

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Counties: Pennington

Spouse: Carmen **Children:** 2

Religion: Catholic

Education: University of South Dakota, BS in Business Administration

Occupation: Commercial Real Estate Broker Associate

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 1997-2002, 2021-Present; LRC Executive Board Member, 1999-2002, 2021-2022; LRC Executive Board Vice-Chair, 2001-2002

Committees: House Committee on Appropriations (Chair), Joint Committee on Appropriations (Co-Chair), Revenue Projection Subcommittee



Steve Duffy (R) District 32

Email: Steve.Duffy@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Pennington

Spouse: Helene **Children:** 3

Religion: Catholic

Education: Arizona State University, Bachelor's in Communications; University of South Dakota, MBA

Occupation: Property Management

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2023-Present

Committees: House Commerce and Energy, House Transportation, South Dakota-Ireland Trade Commission



Eric Emery (D) District 26A

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Counties: Jones, Mellette, Todd

Spouse: Kaylamae **Children:** 3

Education: St. Francis Indian School, 2003; Creighton University

Occupation: Paramedic

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2023-Present; Assistant Minority Leader, 2025-Present

Committees: House Government Operations and Audit, House Health and Human Services, House State Affairs, Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee, Government Operations and Audit, State-Tribal Relations



Mary J. Fitzgerald (R) District 31

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Counties: Lawrence

Spouse: John **Children:** 3

Religion: Christian

Education: Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Business Administration

Occupation: Independent Professional

Professional Experience: Legal and Accounting

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2021-Present

Committees: House Judiciary; House Local Government; Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee



Nick Fosness (R) District 1

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Counties: Brown, Day, Marshall, Roberts

Spouse: Jenny **Children:** 4

Religion: Christian

Education: BS, MS in Healthcare Administration

Occupation: Healthcare Administration, CEO of Rural Hospital

Professional Experience: School Board, 9 Years – 7 as President of School Board; Incoming Chair of SDAHO Board of Directors

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present



Josephine Garcia (R) District 5

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Counties: Codington

Spouse: Evelio **Children:** 4

Religion: Catholic

Education: Loyola University, University of Mary, International University of Health and Sciences, Sentinel University

Occupation: Health Care Provider, Assistant Professor, Business Owner

Professional Experience: Medical Doctor, Family Nurse Practitioner, Doctorate of Educational Leadership

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Education, House Health and Human Services, Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee, Medical Marijuana Oversight Committee (Chair)



Tim Goodwin (R) District 30

Email: Tim.Goodwin@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Custer, Fall River, Pennington

Spouse: Marcia **Children:** 8

Religion: Lutheran

Education: Bachelor of Science Degree; Military Education, Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms and Staff Service College, Basic and Advanced Transportation Branch Courses, Combat Medic School, Jump School, Etc.

Occupation: Retired

Professional Experience: Retired US Army Lt. Colonel, 24 Years, Active Duty; Retired Business, 20 Years

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2017-2022, 2025-Present; Majority Whip, 2019-2022

Committees: House Agriculture and Natural Resources, House Military and Veterans Affairs (Chair), House Transportation

**Spencer Gosch (R) District 23**

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Counties: Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, McPherson, Potter, Walworth

Occupation: Rancher, Farmer

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2017-2022, 2025-Present; LRC Executive Board Member, 2017-2022; LRC Executive Board Chair, 2021; Speaker Pro Tempore, 2019-2020; Speaker of the House, 2021-2022

Committees: House Agriculture and Natural Resources (Vice-Chair), House State Affairs, Executive Board

**Lana J. Greenfield (R) District 22**

Email: Lana.Greenfield@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Beadle, Clark, Spink

Spouse: Don **Children:** 3

Religion: Protestant

Education: Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education, English Major and Theater/Speech Minor

Occupation: Self-Employed

Professional Experience: High School Teacher, 37 Years; Business Owner, 17 Years; Fireworks Retailer, 40 Years; Convenience Store Owner, 23 Years

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2015-2022, 2025-Present

Committees: House Commerce and Energy, House Education (Chair)

**Jim Halverson (R) District 21**

Email: Jim.Halverson@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Aurora, Charles Mix, Douglas, Gregory, Tripp

Occupation: Journeyman Electrician

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Education, House Health and Human Services

**Jon Hansen (R) District 25****Email:** Jon.Hansen@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Minnehaha, Moody**Occupation:** Lawyer**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2011-2013, 2019-Present; Majority Whip, 2013, 2019-2020; Speaker Pro Tempore, 2021-2022; Speaker of the House, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Legislative Procedure (Chair), Joint Legislative Procedure (Chair), House State Affairs, Bonding (Chair), Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force (Vice-Chair), Executive Board (Chair), Rules Review (Chair), Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation (Vice-Chair)**Erin Healy (D) District 10****Email:** Erin.Healy@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Minnehaha**Spouse:** Brandon **Children:** 2**Religion:** Methodist**Education:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln, BA; University of South Dakota, MA with an Emphasis in Public Policy and American Government**Occupation:** Philanthropy Officer**Professional Experience:** Patient Experience Strategist at Sanford Health**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2019-Present; Minority Whip, 2019-2022; Assistant Minority Leader, 2023-2024; Minority Leader, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Legislative Procedure, Joint Legislative Procedure, House State Affairs, Bonding, Executive Board, Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation**Mellissa Heermann (R) District 7****Email:** Mellissa.Heermann@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Brookings**Spouse:** Cody **Children:** 3**Religion:** Christian**Education:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln, International Business; South Dakota State University, Masters of Operations Management**Occupation:** Revenue Cycle Director**Professional Experience:** Lake Preston City Council; Mayor of Lake Preston; Brookings School Board, 6 Years**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2023-Present**Committees:** House Education, House Local Government, Executive Board

**Leslie J. Heinemann (R) District 25****Email:** Les.Heinemann@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Minnehaha, Moody**Spouse:** Libby **Children:** 4**Religion:** Catholic**Education:** Flandreau Public High School; Augustana University, BA; Loyola University of Chicago, DDS**Occupation:** Retired Dentist, Farmer**Professional Experience:** Private Dental Practice, 44 Years**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2013-2018, 2025-Present; Majority Whip, 2017-2018, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Health and Human Services (Vice-Chair); House Retirement Laws (Vice-Chair); House State Affairs; Community Support Providers, State and Federal Efficiencies Interim Committee (Co-Chair); Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force; Retirement Laws**John Hughes (R) District 13****Email:** John.Hughes@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Lincoln, Minnehaha**Spouse:** Beth **Children:** 3**Religion:** Christian**Education:** Huron Senior High School, 1975; South Dakota State University, B.A. (With Honor), 1979; University of Nebraska College of Law, Juris Doctor (With Distinction), 1982; Executive Editor, Nebraska Law Review, Order of the Coif**Occupation:** Attorney**Professional Experience:** Owner of Hughes Law Office**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Judiciary, House Taxation (Vice-Chair), Code Commission, Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force**Jana Hunt (R) District 28A****Email:** Jana.Hunt@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Corson, Dewey, Perkins, Ziebach**Religion:** Christian**Education:** Bachelor's of Science in Nursing**Occupation:** Rancher, Registered Nurse**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Agriculture and Natural Resources, House Judiciary, Agricultural Land Assessment Task Force, Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force, Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee (Co-Chair)

**Travis Ismay (R) District 28B****Email:** Tavis.Ismay@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Butte, Harding, Perkins**Spouse:** Dusta **Children:** 6**Religion:** Christian**Education:** Western Dakota Tech, Diesel Mechanic Degree, 1998**Occupation:** Farmer, Rancher, Welder**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Agriculture and Natural Resources, House Education**Greg Jamison (R) District 12****Email:** Greg.Jamison@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Lincoln, Minnehaha**Spouse:** Beth **Children:** 2**Religion:** Catholic**Education:** University of South Dakota, Mass Communications and Criminal Justice**Occupation:** Commercial Real Estate Broker Associate**Professional Experience:** Small Business Owner, Jamison Advertising and Jamison Company Real Estate, 24 Years; Sioux Falls City Council, 2008-2016**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2017-2018, 2021-Present; Majority Whip, 2025-Present**Committees:** Joint Legislative Procedure; House Legislative Procedure; House Local Government (Chair); House State Affairs; Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force; Executive Board; Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee (Co-Chair); Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation**Phil Jensen (R) District 33****Email:** Phil.Jensen@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Meade, Pennington**Education:** Southeast High School, 1970; Pratt Community College, Wichita State University, Kansas University Medical Center, 1973-1977**Occupation:** Small Business Owner**Professional Experience:** President, Health Advantage Inc., 26 Years; President, Marshall Lea Enterprises, LLC, 20 Years-Present**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2009-2012, 2021-Present; State Senator, 2013-2020**Committees:** House Education, House Transportation



Dylan C. Jordan (R) District 4

Email: Dylan.Jordan@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Roberts

Religion: Christian

Education: High School Diploma

Occupation: Machine Operator, DJ

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Education, House Health and Human Services



Terri Jorgenson (R) District 29

Email: Terri.Jorgenson@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Meade

Spouse: Dennis

Occupation: Retired Military

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations, House Military and Veterans Affairs



Chris Kassin (R) District 17

Email: Chris.Kassin@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Clay, Union

Spouse: Katie **Children:** 2

Religion: Catholic

Education: Huron High School, University of South Dakota

Occupation: Nonprofit Administration

Professional Experience: Vice President of External and Corporate Relations, University of South Dakota Foundation

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2023-Present

Committees: House Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations, Revenue Projection Subcommittee



Tony Kayser (R) District 14

Email: Tony.Kayser@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Minnehaha

Spouse: Katie **Children:** 5

Religion: Catholic

Occupation: Investment Advisor Representative

Professional Experience: Financial Advisor, 42 Years

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Commerce and Energy, House Health and Human Services, House Military and Veterans Affairs



Jack R. Kolbeck (R) District 13

Email: Jack.Kolbeck@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Lincoln, Minnehaha

Spouse: Muriel **Children:** 3

Religion: Baptist

Education: South Dakota State University, BA

Occupation: KAM-Beal Dist. Inc.

Professional Experience: Malt Beverage Business, 52 Years

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2017-2024, 2025-Present; Majority Whip, 2023-2024

Committees: House Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations, Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation



David Kull (R) District 2

Email: David.Kull@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Minnehaha

Spouse: Ginnie **Children:** 2

Religion: Catholic

Occupation: Retired Police Chief

Professional Experience: 41 Years in Law Enforcement; 30 Years with the Sioux Falls Police Department, 11 Years as Brandon Police Chief; Brandon City Councilman 2019-Present

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2023-Present

Committees: House Judiciary, House Local Government, House Retirement Laws, Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee, Retirement Laws

**Trish Ladner (R) District 30****Email:** Trish.Ladner@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Custer, Fall River, Pennington**Spouse:** Bobby **Children:** 2**Religion:** Christian**Education:** 3 Years of College**Occupation:** Business Owner**Professional Experience:** Ran a Nonprofit with >150 Employees; Business Owner of a Marketing/Advertising Company, 15 Years**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2021-Present; LRC Executive Board Member, 2021-2022**Committees:** House Agriculture and Natural Resources, House Local Government**Karla J. Lems (R) District 16****Email:** Karla.Lems@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Lincoln, Turner, Union**Spouse:** Gaylon **Children:** 3**Religion:** Christian**Education:** Bachelor's Degree**Occupation:** Business Owner**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2023-Present; Speaker Pro Tempore, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Commerce and Energy (Chair), House Government Operations and Audit, House Legislative Procedure (Vice-Chair), Joint Legislative Procedure, House State Affairs, Bonding, Government Operations and Audit, Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation**Logan Manhart (R) District 1****Email:** Logan.Manhart@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Brown, Day, Marshall, Roberts**Spouse:** Karina **Children:** 1**Religion:** Catholic**Education:** Technical School**Occupation:** Construction, Real Estate**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Education, House Health and Human Services

**Curt Massie (R) District 33****Email:** Curt.Massie@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Meade, Pennington**Spouse:** Jodi **Children:** 2**Religion:** Christian**Education:** Belle Fourche High School; Black Hills State University, BS in Business Administration**Occupation:** SD State and Local Tax Consultant**Professional Experience:** SD State Sales, Use, and Contractors' Excise Tax Auditor, 24 Years; SD State and Local Tax Consultant, 2018-Present**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2023-Present**Committees:** House Judiciary, House Taxation**Liz M. May (R) District 27****Email:** Liz.May@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Bennett, Jackson, Oglala Lakota, Pennington**Spouse:** Avery **Children:** 2**Religion:** Catholic**Education:** Spearfish High School, 1979; Tarrant County College, Computer Language; Texas Property and Casualty, Degree in Property and Casualty Insurance, 1995**Occupation:** Rancher, Small Business Owner**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2013-2018, 2021-Present**Committees:** House Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations**Scott Moore (R) District 23****Email:** Scott.Moore@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, McPherson, Potter, Walworth**Spouse:** Elizabeth **Children:** 3**Education:** Technical Institute**Occupation:** CEO FEM Electric Association**Professional Experience:** Manager, CEO of a Rural Electric Company, 32 Years**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2023-Present**Committees:** House Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations, House Government Operations and Audit (Vice-Chair), House Military and Veterans Affairs, Revenue Projection Subcommittee, Government Operations and Audit

**Will Mortenson (R) District 24****Email:** Will.Mortenson@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Stanley, Sully**Spouse:** Shuree **Children:** 2**Religion:** Christian**Education:** TF Riggs High School; University of South Dakota, BA, 2010; University of Virginia Law, JD, 2016**Occupation:** Attorney, Cow Hand**Professional Experience:** Cow Hand, 1998-Present; Office of Governor Dennis Daugaard, 2010-2013; Agriculture, Business, and Estate Attorney, 2016-Present**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2021-Present; Majority Leader, 2023-2024; LRC Executive Board Member, 2023-2024**Committees:** House Judiciary, House Taxation, State-Tribal Relations (Co-Chair)**Erik Muckey (D) District 15****Email:** Erik.Muckey@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Minnehaha**Spouse:** Sadie**Religion:** Protestant**Education:** Corsica High School, 2010; University of South Dakota, Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics with Honors, 2014; Project Management Professional, 2017; University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Master of Business Administration and Master of Public Policy with Certificate in Nonprofit Management, 2020**Occupation:** Nonprofit Management Consultant**Professional Experience:** Founder and CEO of PASQ, 2017-Present; Co-Founder and Executive Director of Lost & Found, 2010-2024; Project and Partnership Manager, 6 Years; Adjunct Instructor of Economics at the University of South Dakota**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations, House Retirement Laws, Revenue Projection Subcommittee, Retirement Laws, Rules Review



Tina L. Mulally (R) District 35

Email: Tina.Mulally@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Pennington

Spouse: Daniel

Religion: Follower of Christ

Occupation: Business Owner, Homemaker

Professional Experience: Pennington County Republican Women Executive Board, 2 Years; SD Federation of Republican Women Treasurer and Executive Board, 4 Years

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2019-Present

Committees: House Commerce and Energy, House Legislative Procedure, Joint Legislative Procedure, House Local Government



Brian Mulder (R) District 11

Email: Brian.Mulder@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Minnehaha

Spouse: Chrissy **Children:** 3

Religion: Christian

Education: Bachelor's Degree

Occupation: Nonprofit Director, Ordained Minister

Professional Experience: Overseas Military Contractor with the Chaplain's Office; Executive Pastor; Nonprofit Leader; NCSL Standing Health Committee (Vice-Chair), Health Artificial Intelligence Task Force

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2023-Present

Committees: House Health and Human Services (Chair); House Transportation; Community Support Providers, State and Federal Efficiencies Interim Committee; Executive Board, Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation



Kaley Nolz (R) District 20

Email: Kaley.Nolz@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Davison, Jerauld, Miner, Sanborn

Religion: Catholic

Education: South Dakota State University, BS in Agricultural Business; University of Sioux Falls, Masters of Business Administration

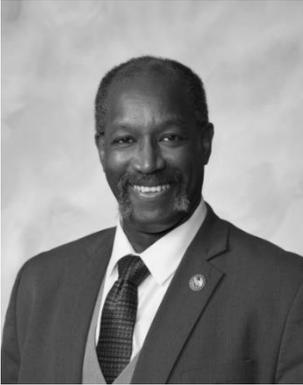
Occupation: Small Business Owner

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Agriculture and Natural Resources, House Commerce and Energy

**Al Novstrup (R) District 3****Email:** Al.Novstrup@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Brown**Spouse:** Kathy **Children:** 2**Religion:** Global Methodist**Education:** Sisseton High School; South Dakota State University, Bachelor of Science in Economics with a Minor in Science**Occupation:** Family Entertainment Center Manager**Professional Experience:** Teacher, Math and Science, Granite Falls, MN; Owner/Manager, Computer Company, 1983-2000; Owner/Manager, Family Fun Park, 1994-Present; Representative to the White House Conference on Small Business; Kiwanis; Former Board Member, Boys and Girls Club; Board Member, Salvation Army; Jaycees Employer of the Year; Mayor's Outstanding Employer for Disabled Employees**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2003-2008, 2015-2016, 2025-Present; State Senator, 2009-2014, 2017-2024; Majority Whip, 2017-2020**Committees:** House Committee on Appropriations (Vice-Chair), Joint Committee on Appropriations, Revenue Projection Subcommittee**Scott Odenbach (R) District 31****Email:** Scott.Odenbach@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Lawrence**Spouse:** Laura **Children:** 3**Religion:** Catholic**Education:** Eureka High School, 1990; South Dakota State University, BS in Political Science and Journalism, 1995; University of South Dakota, Juris Doctorate, 2001**Occupation:** Attorney**Professional Experience:** Assistant General Counsel, FL Dept of Education, 2003-2006; Partner, Seward and Odenbach, P.C., 2006-2010; Owner, Scott J. Odenbach P.C., 2010-Present; Owner/Broker, Liberty Tree Properties, 2014-Present; Spearfish School Board, 2017-2020**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2021-Present; Majority Leader, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Legislative Procedure, Joint Legislative Procedure, House State Affairs (Chair), Bonding, Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force, Executive Board, State-Tribal Relations, Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation

**Marty Overweg (R) District 21****Email:** Marty.Overweg@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Aurora, Charles Mix, Douglas, Gregory, Tripp**Spouse:** Carol **Children:** 5**Religion:** Christian Reformed**Education:** Dakota Christian High School**Occupation:** Agricultural Businessman, Farmer**Professional Experience:** Small Business Owner, 40 Years; Small Farmer, 25 Years**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2020-Present; Assistant Majority Leader, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Agriculture and Natural Resources (Chair), House Government Operations and Audit (Chair), House Legislative Procedure, Joint Legislative Procedure, House State Affairs (Vice-Chair), Agricultural Land Assessment Task Force (Chair), Government Operations and Audit (Vice-Chair)**Drew Peterson (R) District 19****Email:** Drew.Peterson@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Bon Homme, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Turner**Spouse:** Lauren **Children:** 2**Religion:** Catholic**Education:** McCook Central High School; University of South Dakota, BBA in Finance**Occupation:** Farmer, Rancher**Professional Experience:** SD Ag Foundation Director, SECOG Director, SD Soybean Association Director**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2023-Present**Committees:** House Agriculture and Natural Resources, House Commerce and Energy**Peri Pourier (R) District 27****Email:** Peri.Pourier@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Bennett, Jackson, Oglala Lakota, Pennington**Spouse:** Ernest **Children:** 2**Religion:** Christian**Occupation:** Entrepreneur**Professional Experience:** US Navy Veteran; Intelligence; Owner of a Consulting Firm**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2019-Present; Minority Whip, 2023-2024**Committees:** House Judiciary, House Military and Veterans Affairs, House Taxation, Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force, State-Tribal Relations



Tony Randolph (R) District 35

Email: Tony.Randolph@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Pennington

Spouse: Audrey **Children:** 7

Religion: Non-Denominational

Education: High School Graduate

Occupation: Electrical Contractor

Professional Experience: Electrical Contractor, 25 Years; SD State Electrical Contractors License; Small Business Owner; US Army, 5 Years

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2019-Present

Committees: House Military and Veterans Affairs; House Taxation; House Transportation (Chair); Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee; Liaison Committee to the Department of Education (Co-Chair)



Taylor Rehfeldt (R) District 14

Email: Taylor.Rehfeldt@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Minnehaha

Spouse: Corey **Children:** 3

Religion: Christian

Education: Mount Mary University, Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP); South Dakota State University, BS in Nursing; South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, BS in Interdisciplinary Sciences

Occupation: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2021-Present

Committees: House Health and Human Services, House Transportation



Rebecca Reimer (R) District 26B

Email: Rebecca.Reimer@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Brule, Buffalo, Hughes, Hyde, Jones, Lyman

Spouse: Mike **Children:** 2

Religion: Christian

Education: BS from SDSU

Occupation: Business Owner

Professional Experience: Chamberlain School Board, 13 Years

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2018-Present; Majority Whip, 2021-2022; LRC Executive Board Member, 2023-2024

Committees: House Health and Human Services, House Judiciary



Tim Reisch (R) District 8

Email: Tim.Reisch@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, Miner

Spouse: Anne **Children:** 5

Education: BS in Public Administration, Upper Iowa University; MS in Administrative Studies, University of South Dakota; MS in Strategic Studies, US Army War College

Occupation: Retired Sheriff/Corrections, National Guard

Professional Experience: Sherriff of Miner County, 1983-2000; Cabinet Secretary of the SD Department of Corrections, 2003-2011; Adjutant General of the SD National Guard, 2011-2019

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2023-Present

Committees: House Judiciary; House Military and Veterans Affairs (Vice-Chair); House State Affairs; Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee; Joint Select Committee on Prison Legislation



Kathy Rice (R) District 29

Email: Kathy.Rice@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Meade

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Agriculture and Natural Resources, House Education

**Matt Roby (R) District 5****Email:** Matt.Roby@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Codington**Spouse:** Stefanie **Children:** 4**Religion:** Catholic**Education:** Watertown High School, 2002; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2007; University of St. Thomas School of Law, 2010**Occupation:** Attorney, Investment Advisor**Professional Experience:** South Dakota Attorney General's Office, 2010-2012; Fischer Rounds Insurance, 2012-2015; Roby Law Office, 2015-2017; Watertown City Attorney, 2017-2022; Hi-Line Capital Management, 2022-Present**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Judiciary, House Local Government**Kent Roe (R) District 4****Email:** Kent.Roe@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Roberts**Spouse:** Melissa **Children:** 2**Religion:** Lutheran (NALC)**Education:** Hamlin High School, 1984; South Dakota State University, BS in Animal Science, 1988**Occupation:** Appraiser**Professional Experience:** Certified General Appraiser, 2020-Present; Contract Freight/Brokerage/Transportation, 1996-2022; Dairy/Livestock Farm 1984-1996; Sioux Rural Water Board, 12 Years; Signer of Incorporation of Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Taxation, House Transportation**Brandei Schaeftbauer (R) District 3****Email:** Brandei.Schaeftbauer@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Brown**Children:** 4**Religion:** Catholic**Education:** Associate Degree in Surgical Technology, Real Estate Brokers License**Occupation:** Wife/Mother**Professional Experience:** Avera St. Luke's in Surgery, 2 Years; Orthopedic Doctors, 10 Years; Volunteer; Food Pantry Coordinator**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2023-Present; Majority Whip, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Health and Human Services, House State Affairs

**Tesa Schwans (R) District 9****Email:** Tesa.Schwans@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Minnehaha**Spouse:** Jay **Children:** 3**Religion:** Catholic**Education:** Black Hills State University, Black Hills Beauty College**Occupation:** Hair Stylist, Small Business Owner**Professional Experience:** Hair Stylist, Small Business Owner, Distributor Representative, Master Artistic Educator for L'Oréal Professional USA Division**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Commerce and Energy, House Education, Liaison Committee to the Department of Education**William Shorma (R) District 17****Email:** William.Shorma@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Clay, Union**Spouse:** Marcie **Children:** 3**Religion:** Lutheran**Education:** 2 Years Business Management NDSSS**Occupation:** Business Owner**Professional Experience:** Manufacturing Leadership and Ownership, 1980-Present**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2023-Present; State Senator, 2015-2016**Committees:** House Commerce and Energy, House Military and Veterans Affairs, House Transportation**John Shubeck (R) District 16****Email:** John.Shubeck@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Lincoln, Turner, Union**Spouse:** Megan **Children:** 4**Religion:** Christian**Education:** Centerville High School; University of South Dakota, BS in Earth Sciences; South Dakota State University, MS in Plant Science**Occupation:** Farmer**Professional Experience:** Farmer; US Marines, 20 Years; College and High School Track Coach, 13 Years**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2025-Present

**John Sjaarda (R) District 2****Email:** John.Sjaarda@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Minnehaha**Spouse:** Kaye **Children:** 4**Religion:** Reformed**Education:** Sioux Falls Christian School, Dordt College**Occupation:** Farmer**Professional Experience:** Farmer, 1996-Present; School Board Member; Church Council**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2023-Present**Committees:** House Committee on Appropriations, Joint Committee on Appropriations**Bethany Soye (R) District 9****Email:** Bethany.Soye@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Minnehaha**Spouse:** Ryan **Children:** 3**Education:** North Central University, BS in Business Administration; College of William & Mary, JD and Master of Public Policy**Occupation:** Full-Time Mom, Attorney, Former BSA/AML Compliance**Professional Experience:** Clerk for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee: Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Courts, and Federal Rights; Republican National Delegate for Virginia, 2016 RNC; Committee on Permanent Organization; Sioux Empire Fastpitch Softball Association Board Member, Coach, and Umpire; America Reads Tutor**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2021-Present; Majority Whip 2025-Present**Committees:** House Judiciary (Vice-Chair), House State Affairs

**Mike Stevens (R) District 18****Email:** Mike.Stevens@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Clay, Yankton**Spouse:** Linda **Children:** 4**Religion:** Christian**Education:** North St. Paul High School, 1971; Bethel College, B.A., 1975; University of South Dakota, Juris Doctorate, 1978**Occupation:** Attorney**Professional Experience:** Partner, Blackburn & Stevens Prof. LLC; Special Assistant to South Dakota Attorney General Mark Meierhenry; Former Chairman and Board Member of Yankton School Board**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2013-2018, 2021-Present; Majority Whip, 2015-2016; Speaker Pro Tempore, 2023-2024; LRC Executive Board Member, 2017-2018, 2023-2024**Committees:** House Education (Vice-Chair), House Judiciary (Chair)**Nicole Uhre-Balk (D) District 32****Email:** Nicole.Uhre-Balk@sdlegislature.gov**Counties:** Pennington**Spouse:** Forest**Education:** Stevens High School; Bethel University, BA in Biology and BA in Environmental Studies; Black Hills State University, 7-12 Biology Teacher Certificate and Masters of Science in Curriculum Design and Instruction with a Science Emphasis**Occupation:** Educator**Professional Experience:** Middle and High School Biology, Physical Science, Earth Science, and Computer Science Teacher; Learning Specialist at TIE (Technology and Innovation in Education); STEM Education Specialist at Black Hills State University**Legislative Experience:** State Representative, 2025-Present; Minority Whip, 2025-Present**Committees:** House Commerce and Energy; House Education; Agricultural Land Assessment Task Force; Community Support Providers, State and Federal Efficiencies Interim Committee



Kevin Van Diepen (R) District 22

Email: Kevin.VanDiepen@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Beadle, Clark, Spink

Spouse: Amy **Children:** 1

Religion: Lutheran

Education: High School Graduate

Occupation: Retired Law Enforcement

Professional Experience: Law Enforcement, 36 Years

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Agriculture and Natural Resources, House Local Government



Tim Walburg (R) District 8

Email: Tim.Walburg@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, Miner

Spouse: Debra **Children:** 2

Religion: Methodist/Lutheran

Occupation: Paramedic, Retired Sheriff

Professional Experience: 30 Years of Law Enforcement with Codington County Sheriff's Office, Turner County Sheriff's Office, City of Canton, and Lake County Sheriff's Office; 33 Years in Emergency Medical Services; Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and President of SD Sheriffs Association

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2025-Present

Committees: House Judiciary, House Taxation, Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee



Keri K. Weems (R) District 11

Email: Keri.Weems@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Minnehaha

Occupation: Independent Contractor

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2003-2008, 2025-Present

Committees: House Military and Veterans Affairs, House Taxation, House Transportation



Mike Weisgram (R) District 24

Email: Mike.Weisgram@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Stanly, Sully

Spouse: Judy **Children:** 2

Religion: Catholic

Education: TF Riggs High School, Northern State University

Occupation: Retired, Business Owner

Professional Experience: Small Business Owner/Retailer, 37 Years; Fort Pierre City Council, 5 Years

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2021-Present; LRC Executive Board Member, 2023-2024

Committees: House Commerce and Energy, House Retirement Laws (Chair), House Taxation, Retirement Laws (Vice-Chair)



Kadyn Wittman (D) District 15

Email: Kadyn.Wittman@sdlegislature.gov

Counties: Minnehaha

Education: Augustana University, BA in Sociology with an Emphasis on Women’s Studies

Occupation: Development Director

Professional Experience: Director of Development for Sioux Falls Family YMCA

Legislative Experience: State Representative, 2023-Present; Minority Whip, 2025-Present

Committees: House Agriculture and Natural Resources; House Local Government; Agricultural Land Assessment Task Force; Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee

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George Winger Mills – Republican; Wall, Pennington	1947 – 1948
Arthur E. Munck – Republican; Pierre, Hughes	1949 – 1950
Hugh H. Stokes – Republican; Flandreau, Moody	1951 – 1952
Hobart H. Gates – Republican; Custer, Custer	1953 – 1954
Nils A. Boe – Republican; Sioux Falls, Minnehaha	1955 – 1958
Archie M. Gubbrud – Republican; Alcester, Lincoln	1959 – 1960
Carl T. Burgess – Republican; Rapid City, Pennington.....	1961 – 1962
Paul E. Brown – Republican; Arlington, Kingsbury.....	1963 – 1964
Charles C. Droz – Republican; Miller, Hand.....	1965 – 1966
James D. Jelbert – Republican; Spearfish, Lawrence	1967 – 1968
Dexter H. Gunderson – Republican; Irene, Clay	1969 – 1970
Donald E. Osheim – Republican; Watertown, Codington	1971 – 1972
Gene N. Lebrun – Democratic; Rapid City, Pennington.....	1973 – 1974
Joseph H. Barnett – Republican; Aberdeen, Brown	1975 – 1976
Lowell C. Hansen II – Republican; Sioux Falls, Minnehaha.....	1977 – 1978
George S. Mickelson – Republican; Brookings, Brookings	1979 – 1980
Walter Dale Miller – Republican; New Underwood, Pennington.....	1981 – 1982
Jerome B. Lammers – Republican; Madison, Lake	1983 – 1984
Donald J. Ham – Republican; Rapid City, Pennington.....	1985 – 1986
Debra R. Anderson – Republican; Sioux Falls, Minnehaha.....	1987 – 1988
Royal J. ‘Bud’ Wood – Republican; Warner, Brown	1989 – 1990
E. James ‘Jim’ Hood – Republican; Spearfish, Lawrence	1991 – 1992
Steve K. Cutler – Republican; Claremont, Brown.....	1993 – 1994
Harvey C. Krautschun – Republican; Spearfish, Lawrence.....	1995 – 1996
Rexford A. ‘Rex’ Hagg – Republican; Rapid City, Pennington	1997 – 1998

Roger W. Hunt – Republican; Brandon, Minnehaha	1999 – 2000
Scott G. Eccarius – Republican; Rapid City, Pennington	2001 – 2002
Matthew J.W. Michels – Republican; Yankton, Yankton.....	2003 – 2006
Thomas J. Deadrick – Republican; Platte, Charles Mix	2007 – 2010
Valentine Rausch – Republican; Big Stone City, Grant	2011 – 2012
Brian Gosh – Republican; Rapid City, Pennington	2013 – 2014
Dean Wink – Republican; Howes, Meade	2015 – 2016
Mark Mickelson – Republican; Sioux Falls, Minnehaha	2017 – 2018
Steven Haugaard – Republican; Sioux Falls, Minnehaha	2019 – 2020
Spencer Gosch – Republican; Glenham, Walworth.....	2021 – 2022
Hugh Bartels – Republican; Watertown, Codington.....	2023 – 2024
Jon Hansen – Republican; Dell Rapids, Minnehaha.....	2025 – Present

President Pro Tempore 1889 – Present

Frank J. Washabaugh.....	1889 – 1890
Solomom Star	1893 – 1894
Stephen Eugene Wilson.....	1895 – 1896
Louis Napoleon Crill	1897 – 1898
Carl Gunderson.....	1899 – 1900
James Marshall Lawson.....	1901 – 1902
John H. Williamson	1903 – 1904
Henry T. Cooper	1905 – 1906
Robert S. Vessey	1907 – 1908
Frank M. Byrne	1909 – 1910
Andrew J. Lockhart	1911 – 1912
William Hoese Jr.....	1913 – 1914
C.S. Amsden.....	1915 – 1928
Leonard M. Simons	1929 – 1932
Lewis John Larson.....	1933
Mancel W. Peterson.....	1935 – 1936
Leonard M. Simons	1937 – 1938
Archie Willis Odell.....	1939 – 1940
David J. Tiede.....	1941 – 1944
Charles S. Reed	1945 – 1946
E.L. Stavig.....	1947 – 1948
Albert R. Risty.....	1949 – 1950
Ed T. Elkins.....	1951 – 1952
Alfred D. Roesler.....	1953 – 1954
Frank A. Ferguson	1955 – 1956
Art B. Anderson.....	1957 – 1958
Henry J. Oster.....	1959 – 1960
Hilbert David Bogue.....	1961 – 1962
James Ramey	1963 – 1964
James Abdnor	1965 – 1966
Lloyd Schrag	1967 – 1968
G. Robert Bartron	1969 – 1970
Louis L. ‘Roy’ Johnson	1971 – 1972
Charles E. Donnelly Jr.....	1973 – 1974
Michael J. O’Connor	1975 – 1976
Clint Roberts.....	1977 – 1978
Mary A. Bibby McClure.....	1979 – 1989

Harold W. Halverson.....	1990 – 1992
R. Lars Herseth.....	1993 – 1994
Harold W. Halverson.....	1995 – 2000
Arnold M. Brown.....	2001 – 2004
Lee A. Schoenbeck.....	2005 – 2006
Bob Gray.....	2007 – 2012
Corey William Brown.....	2013 – 2015
Gary L. Cammack.....	2015 – 2016
Brock L. Greenfield.....	2017 – 2020
Lee A. Schoenbeck.....	2021 – 2024
Chris Karr.....	2025 – Present

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Senate Members

District	County	Name (Party Affiliation)	Home City
1	Brown, Day, Marshall, Roberts	Michael Rohl (R)	Aberdeen
2	Minnehaha	Steve Kolbeck (R)	Brandon
3	Brown	Carl Perry (R)	Aberdeen
4	Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Roberts	Stephanie Sauder (R)	Bryant
5	Codington	Glen Vilhauer (R)	Watertown
6	Lincoln	Ernie Otten (R)	Tea
7	Brookings	Tim Reed (R)	Brookings
8	Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, Miner	Casey Crabtree (R)	Madison
9	Minnehaha	Joy Hohn (R)	Hartford
10	Minnehaha	Liz Larson (D)	Sioux Falls
11	Minnehaha	Chris Karr (R)	Sioux Falls
12	Lincoln, Minnehaha	Arch Beal (R)	Sioux Falls
13	Lincoln, Minnehaha	Sue Peterson (R)	Sioux Falls
14	Minnehaha	Larry Zikmund (R)	Sioux Falls
15	Minnehaha	Jamie Smith (D)	Sioux Falls
16	Lincoln, Turner, Union	Kevin Jensen (R)	Canton
17	Clay, Union	Sydney Davis (R)	Burbank
18	Clay, Yankton	Lauren Nelson (R)	Yankton
19	Bon Homme, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Turner	Kyle Schoenfish (R)	Scotland
20	Davison, Jerauld, Miner, Sanborn	Paul Miskimins (R)	Mitchell
21	Aurora, Charles Mix, Douglas, Gregory, Tripp	Mykala Voita (R)	Bonesteel
22	Beadle, Clark, Spink	David Wheeler* (R)	Huron
22	Beadle, Clark, Spink	Brandon Wipf (R)	Huron
23	Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, McPherson, Potter, Walworth	Mark Lapka (R)	Leola
24	Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Stanley, Sully	Jim Mehlhaff (R)	Pierre
25	Minnehaha, Moody	Tom Pischke (R)	Dell Rapids
26	Brule, Buffalo, Hughes, Hyde, Jones, Lyman, Mellette, Todd	Tamara Grove (R)	Lower Brule
27	Bennett, Jackson, Pennington, Oglala Lakota	Red Dawn Foster (D)	Pine Ridge
28	Butte, Corson, Dewey, Harding, Perkins, Ziebach	Sam Marty (R)	Prairie City
29	Meade	John Carley (R)	Piedmont
30	Custer, Fall River, Pennington	Amber Hulse (R)	Hot Springs
31	Lawrence	Randy Deibert (R)	Spearfish
32	Pennington	Helene Duhamel (R)	Rapid City
33	Meade, Pennington	Curt Voight (R)	Rapid City
34	Pennington	Taffy Howard (R)	Rapid City
35	Pennington	Greg Blanc (R)	Rapid City

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1	Brown, Day, Marshall, Roberts	Logan Manhart (R)	Aberdeen
1	Brown, Day, Marshall, Roberts	Christopher Reder* (R)	Warner
1	Brown, Day, Marshall, Roberts	Nick Fosness (R)	Britton
2	Minnehaha	David Kull (R)	Brandon
2	Minnehaha	John Sjaarda (R)	Valley Springs
3	Brown	Al Novstrup (R)	Aberdeen
3	Brown	Brandei Schaeffbauer (R)	Aberdeen
4	Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Roberts	Dylan Jordan (R)	Clear Lake
4	Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Roberts	Kent Roe (R)	Hayti
5	Codington	Josephine Garcia (R)	Watertown
5	Codington	Matt Roby (R)	Watertown
6	Lincoln	Aaron Aylward (R)	Harrisburg
6	Lincoln	Tim Czmowski (R)	Sioux Falls
7	Brookings	Roger DeGroot (R)	Brookings
7	Brookings	Mellissa Heermann (R)	Brookings
8	Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, Miner	Tim Reisch (R)	Howard
8	Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, Miner	Tim Walburg (R)	Madison
9	Minnehaha	Tesa Schwans (R)	Hartford
9	Minnehaha	Bethany Soye (R)	Sioux Falls
10	Minnehaha	Bobbi Andera (R)	Sioux Falls
10	Minnehaha	Erin Healy (D)	Sioux Falls
11	Minnehaha	Brian Mulder (R)	Sioux Falls
11	Minnehaha	Keri Weems (R)	Sioux Falls
12	Lincoln, Minnehaha	Amber Arlint (R)	Sioux Falls
12	Lincoln, Minnehaha	Greg Jamison (R)	Sioux Falls
13	Lincoln, Minnehaha	John Hughes (R)	Sioux Falls
13	Lincoln, Minnehaha	Tony Venhuizen* (R)	Sioux Falls
13	Lincoln, Minnehaha	Jack Kolbeck (R)	Sioux Falls
14	Minnehaha	Tony Kayser (R)	Sioux Falls
14	Minnehaha	Taylor Rehfeldt (R)	Sioux Falls
15	Minnehaha	Erik Muckey (D)	Sioux Falls
15	Minnehaha	Kadyn Wittman (D)	Sioux Falls
16	Lincoln, Turner, Union	Karla Lems (R)	Canton
16	Lincoln, Turner, Union	Richard Vasgaard* (R)	Centerville
16	Lincoln, Turner, Union	John Shubeck (R)	Beresford
17	Clay, Union	Chris Kassin (R)	Vermillion
17	Clay, Union	William Shorma (R)	Dakota Dunes
18	Clay, Yankton	Julie Auch (R)	Yankton
18	Clay, Yankton	Mike Stevens (R)	Yankton
19	Bon Homme, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Turner	Jessica Bahmuller (R)	Alexandria
19	Bon Homme, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Turner	Drew Peterson (R)	Salem
20	Davison, Jerauld, Miner, Sanborn	Jeff Bathke (R)	Mitchell
20	Davison, Jerauld, Miner, Sanborn	Kaley Nolz (R)	Mitchell
21	Aurora, Charles Mix, Douglas, Gregory, Tripp	Jim Halverson (R)	Winner

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21	Aurora, Charles Mix, Douglas,	Gregory, Tripp	Marty Overweg (R)..... New Holland
22	Beadle, Clark, Spink	Lana Greenfield (R)	Doland
22	Beadle, Clark, Spink	Kevin Van Diepen (R)	Huron
23	Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand,	McPherson, Potter, Walworth.....	Spencer Gosch (R)..... Glenham
23	Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand,	McPherson, Potter, Walworth.....	Scott Moore (R)
24	Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Stanley, Sully	Will Mortenson (R).....	Pierre
24	Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Stanley, Sully	Mike Weisgram (R)	Pierre
25	Minnehaha, Moody	Jon Hansen (R)	Dell Rapids
25	Minnehaha, Moody	Leslie Heinemann (R).....	Flandreau
26A	Jones, Mellette, Todd.....	Eric Emery (D)	Rosebud
26B	Brule, Buffalo, Hughes, Hyde, Jones, Lyman.....	Rebecca Reimer (R).....	Chamberlain
27	Bennett, Jackson, Pennington, Oglala Lakota.....	Liz May (R)	Kyle
27	Bennett, Jackson, Pennington, Oglala Lakota.....	Peri Pourier (R).....	Pine Ridge
28A	Corson, Dewey, Perkins, Ziebach	Jana Hunt (R).....	Dupree
28B	Butte, Harding, Perkins.....	Travis Ismay (R)	Newell
29	Meade	Terry Jorgenson (R)	Rapid City
29	Meade	Kathy Rice (R)	Black Hawk
30	Custer, Fall River, Pennington.....	Tim Goodwin (R)	Rapid City
30	Custer, Fall River, Pennington.....	Trish Ladner (R)	Hot Springs
31	Lawrence	Mary Fitzgerald (R)	Spearfish
31	Lawrence	Scott Odenbach (R).....	Spearfish
32	Pennington.....	Steve Duffy (R).....	Rapid City
32	Pennington.....	Nicole Uhre-Balk (D)	Rapid City
33	Meade, Pennington	Phil Jensen (R).....	Rapid City
33	Meade, Pennington	Curt Massie (R).....	Rapid City
34	Pennington.....	Heather Baxter (R).....	Rapid City
34	Pennington.....	Mike Derby (R).....	Rapid City
35	Pennington.....	Tina Mulally (R)	Rapid City
35	Pennington.....	Tony Randolph (R)	Rapid City

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Maddie Cross	Vermillion	Savannah Shrake	Aberdeen
Elizabeth Duffy	Fort Pierre	Levi Taglioli	Spearfish

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First Term

Marnie Baker	Rapid City	Chase Jennings	Harrisburg
Aimslee Bunker	Arlington	Whitney Martinsen	Watertown
Hayley Cunningham	Rapid City	Gage Miotke	Webster
Harold Heinert	Mission	Samuel Valle	Pierre

Second Term

Ava Brown	Sioux Falls	Danni Kotalik	Springfield
Esther Burkhalter	Prairie City	Elizabeth Meyer	South Shore
Brianna Sargent	Pierre	Allyson Tish	Sturgis
Sakurako Tinant	Rapid City	Sheridan Voorhees	Onida
Mia Coester	Webster	Raelie Williams	Deadwood
Jackson Faulkner	Spearfish		

Third Term

Sylvia Bohlander	Mobridge	Emily Nemec	Pierre
Aubree Dowling	Sioux Falls	Audrey Patterson	Rapid City
Chloe Heermann	Brookings	Eliza Potter	Garretson
Andrew Johnson	Harrisburg	Grant Roth	Sioux Falls
Emma Kilene	Worthing	Ella Vandersnick	Willow Lake
Bailey Link	Dakota Dunes		

Fourth Term

Leah Aderhold	Castlewood	Maximillian Josko	Beresford
Patrick Barnett	Sioux Falls	Trenton Policky	Rapid City
Chloe Brummett	Sioux Falls	AnneClaire Rubish	Huron
Kaydence De Haan	Watertown	Ryler Stevicks	Gregory
Grace Fulkerson	Mobridge	Brooke Wright	Colman

Fifth Term

James Burma	Miller	Madisyn Raymond	Ethan
Carson Glodt	Pierre	Spencer Sargent	Pierre
Mya Heintzman	Aberdeen	Willa Stern	Webster

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Jon Hansen	Speaker of the House.....	Dell Rapids	
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Patricia Miller	Chief Clerk of the House	Jean Denton	Committee Secretary
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Janelle Toman.....	Assistant Clerk	Mary Kirk	Committee Secretary
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Samantha Bambas	Lake Andes	Trinity Palmquist	Howard
Andrew Cottrell.....	Brookings	Grant Santos	Brookings
Rebecca Feldhaus	Howard	Dorian Sikkink.....	Castlewood
Hayes Hansen	Spearfish	Karlie Ten Eyck.....	Egan
Anna Hundt	Rockland, WI	Brandon Toennies.....	Brookings
Dakota Jensen.....	Hoven	Landon Whittle.....	Vermillion
Walker Larson	Aberdeen		

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First Term

Nathan Arens	Sioux Falls	Kendra Endorf	Canova
Brayden Bahmuller.....	Alexandria	Savannah Knispel	White River
Rebecca Cox.....	Mobridge	Zoe Meinke.....	Gettysburg
Selah DuVall	Pukwana	Gracie Moore.....	Sioux Falls
Brooke Endorf	Canova		

Second Term

Mason Berg	Pierre	Olivia Olson.....	Onida
Raylynn Dehning	Gregory	Rayel Persoon	Gettysburg
Bennett Duncan	Sioux Falls	Melanie Roemen	Tea
Cael Fulton	Vermillion	Kendra Saylor	Sioux Falls
Emmie Huizenga	Platte	Kiyah Sherman	Yankton
Charlee Jorgensen.....	Lennox	Tarynn Torsney.....	Tyndall
Weston Koedam	Creighton		

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Danica Euliss	Dakota Dunes	Taylyn Rausch	Hoven
William Hanzlik	Chamberlain	Harper Reichling.....	Fort Pierre
Hadley Hart	Fort Pierre	Melina Shields	Presho
Aadyn Hosek	Chamberlain	Sabrina Strand.....	Mount Vernon
Christina Messerli.....	Brookings	Raegan Taylor.....	Fort Pierre
Noel Mulder	Sioux Falls		

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Melody Gilkerson Brookings
Jessica Hadrick Faulkton
Reese Hadrick Faulkton
Rachel Heinemann Flandreau
Rebecca Heinemann Flandreau
Allie Hermsen Sioux Falls

Jonathan Koel Huron
Patrick Kralicek Yankton
Lucy Moon Creighton
Ember Pease Chamberlain
Hudson Shaffer Pierre
Alexander Smith Sioux Falls

Fifth Term

Braxton Adams Yankton
Sver Ansgore-Jepsen Vermillion
Landon Berg Emery
Wyatt Lesmeister Belle Fourche
Ella Locke Sioux Falls

Kaysen Magee Fort Pierre
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Avarie Prien Letcher
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1	Brown, Day, Marshall, Roberts	Michael Rohl (R)	Aberdeen
2	Minnehaha	Steve Kolbeck (R)	Brandon
3	Brown	Al Novstrup (R)	Aberdeen
4	Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Roberts	John Wiik (R)	Big Stone City
5	Codington	Lee Schoenbeck (R)	Watertown
6	Lincoln	Herman Otten (R)	Tea
7	Brookings	Tim Reed (R)	Brookings
8	Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, Miner	Casey Crabtree (R)	Madison
9	Minnehaha	Brent Hoffman (R)	Hartford
10	Minnehaha	Liz Larson (D)	Sioux Falls
11	Minnehaha	Jim Stalzer (R)	Sioux Falls
12	Lincoln, Minnehaha	Arch Beal (R)	Sioux Falls
13	Lincoln, Minnehaha	Jack Kolbeck (R)	Sioux Falls
14	Minnehaha	Larry Zikmund (R)	Sioux Falls
15	Minnehaha	Reynold Nesiba (D)	Sioux Falls
16	Lincoln, Turner, Union	Jim Bolin (R)	Canton
17	Clay, Union	Sydney Davis (R)	Burbank
18	Clay, Yankton	Jean Hunhoff (R)	Yankton
19	Bon Homme, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Turner	Kyle Schoenfish (R)	Scotland
20	Davison, Jerauld, Miner, Sanborn	Joshua Klumb (R)	Mitchell
21	Aurora, Charles Mix, Douglas, Gregory, Tripp	Erin Tobin (R)	Winner
22	Beadle, Clark, Spink	David Wheeler (R)	Huron
23	Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, McPherson, Potter, Walworth	Bryan Breitling (R)	Miller
24	Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Stanley, Sully	Jim Mehlhaff (R)	Pierre
25	Minnehaha, Moody	Tom Pischke (R)	Dell Rapids
26	Brule, Buffalo, Hughes, Hyde, Jones, Lyman, Mellette, Todd	Shawn Bordeaux (D)	Mission
27	Bennett, Jackson, Pennington, Oglala Lakota	Red Dawn Foster (D)	Pine Ridge
28	Butte, Corson, Dewey, Harding, Perkins, Ziebach	Ryan Maher (R)	Isabel
29	Meade	Dean Wink (R)	Howes
30	Custer, Fall River, Pennington	Julie Frye-Mueller (R)	Rapid City
31	Lawrence	Randy Deibert (R)	Spearfish
32	Pennington	Helene Duhamel (R)	Rapid City
33	Meade, Pennington	David Johnson (R)	Rapid City
34	Pennington	Michael Diedrich (R)	Rapid City
35	Pennington	Michael Walsh (R)	Rapid City

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1	Brown, Day, Marshall, Roberts	Joe Donnell (R)	Sisseton
1	Brown, Day, Marshall, Roberts	Tamara St. John (R)	Sisseton
2	Minnehaha	David Kull (R)	Brandon
2	Minnehaha	John Sjaarda (R)	Valley Springs
3	Brown	Carl Perry (R)	Aberdeen
3	Brown	Brandei Schaeftbauer (R)	Aberdeen
4	Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Roberts	Fred Deutsch (R)	Florence
4	Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Roberts	Stephanie Sauder (R)	Bryant
5	Codington	Hugh Bartels (R)	Watertown
5	Codington	Byron Callies (R)	Watertown
6	Lincoln	Aaron Aylward (R)	Harrisburg
6	Lincoln	Ernie Otten (R)	Tea
7	Brookings	Roger DeGroot (R)	Brookings
7	Brookings	Mellissa Heermann (R)	Brookings
8	Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, Miner	John Mills (R)	Brookings
8	Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, Miner	Tim Reisch (R)	Howard
9	Minnehaha	Bethany Soye (R)	Sioux Falls
9	Minnehaha	Kenneth Teunissen (R)	Sioux Falls
10	Minnehaha	Erin Healy (D)	Sioux Falls
10	Minnehaha	Kameron Nelson (D)	Sioux Falls
11	Minnehaha	Chris Karr (R)	Sioux Falls
11	Minnehaha	Brian Mulder (R)	Sioux Falls
12	Lincoln, Minnehaha	Amber Arlint (R)	Sioux Falls
12	Lincoln, Minnehaha	Greg Jamison (R)	Sioux Falls
13	Lincoln, Minnehaha	Sue Peterson (R)	Sioux Falls
13	Lincoln, Minnehaha	Tony Venhuizen (R)	Sioux Falls
14	Minnehaha	Taylor Rehfeldt (R)	Sioux Falls
14	Minnehaha	Tyler Tordsen (R)	Sioux Falls
15	Minnehaha	Linda Duba (D)	Sioux Falls
15	Minnehaha	Kadyn Wittman (D)	Sioux Falls
16	Lincoln, Turner, Union	Kevin Jensen (R)	Canton
16	Lincoln, Turner, Union	Karla Lems (R)	Canton
17	Clay, Union	Chris Kassin (R)	Vermillion
17	Clay, Union	William Shorma (R)	Dakota Dunes
18	Clay, Yankton	Julie Auch (R)	Yankton
18	Clay, Yankton	Mike Stevens (R)	Yankton
19	Bon Homme, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Turner	Jessica Bahmuller (R)	Alexandria
19	Bon Homme, Hanson, Hutchinson, McCook, Turner	Drew Peterson (R)	Salem
20	Davison, Jerauld, Miner, Sanborn	Lance Koth (R)	Mitchell
20	Davison, Jerauld, Miner, Sanborn	Ben Krohmer (R)	Mitchell
21	Aurora, Charles Mix, Douglas, Gregory, Tripp	Rocky Blare (R)	Ideal
21	Aurora, Charles Mix, Douglas, Gregory, Tripp	Marty Overweg (R)	New Holland
22	Beadle, Clark, Spink	Roger Chase (R)	Huron
22	Beadle, Clark, Spink	Lynn Schneider (R)	Huron

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23	Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, McPherson, Potter, Walworth.....	Scott Moore (R)	Ipswich
23	Brown, Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hand, McPherson, Potter, Walworth.....	James Wangsness (R)	Miller
24	Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Stanley, Sully	Will Mortenson (R).....	Pierre
24	Haakon, Hughes, Hyde, Stanley, Sully	Mike Weisgram (R)	Pierre
25	Minnehaha, Moody	Jon Hansen (R)	Dell Rapids
25	Minnehaha, Moody	Randy Gross (R)	Elkton
26A	Jones, Mellette, Todd.....	Eric Emery (D)	Rosebud
26B	Brule, Buffalo, Hughes, Hyde, Jones, Lyman.....	Rebecca Reimer (R).....	Chamberlain
27	Bennett, Jackson, Pennington, Oglala Lakota.....	Liz May (R)	Kyle
27	Bennett, Jackson, Pennington, Oglala Lakota.....	Peri Pourier (D).....	Pine Ridge
28A	Corson, Dewey, Perkins, Ziebach.....	Oren Lesmeister (D)	Parade
28B	Butte, Harding, Perkins.....	Neal Pinnow (R)	Lemmon
29	Meade	Gary Cammack (R).....	Union Center
29	Meade	Kirk Chaffee (R)	Whitewood
30	Custer, Fall River, Pennington	Dennis Krull (R)	Hill City
30	Custer, Fall River, Pennington.....	Trish Ladner (R)	Hot Springs
31	Lawrence	Mary Fitzgerald (R)	Spearfish
31	Lawrence	Scott Odenbach (R).....	Spearfish
32	Pennington.....	Kristin Conzet (R).....	Rapid City
32	Pennington	Steve Duffy (R).....	Rapid City
33	Meade, Pennington	Phil Jensen (R).....	Rapid City
33	Meade, Pennington	Curt Massie (R).....	Rapid City
34	Pennington.....	Mike Derby (R).....	Rapid City
34	Pennington.....	Becky Drury (R)	Rapid City
35	Pennington.....	Tina Mulally (R)	Rapid City
35	Pennington.....	Tony Randolph (R)	Rapid City

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Mary Kirk	Committee Secretary	
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Dave Bonde	Sergeant at Arms	
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Joshua Chase	Vermillion	Rachel Overstreet.....	Vermillion
Jordan Christensen.....	Vermillion	Jorja Whempner.....	Aberdeen
Sarah Cox	Vermillion	Paige Willett	Sioux Falls
Marcus Hluchy	Vermillion		

Senate Aides

Caleb Stork Brookings

Senate Pages

First Term

Elly Broers..... Pierre	Emma Peterson Vienna
Ayden Calvert..... Watertown	Ariel Schatz New Leipzig
Addison Huber..... Yankton	Ty Sullivan Watertown
Gabriyelle Irving Pierre	Mily Vasquez..... Gettysburg
Neva Mikkelsen..... Gettysburg	

Second Term

Chloe Blom..... Yankton	Chloe Heermann Brookings
Ashley Bondesen..... Lennox	Jack Jerde..... Reva
Alexa Comes Watertown	Miranda Maas Aberdeen
Chloe Culver..... Huron	Elijah Morrissette Redfield
Kaia Day..... Meadow	Jadeyn Reiner Spearfish
Lowell Gillespie Hudson	

Third Term

Quinn Alt..... Sioux Falls	Madelyn Hinkelman Summit
Jamie Bacon Tripp	Bridgett Lemmel..... Faith
Trey Dunse Webster	Eliot Nielsen Hartford
Rebecca Feldhaus Howard	Nicole Steffensen..... Arlington
Lily Fods Colton	Malachi Swift Burke
Nicholas Gray..... Fort Pierre	

Fourth Term

Patrick Barnett..... Sioux Falls	Hayden Otten..... Lennox
Jillian Bauer..... Summit	Addison Pearl Miller
Chasety Christensen Huron	Baylie Somsen Webster
Cameron Cutshaw Huron	Landon Stefani..... Worthing
Dakota Jensen..... Hoven	Connor Wiik Big Stone City
Lauren Murphy..... Hartford	

Fifth Term

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Liberty Harrington..... Fort Pierre	Madisyn Raymond..... Ethan
Mya Heintzman Aberdeen	Halle Swenson Sioux Falls

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Shirleen Fugitt	Assistant Clerk	
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Joleh McCullough.....	Committee Secretary	
James Sapp	Committee Secretary	
Madisen Vetter	Committee Secretary	
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Finiasi Epapy	Harrisburg	Charles Streeter.....	Vermillion
Samantha Gavette.....	Monroe	Jonathon Sundet.....	Brookings
Allison Gross	Vermillion	Karlie Ten Eyck.....	Egan
Ellie Hart	Mitchell	Ashlyne Utter.....	Glendale, AZ
McKenzie Hofer	Hitchcock	Michael Wagenaar	Sioux Falls
Marissa Kjorness	Vermillion		

House Pages

First Term

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Charlee Jorgensen.....	Lennox	Taylyn Rausch	Hoven
Elie Land	Dell Rapids	Raegan Taylor.....	Fort Pierre
Wyatt Lesmeister.....	Belle Fourche	Avery VanOverbeke	Big Stone City
Gracie Moore.....	Sioux Falls		

Second Term

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Ava Brown	Sioux Falls	Claire Pearman	Martin
Kate Hamilton	Wessington	Tristen Petrik	Platte
Nicolette Hoffman	Armour	Kendra Saylor	Sioux Falls
Mariela Hyzer.....	Hurley	Evelyn Torberson.....	Belle Fourche
Daniela Lee.....	Colman	Raelie Williams	Deadwood
Christina Messerli.....	Brookings		

Third Term

Joseph Grady	Salem	Jayda Reinert	Wall
Onica Graham.....	Sioux Falls	Taylor Reisch.....	Howard
Elliot Hendrix	Rapid City	Charley Stroh.....	Sioux Falls
Paul Kaffar	Spencer	Henry Thronson.....	Pierre
Emma Kilene.....	Worthing	Samuel Weinheimer.....	Onida
Grant Masek	Sioux Falls	Brooke Wright	Colman
Eden Otten.....	Rapid City		

Fourth Term

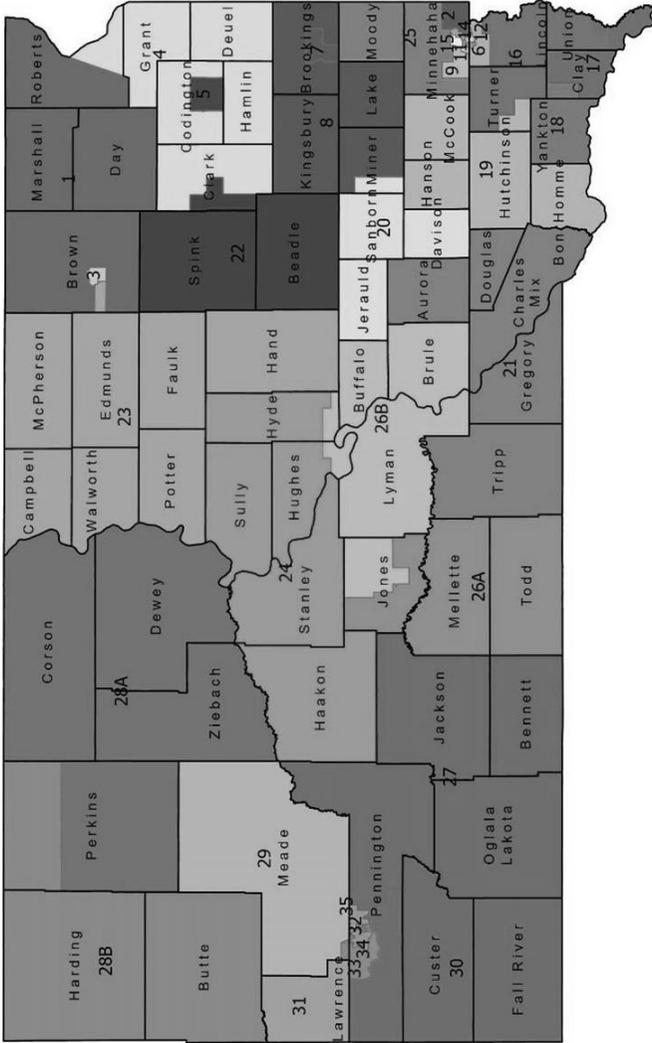
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Faith Gaye Sioux Falls
Melody Gilkerson Brookings
Rayden Haak Gann Valley
Reese Hadrick Faulkton
Rachel Heinemann Flandreau
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Savannah Hendricks Vivian
Henry Homstad Yankton
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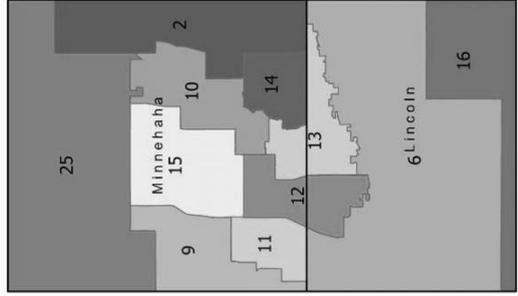
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Reagan Blackburn Aberdeen
Bennett Gordon Whitewood
Ezerina Hyseni Aberdeen
Quinn Moon Wall
Katelyn Ryan Aberdeen
Reese Schmidt Watertown
Abigail Studt Custer
Breanna Wollman Bath

2023 South Dakota Legislative Districts



Rapid City



Sioux Falls

Legislative Districts Map – 2023

Legislative Memoriam 2023

Legislators that passed away in 2023.

**Information obtained from the Legislative Research Council.*

Loren Dean Anderson

July 4, 1934 – April 22, 2023
Yankton County
Representative 1983-1990

Richard George Belatti

January 20, 1928 – October 23, 2023
Minnehaha, Lake Counties
Senator 1989-1992
Representative 1995-1998

Jack Billion

March 4, 1939 – February 25, 2023
Minnehaha County
Representative 1993-1996

Roger Brooks

January 23, 1943 – October 7, 2023
Minnehaha County
Representative 1993-2000

Robert J. Burns

September 3, 1946 – May 27, 2023
Minnehaha County
Representative 1975-1976

Marie C. Ingalls

March 31, 1936 – April 15, 2023
Meade County
Representative 1987-1992

Barry M. Jensen

August 13, 1945 – September 17, 2023
Mellette County
Representative 2001-2002, 2005-2006

William C. Johnson

April 16, 1928 – July 31, 2023
Lake County
Representative 1993-1994

John B. Jones

March 30, 1927 – January 30, 2023
Lyman County
Representative 1957-1960

Dick M. Kelly

March 14, 1941 – January 13, 2023
Minnehaha County
Senator 2002-2006

Jerome B. Lammers

May 29, 1937 – May 9, 2023
Lake County
Representative 1977-1992

David S. Laustsen

June 13, 1947 – January 6, 2023
Brown County
Senator 1985-1987
Representative 1977-1984

Gene N. Lebrun

July 4, 1939 – July 23, 2023
Pennington County
Representative 1971-1974

Edwin W. Olson Jr.

August 1, 1947 – July 15, 2023
Davison County
Senator 2001-2008
Representative 1987-1994

Franklin Owen Simpson

September 9, 1929 – January 27, 2023
Pennington County
Senator 1977-1978
Representative 1975-1976

Legislative Memoriam 2024

Legislators that passed away in 2024.

**Information obtained from the Legislative Research Council.*

Arnold M. Brown

March 5, 1931 – December 27, 2024
Brookings County
Senator 1997-2004
Representative 1993-1996

James A. Burg

April 22, 1941 – April 16, 2024
Jerauld County
Senator 1985-1986
Representative 1975-1984

Burton B. ‘Burt’ Elliott

July 23, 1947 – January 27, 2024
Brown County
Representative 2001-2008

Arthur Eugene ‘Art’ Fryslie

October 25, 1941 – December 1, 2024
Clark County
Senator 2009-2012
Representative 1999-2006

Dayle D. Hammock

August 9, 1947 – July 21, 2024
Lawrence County
Representative 2019-2020

Tim P. Johnson

December 28, 1946 – October 8, 2024
Clay County
Senator 1983-1986
Representative 1979-1982

Claire B. Konold

February 13, 1938 – March 9, 2024
Codington County
Representative 1997-2004

Jerome ‘Jerry’ Mayer

February 22, 1931 – April 28, 2024
Minnehaha County
Senator 1973-1976, 1977-1980

Janice K. Nicolay

January 4, 1942 – May 18, 2024
Minnehaha County
Representative 1983-1996

Dennis R. Pierson

March 23, 1945 – October 20, 2024
Davison, Minnehaha Counties
Senator 1993-1994
Representative 1979-1982

Bernard Stoeser

October 23, 1930 – March 9, 2024
Stanley County
Representative 1973-1974

Kenneth D. Stofferahn

April 5, 1934 – March 18, 2024
Minnehaha County
Representative 1975-1976

Donald D. Van Etten

March 10, 1934 – September 23, 2024
Pennington County
Representative 2001-2008

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South Dakota Executive Branch



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Governor - Larry Rhoden

(2025 – Present)



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Larry Rhoden is a lifelong West River rancher, a dedicated husband and father, and a proven leader with a record of service for South Dakota. He serves as the 34th Governor of South Dakota.

Larry was elected as lieutenant governor alongside Governor Kristi Noem in 2018 and re-elected in 2022. He rose to the office of governor in January 2025.

Growing up in the church, Larry understood true service at a young age. After graduating high school, he joined the South Dakota National Guard, serving six years and carrying on a family legacy of military service that began in the Revolutionary War. While his children were young, he served as a church trustee, earned a seat on the local school board, and led the Board of Directors for the area Cenex. He currently serves as a Deacon of his home church.

In 2000, Larry was elected to the state legislature. During his time as a citizen legislator, his peers repeatedly selected him to serve in leadership, and he's shown an aptitude for getting things done. Larry served as House Majority Leader and chaired both the Senate and House State Affairs Committees. Larry worked with then-Representative Noem to reform property taxes, led efforts to repeal the so-called "Trucker's Tax," and shaped legislation to defend the 2nd Amendment rights of South Dakotans. His work earned him the American Conservative Union's highest ranking in 2017. He served as Interim Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Agriculture from May 2020 to September 2020 and as South Dakota's Agriculture Ambassador from 2020 to 2025. He has also served as a past President of State Ag and Rural Leaders.

Larry still does custom welding and operates the ranch where he was born and raised. He and his wife, Sandy, have four sons: Jesse, Cody, Reggie, and Tristen; daughters-in-law Sarah, Liz, Jennifer, and Kalen; and seven grandchildren.

Governor - Kristi Noem

(2019 – 2025)



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Governor Kristi Noem is a wife, a mother, and a lifelong rancher, farmer, and small business owner.

In 2010, after serving in the South Dakota legislature for several years, Noem was elected to serve as South Dakota's lone member of the U.S. House of Representatives. During her time in Congress, in addition to many other successes, Governor Noem helped pass the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which put \$2,400 back in the pockets of the average South Dakota family.

In 2018, with the platform of protecting South Dakotans against tax increases, government growth, federal intrusion, and government secrecy, she was elected as South Dakota's first-ever female Governor.

As Governor, Noem has respected the rights of her people by trusting them to exercise their personal responsibility to make the best decisions for themselves, their loved-ones, and – in turn – their communities. This approach has been most evident in her response to the COVID-19 pandemic: Governor Noem never ordered a single business or church to close and never issued a statewide shelter-in-place order.

In 2025, President Trump appointed Governor Noem to be the 8th Secretary of Homeland Security, a role that she has filled since the U.S. Senate voted overwhelmingly to confirm her on January 25, 2025.

Despite all of this, Governor Noem often says that her greatest accomplishment is raising her three children, Kassidy, Kennedy, and Booker, with her husband Bryon. All have a deep love for their family and an even deeper love for the Lord.

Former Governors

Dakota Territory

William Jayne.....	1861 – 1863	William A. Howard	1878 – 1880 ^a
Newton Edmunds	1863 – 1866	Nehemiah G. Ordway	1880 – 1884
Andrew J. Faulk.....	1866 – 1869	Gilbert A. Pierce	1884 – 1887
John A. Burbank	1869 – 1874	Louis K. Church	1887 – 1889
John L. Pennington.....	1874 – 1878	Arthur C. Mellette.....	1889

State of South Dakota

Arthur C. Mellette	R.....	1889 – 1893	George T. Mickelson	R.....	1947 – 1951
Charles H. Sheldon	R.....	1893 – 1897	Sigurd Anderson	R.....	1951 – 1955
Andrew E. Lee	P	1897 – 1901	Joseph J. Foss	R.....	1955 – 1959
Charles N. Herreid	R.....	1901 – 1905	Ralph E. Herseth	D.....	1959 – 1961
Samuel H. Elrod	R.....	1905 – 1907	Archie M. Gubbrud	R.....	1961 – 1965
Coe I. Crawford	R.....	1907 – 1909	Nils A. Boe	R.....	1965 – 1969
Robert S. Vessey	R.....	1909 – 1913	Frank L. Farrar	R.....	1969 – 1971
Frank M. Byrne	R.....	1913 – 1917	Richard F. Kneip	D.....	1971 – 1978 ^b
Peter Norbeck	R.....	1917 – 1921	Harvey Wollman	D.....	1978 – 1978
William H. McMaster ...	R.....	1921 – 1925	William J. Janklow	R.....	1979 – 1987
Carl Gunderson	R.....	1925 – 1927	George S. Mickelson	R.....	1987 – 1993 ^c
William J. Bulow	D	1927 – 1931	Walter D. Miller	R.....	1993 – 1995
Warren E. Green	R.....	1931 – 1933	William J. Janklow	R.....	1995 – 2003
Tom Berry	D	1933 – 1937	M. Michael Rounds	R.....	2003 – 2010
Leslie Jensen	R.....	1937 – 1939	Dennis Daugaard	R.....	2011 – 2018
Harlan J. Bushfield	R.....	1939 – 1943	Kristi Noem	R.....	2019 – 2025
Merrill Q. Sharpe	R.....	1943 – 1947	Larry Rhoden	R.....	2025 –

R – Republican D – Democrat P – Populist

- a. William A. Howard died April 10, 1880.
- b. Richard F. Kneip resigned July 24, 1978, to become Ambassador to Singapore.
- c. George S. Mickelson died in a plane crash on April 19, 1993

Lieutenant Governor - Tony Venhuizen

(2025 – Present)



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Tony Venhuizen is a lifelong South Dakotan. He serves as the 40th Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota.

An Armour native, Venhuizen earned his bachelor's degree in political science and history from South Dakota State University in 2005 and his juris doctorate from the University of South Dakota Knudson School of Law in 2008. He was a 2004 recipient of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

Venhuizen represented District 13, which includes portions of Lincoln and Minnehaha counties, in the South Dakota State Legislature from 2023-2025. During that time, he served as vice chair of the House Appropriations

Committee and as a member of the Legislative Procedure Committee. In 2024, he chaired the State Legislature's 100th Session Planning Committee.

In addition to his legislative service, Venhuizen served for ten years in the Governor's Office, including time as chief of staff to Governor Dennis Daugaard and Governor Kristi Noem. While in the Governor's Office, Venhuizen chaired the 2012 Open Government Task Force, and from 2011-18 chaired the State Board of Finance. Venhuizen also served two stints on the Board of Regents; he was appointed by Governor Mike Rounds, serving from 2003-08, and again by Governor Noem, serving from 2021-23.

Venhuizen is a member of the board of directors of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation and of the Trail of Governors Foundation, and a former member of the board of directors of the SDSU Research Park and of the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Venhuizen and his wife, Sara, have been married for more than 20 years and have three school-age children: Henry, Elizabeth, and Madeleine. Sara is an electrical engineer and a distinguished alumna of South Dakota State University. The family attends Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Sioux Falls.

Lieutenant Governor - Larry Rhoden

(2019 – 2025)



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Larry Rhoden is South Dakota's 39th lieutenant governor. Larry is a lifelong West River rancher, a dedicated husband and father, and a proven leader with a record of service for South Dakota. He also serves as Governor Noem's Agriculture Ambassador.

Growing up in the church, Larry understood true service at a young age. After graduating high school, he joined the South Dakota National Guard, serving six years and

carrying on a family legacy of military service that began in the Revolutionary War. While his children were young, he served as a church trustee, earned a seat on the local school board, and led the Board of Directors for the area Cenex.

In 2000, Larry was elected to the state legislature. During his time as a citizen legislator, his peers repeatedly selected him to serve in leadership, and he's shown an aptitude for getting things done. Larry has served as House Majority Leader and has chaired both the Senate and House State Affairs Committees. Larry worked with Governor Noem to reform South Dakota's tax code, led efforts to repeal the so-called "Trucker's Tax," and shaped legislation to limit the government's eminent domain authority. His work earned him the American Conservative Union's highest ranking in 2017. He served as Interim Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Agriculture from May 2020 to September 2020.

Larry, who currently runs a cow-calf operation and custom welding business, continues to live on the ranch where he was born and raised. He and his wife, Sandy, have four boys, three daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren.

Former Lieutenant Governors

State of South Dakota^a

James H. FletcherR..... 1889 – 1891	Donald McMurchieR..... 1937 – 1941
George H. HoffmanR..... 1891 – 1893	A. C. MillerR..... 1941 – 1945
Charles N. HerreidR..... 1893 – 1897	Sioux GrigsbyR..... 1945 – 1949
D. T. HindmanR..... 1897 – 1899	Rex TerryR..... 1949 – 1955
John T. KeanR..... 1899 – 1901	L. R. Roy HouckR..... 1955 – 1959
George W. SnowR..... 1901 – 1905	John F. LindleyD..... 1959 – 1961
John E. McDougallR..... 1905 – 1907	Joseph H. BottumR..... 1961 – 1963
Howard C. ShoberR..... 1907 – 1911	Nils A. BoeR..... 1963 – 1965
Frank M. ByrneR..... 1911 – 1913	Lem OverpeckR..... 1965 – 1969
E. L. AbelR..... 1913 – 1915	James AbdnorR..... 1969 – 1971
Peter NorbeckR..... 1915 – 1917	William DoughertyD..... 1971 – 1975
William H. McMaster ...R..... 1917 – 1921	Harvey WollmanD..... 1975 – 1978 ^c
Carl Gunderson.....R..... 1921 – 1925	Lowell C. Hansen, IIR..... 1979 – 1987
A. Clark ForneyR..... 1925 – 1927	Walter Dale MillerR..... 1987 – 1993
H. E. CoveyR..... 1927 – 1929	Steve T. Kirby.....R..... 1993 – 1995 ^d
Clarence E. CoyneR..... 1929 ^b	Carole HillardR..... 1995 – 2003
John T. GrigsbyD 1929 – 1931	Dennis DaugaardR..... 2003 – 2010
O. K. WhitneyR..... 1931 – 1933	Matt MichelsR..... 2011 – 2018
Hans UstrudD 1933 – 1935	Larry RhodenR..... 2019 –
Robert PetersonD 1935 – 1937	

R – Republican D – Democrat

- a. The organization of the Dakota Territory did not provide for the position of Lieutenant Governor.
- b. Clarence E. Coyne died May 27, 1929, and John T. Grigsby was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- c. Harvey Wollman resigned July 24, 1978, to assume the office of Governor. No appointment was made to fill the vacancy.
- d. Steve T. Kirby was appointed May 20, 1993, to replace Walter D. Miller, who assumed the Office of Governor on April 20, 1993, after the death of Governor George S. Mickelson.

Secretary of State - Monae L. Johnson



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Monae L. Johnson is honored to serve as South Dakota’s 30th Secretary of State. Overwhelmingly elected by the people on November 8, 2022, she was appointed early to fill a vacancy on December 5, 2022, and officially sworn in with her fellow constitutional officers on January 7, 2023, marking the start of her four-year term.

A fourth-generation South Dakotan, Johnson was born in Brookings, raised in Rapid City, and now makes her home in Pierre. With more than a decade of experience in the Secretary of State’s office under Secretaries

Chris Nelson and Shantel Krebs, she brings unmatched institutional knowledge and leadership to the role.

Family is at the heart of Johnson’s life. She is the proud mother of six children and grandmother to four. Her family was made whole through the blessings of foster parenting and adoption. A deep respect for military service runs through her family’s story; her father was a decorated Air Force test pilot and Vietnam helicopter pilot, retiring as a Lt. Colonel at Ellsworth Air Force Base, and her son is a U.S. Military Academy graduate who served as an Army Ranger in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Committed to service, Johnson has long been active in her communities. She has volunteered with organizations including Zonta Club of the Black Hills and Zonta Club of Pierre/Fort Pierre, Rapid City Women’s Network, Rapid City Chamber Ambassadors, Exchange Clubs, and Optimist Clubs. She has also held leadership roles with Republican women’s organizations at the local and state levels, and served as South Dakota Area President of Aglow International, traveling twice to Israel with the group.

An avid outdoorswoman, Johnson is a lifelong NRA member, hunter, angler, and state trapshooting champion. Among her fondest memories is harvesting a 6x6 bull elk in the Black Hills on opening day of the 2001 rifle season.

As Secretary of State, Johnson has worked tirelessly to safeguard South Dakota’s elections, strengthen cybersecurity, and modernize business services. She created the Gladys Pyle Award to encourage young voter registration, the CIVICS IN THE 605: Statewide Sticker Showcase, and the John Lewis Youth Leadership Award. She partnered with Dakota Wesleyan University to launch Quarterly Economic Reports and fulfilled a key campaign promise by implementing South Dakota’s first post-election audits, which have confirmed the accuracy, security, and transparency of the state’s elections. She is also leading the launch of SDVotes, a modernized voter registration system upgrade, and leading a new business services platform upgrade to streamline filings and strengthen South Dakota’s pro-business climate.

Johnson's leadership extends beyond South Dakota. She is an active member of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), has served on the Election Infrastructure Subsector Government Coordinating Council, and currently serves on the NASS State Records and Archives Committee. She is also a member of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition South Dakota Advisory Committee and the Dakota State University SecureSD Advisory Council.

Grounded in faith, Johnson lives by South Dakota's state motto: "*Under God the people rule.*" She considers it one of life's greatest privileges to serve the people of South Dakota with transparency and dedication.

Former Secretaries of State

Dakota Territory

John Hutchinson	1861 – 1865	Oscar Whitney	1873 – 1874
S.L. Spink	1865 – 1869	George A. Hand	1874 – 1883
T.M. Wilkins	1869 – 1870	J.M. Teller	1883 – 1886
G.A. Batchelder	1870 – 1872	Michael L. McCormack	1886 – 1889
Edwin S. McCook	1872 – 1873 ^a	L.B. Richardson	1889

State of South Dakota

A.O. Ringsrud.....R.....	1889 – 1893	Mrs. L.M. Larsen.....R.....	1943 – 1947
Thomas Thorson.....R.....	1893 – 1897	Annamae Riff.....R.....	1947 – 1951
William H. Roddle.....R.....	1897 – 1901	Geraldine Ostroot.....R.....	1951 – 1957
O.C. Berg.....R.....	1901 – 1905	Clara Halls.....R.....	1957 – 1959
David D. Wipf.....R.....	1905 – 1909	Selma Sandness.....D.....	1959 – 1961
Samuel C. Polley.....R.....	1909 – 1913	Essie Wiedenman.....R.....	1961 – 1965
Frank Glasner.....R.....	1913 – 1915	Alma Larson.....R.....	1965 – 1973
Frank M. Rood.....R.....	1915 – 1919	Lorna B. Herseth.....D.....	1973 – 1979
C.A. Burkhart.....R.....	1919 – 1922 ^b	Alice Kundert.....R.....	1979 – 1987
Clarence E. Coyne.....R.....	1922 – 1927	Joyce Hazeltine.....R.....	1987 – 2003
Gladys Pyle.....R.....	1927 – 1931	Chris Nelson.....R.....	2003 – 2011
Elizabeth Coyne.....R.....	1931 – 1933	Jason Gant.....R.....	2011 – 2015
Myrtle Morrison.....D.....	1933 – 1937	Shantel Krebs.....R.....	2015 – 2019
Goldie Wells.....D.....	1937 – 1939	Steven Barnett.....R.....	2019 – 2022 ^c
Olive A. Ringsrud.....R.....	1939 – 1943	Monae Johnson.....R.....	2022 –

R – Republican D – Democrat

- a. Edwin S. McCook was assassinated in September 1873, by Peter P. Wintermute.
- b. C.A. Burkhart died, and Clarence E. Coyne was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- c. Steve Barnett resigned December 2022 and Governor Noem appointed Secretary-Elect Monae Johnson to complete his term.

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Marty was raised in Sturgis and graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering with honors. After receiving his law degree from University of South Dakota, he joined the Rapid City law firm of Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson and Ashmore.

In 2006, Marty was appointed and unanimously confirmed by the US Senate as US Attorney for South Dakota. He was the recipient of the Prosecutor of the Year for 2008.

From 2009 – 2019, Marty served as South Dakota’s Attorney General. In 2015, he served as Chairman of the National Association of Attorneys General and in 2016, received the National Attorney General of the Year award from his fellow Attorneys General. In 2019, Marty returned to the firm of Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson and Ashmore. He also served as State’s Attorney for both Jones and Haakon counties, and as a Special Prosecutor for the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. Marty received the State’s Attorney’s Distinguished Service Award in 2019.

In 2022 Marty was elected for a fourth term as the South Dakota Attorney General. He served 2 terms as Chairman of the National Attorney General Alliance from 2023 – 2024. Marty was elected as Vice Chairman of the National Attorneys General Association in 2024.

Marty has two children, Michael who is studying Mechanical Engineering at South Dakota State University and Isabella, a sophomore biology major also at South Dakota State University. Marty also enjoys spending family time at his farm at Vale, South Dakota and ranch by Pierre, South Dakota.

Former Attorneys General

Dakota Territory

Alexander Hughes	1883 – 1884	George S. Engle.....	1886 – 1887
Charles F. Templeton	1887 – 1888	Tristram Skinner	1889
George Rice.....	1885 – 1886	Johnson Nickeus	1889

State of South Dakota

Robert Dollard.....R.....	1889 – 1893	Ralph A. Dunham.....R.....	1951 – 1955
Coe I. Crawford.....R.....	1893 – 1897	Phil Saunders.....R.....	1955 – 1959
Melvin Grigsby.....P.....	1897 – 1899	Parnell J. Donahue.....D.....	1959 – 1961
John L. Pyle.....R.....	1899 – 1902 ^a	A.C. Miller.....R.....	1961 – 1963
A.W. Burtt.....R.....	1902 – 1903	Frank L. Farrar.....R.....	1963 – 1969
Philo Hall.....R.....	1903 – 1907	Gordon J. Mydland.....R.....	1969 – 1973
S.W. Clark.....R.....	1907 – 1911	Kermit A. Sande.....D.....	1973 – 1975
Royal C. Johnson.....R.....	1911 – 1915	William J. Janklow.....R.....	1975 – 1979
Clarence C. Caldwell.....R.....	1915 – 1919	Mark V. Meierhenry.....R.....	1979 – 1987
Byron S. Payne.....R.....	1919 – 1923	Roger Tellinghuisen.....R.....	1987 – 1991
Buell F. Jones.....R.....	1923 – 1929	Mark Barnett.....R.....	1991 – 2003
Merrell Q. Sharpe.....R.....	1929 – 1933	Larry Long.....R.....	2003 – 2009 ^b
Walter Conway.....D.....	1933 – 1937	Marty Jackley.....R.....	2009 – 2018 ^c
Clair Roddewig.....D.....	1937 – 1939	Jason Ravnsborg.....R.....	2019 – 2022 ^d
Leo A. Temmey.....R.....	1939 – 1943	Mark Vargo.....R.....	2022 – 2023
George T. Mickelson.....R.....	1943 – 1947	Marty Jackley.....R.....	2023 –
Sigurd Anderson.....R.....	1947 – 1951		

R – Republican D – Democrat P – Populist

- John L. Pyle died February 21, 1902, and A.W. Burtt was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- Larry Long resigned on September 4, 2009, when he was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge.
- Marty Jackley was appointed by Governor Michael Rounds on September 4, 2009.
- Jason Ravnsborg was impeached June 22, 2022, and Mark Vargo was appointed to fill the vacancy.

State Auditor - Richard Sattgast



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Rich graduated from Spearfish High School and later earned his B.S. in Political Science, with a minor in Business Administration at Black Hills State University, where his father was a long-time instructor, and his mother was the High School secretary.

After High School, Sattgast joined the U.S. Army where he spent over 20 years in the military, including being stationed as part of the

Occupation Force in Berlin in the 1980's, Desert Storm in the 1990's, and the South Dakota National Guard in the new Millennium.

Rich's interest in politics grew from his family's involvement in the community and a sense of commitment to this country. Aside from acting as the Association of County Officials' Lobbyist, Sattgast's political experience includes serving in the Legislature as a Legislative Intern and later as a Lobbyist Intern. In 1991, Rich was called to active duty to serve in Desert Storm where he served as a military liaison to the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait for the Commander of the U.S. Armed Forces in Kuwait. After returning home from Desert Storm in 1992, Rich assisted with President George Bush's Election Campaign as West River Coordinator for the campaign. In addition to his military and political involvement, Rich has also taken an active role in civic and community activities by being a member of the VFW, the American Legion, and the Disabled American Veterans.

In 1993, Rich moved out of state to work on his M.P.A in the field of Public Affairs, Political and Governmental Processes at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico. While there, Rich served as the Peace Corps Campus Coordinator for Minority Relations. Upon completing his coursework with a GPA of 4.0, Rich was inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and was accepted to receive a position with the Presidential Management Internship program. However, at the age of thirty, Rich decided he valued his family and the South Dakota way of life more than a PMI position in D.C. or New York and returned home to a position with the Secretary of State.

Rich and his wife Penny have worked together to make Pierre their home with their three children, Chase, Claire, and Josh.

Education: Spearfish High School, 1983; Black Hills State University, Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Business, 1993; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society NMHU MPA Graduate program; Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity.

Experience: U.S. Army: Berlin, Germany, 1983-1985; Ft. Hood, Texas, 1985-1986; Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, Operation Desert Storm, 1991-1992; South Dakota Army National Guard (842nd Engineers & 200th Engineers), 1996-2000; U.S. Army Reserve, 2001-2003. Executive Director, South Dakota Association of County Officials, 1996-2002; Assistant Supervisor, Secretary of State's

Office, 1996; Peace Corps Campus Coordinator and Grant Administrator NMHU, 1995-1996; South Dakota West River Bush/Quayle Campaign Coordinator, 1992; South Dakota Senate Intern for Senator Mary McClure, 1988. South Dakota Teenage Republican, 1980-1983; South Dakota 2nd place volunteer hours for a College Republican, 1992.

Achievements: U.S. Army Occupation Medal, Berlin, Germany, 1983-1985; Outstanding U.S. Soldier Award in Europe, 1984; U.S. Army Achievement Medal, Third Oak Leaf Cluster, 1983-1992; U.S. Army Commendation Medal, Third Oak Leaf Cluster, 1983-1992.

Founding member of the national State Financial Officer's Foundation; Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Treasurers; Member of South Dakota American Legion; South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars; Life Member of Disabled American Veterans.

State Auditor, 2003-2011. State Treasurer, 2011-2019; State Auditor, 2019-Present; Acting Public Utilities Commissioner on Dakota Access Pipeline, 2015-2021.

Former State Auditors

Dakota Territory

Justus Townsend.....	1862 – 1864	E.A. Sherman.....	1879 – 1881
I.T. Gore	1864 – 1866	L.M. Purdy.....	1881 – 1882
John Morris.....	1868 – 1870	George Ordway.....	1883 – 1885
William Shriner	1870 – 1872	Ernest W. Caldwell.....	1885 – 1886
Thomas J. Sloan.....	1872 – 1874	James A. Ward.....	1887 – 1889
A. Sheridan Jones	1874 – 1876	John C. McManima	1889
John Sand	1876 – 1878		

State of South Dakota

L.C. Taylor	R.....	1889 – 1893	Steve E. Anderson	R.....	1945 – 1950 ^a
J.E. Hipple	R.....	1893 – 1897	James O. Gilkerson	R.....	1950 – 1951
H.E. Mayhew	R.....	1897 – 1899	Lawrence E. Mayes	R.....	1951 – 1956 ^b
James D. Reeves	R.....	1899 – 1903	Fay A. Allbee.....	R.....	1956 – 1958 ^c
J.F. Halladay	R.....	1903 – 1907	Oscar Brosz	R.....	1958 – 1959
John Hirning	R.....	1907 – 1911	Harriett Horning	D.....	1959 – 1961
Henry B. Anderson.....	R.....	1911 – 1915	Betty L. Larson Casey ...	R.....	1961 – 1963
J.E. Handlin	R.....	1915 – 1919	Al Hamre	R.....	1963 – 1967
Jay E. Reeves.....	R.....	1919 – 1923	Lloyd Jorgenson	R.....	1967 – 1969
Edward A. Jones.....	R.....	1923 – 1929	Alice Kundert	R.....	1969 – 1979
William M. Dunn.....	R.....	1929 – 1933	Vernon L. Larson.....	R.....	1979 – 2003
George O'Neill.....	D	1933 – 1937	Richard L. Sattgast.....	R.....	2003 – 2011
Raymond A. Kelly.....	D	1937 – 1939	Steve Barnett.....	R.....	2011 – 2018
W.W. Warner	R.....	1939 – 1945	Richard L. Sattgast.....	R.....	2019 –

R – Republican D – Democrat

- Steve E. Anderson resigned and James O. Gilkerson was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- Lawrence E. Mayes resigned January 15, 1956, and Fay A. Allbee was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- Fay A. Allbee resigned August 31, 1958, and Oscar Brosz was appointed to fill the vacancy.

State Treasurer - Josh Haeder



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Prior to being elected South Dakota's 33rd state treasurer, Josh Haeder was the managing partner of Haeder Organization, LLC based in Huron, SD. Haeder Organization is a property management company that focuses on affordable housing and lodging. Haeder served 4 1/2 years as the Northeast Director for U.S. Senator Mike Rounds who is a member of the Banking Committee.

Haeder's experience includes time as the chief operating officer for a national credit counseling agency that assists individuals and families considering bankruptcy. He also spent several years in business and agricultural banking management. Haeder's education includes a B.S. in Public Safety Management and a M.A. in Intelligence and Global Security from Point Park University.

Haeder and his wife Amanda have two young daughters at home, Maggie and Laikyn. In his spare time, Haeder is a public address announcer for sporting activities, enjoys practicing mixed martial arts, pheasant hunting, fishing, and watching Minnesota Twins baseball.

Josh Haeder is passionate about serving South Dakota by protecting citizens' money and state accounts against cyber threats and through financial wellness education for young people. Regarding his public service, Haeder lives by the quote "If you really want to receive joy and happiness, then serve others with all your heart. Lift their burden, and your own burden will be lighter."

Former State Treasurers

Dakota Territory

G.G. Irish.....	1861 – 1863	John Clementson.....	1875 – 1877
J.O. Taylor.....	1863 – 1864	W.H. McVay.....	1878 – 1883
M.K. Armstrong	1865 – 1868	J.W. Raymond	1883 – 1887
T.K. Hovey.....	1869 – 1870	J.D. Lawler	1887 – 1888
E.A. Sherman	1871 – 1874	Joseph Bailey.....	1889

State of South Dakota

Wilbur F. Smith.....R.....	1889 – 1891	E.V. Youngquist	R..... 1943 – 1945 ^b
W.W. Taylor.....R.....	1891 – 1895	Hazel Dean	R..... 1945 – 1947
Kirk G. Phillips.....R.....	1895 – 1899	C.E. Buehler	R..... 1947 – 1951
John Schamber.....R.....	1899 – 1903	Theodore Mehlhaf	R..... 1951 – 1955
C.B. Collins	R..... 1903 – 1907	Ed T. Elkins	R..... 1955 – 1959
C.H. Cassill.....R.....	1907 – 1909	Al Hamre	R..... 1959 – 1963
George G. Johnson	R..... 1909 – 1913	Lloyd Jorgenson	R..... 1963 – 1967
A.W. Ewert.....R.....	1913 – 1917	Al Hamre	R..... 1967 – 1969
G.H. Helgerson.....R.....	1917 – 1921	Neal Strand	R..... 1969 – 1973
W.S. O'Brien.....R.....	1921 – 1923	David Volk	R..... 1973 – 1990 ^c
James L. Driscoll.....R.....	1923 – 1927	Janis Y. Kelley.....R.....	1990 – 1991
A.J. Moodie	R..... 1927 – 1931	G. Homer Harding	R..... 1991 – 1994
A.C. Goodhope.....R.....	1931 – 1933	Richard D. Butler.....D.....	1995 – 2003
Frank G. Siewert.....D	1933 – 1937	Vernon L. Larson.....R.....	2003 – 2011
W.H. Hinselman	D 1937 – 1939	Rich Sattgast.....R.....	2011 – 2018
W.G Douglas	R..... 1939 – 1942 ^a	Josh Haeder	R..... 2019 –
John N. Thompson.....R.....	1942 – 1943		

R – Republican D – Democrat

- a. W. G. Douglas resigned August 20, 1942, and John N. Thompson was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- b. E. V. Youngquist died July 8, 1945, and Hazel Dean was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- c. David Volk resigned July 31, 1990, and Janis Y. Kelley was appointed to fill the vacancy until G. Homer Harding was elected in 1991.

Commissioner of School and Public Lands - Brock L. Greenfield



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Brock was born while his parents, Don and Lana, lived in Willow Lake. He spent his childhood in Hoven, and later in Doland. Brock graduated from Doland High School in 1994 and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science with majors in Business Management and Marketing and a minor in Economics from Northern State University in 1999. While in college, Brock served on the Student Senate for two years. He was elected Student Body President for the 1998-99 school year. He also worked as a resident assistant for three years and served as a Legislative Intern. College activities included baseball, oral interpretation, College Republicans, Campus Crusade For Christ, and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. He was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, and he graduated magna cum laude.

After college, he moved to Clark where he managed a local small business. In 2000, Brock ran successfully for the SD Senate, which began a 22-year run of service to his district. To-date, he remains the youngest Senator ever elected in South Dakota history. Over the years, he served eight total counties, seeing his district reconfigured three times due to redistricting. Legislative experiences included 12 years on the Appropriations Committee, 6 years on the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council and served as chair or vice-chair on several different standing committees. Brock's greatest honor as a legislator was being elected twice by his peers to serve as the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Besides state government, Brock's passion is baseball. He has served as a baseball coach for nine different age groups in Clark over the past 24 years and also serves on the South Dakota Amateur Baseball Commission, the SD American Legion Athletic Commission, and as a Regional Commissioner for American Legion Baseball. When not spending time with elective office or baseball duties, Brock has spent time substitute teaching, driving bus for local school and athletic groups, and working at the family restaurant in Doland. He is a member of the Pierre-Fort Pierre Kiwanis Club and Pierre Area Right to Life and was recently elected to serve as President of PARTL.

As Commissioner of School and Public Lands, Brock oversees the management of state trust lands, with a focus on returning investment income to public education. The office leases in excess of 760,000 surface acres of public land and oversees more than 5 million acres of state-owned mineral rights, which provide for several oil, gas, and mineral leases that contribute to the School and Public Lands trust fund. The fund returns millions of investment dollars to the K-12 and Higher Education systems. The SPL Office also oversees and works to maintain upwards of 100 dams on lakes across the state. Also, as Commissioner, Brock is a statutory member of the SD Investment Council, which

is responsible for investing a total of over \$20.5 billion of state funds. Brock and his wife Kelli moved to Pierre at the beginning of his term as Commissioner.

Former Commissioners of School and Public Lands

State of South Dakota^a

Osmer H. ParkerR..... 1889 – 1891	George D. KaneD..... 1972 – 1979
Thomas H. Ruth.....R..... 1891 – 1895	John J. "Jack" GerkenR..... 1979 – 1983
John L. Lockhart.....R..... 1895 – 1899	F. Julian CheneyR..... 1983 ^d
David Eastman.....R..... 1899 – 1903	David L. VolkR..... 1983 – 1984 ^e
C.J. BachR..... 1903 – 1907	John J. "Jack" GerkenR..... 1984 ^f
O.C. Dokken.....R..... 1907 – 1911	Sheldon E. Cotton.....R..... 1985 – 1987
F.F. BrinkerR..... 1911 – 1913 ^b	Timothy H. Amdahl.....R..... 1987 – 1990
Fred HepperleR..... 1913 – 1917	Curtis J. Johnson.....D..... 1991 – 2003
N.E. Knight.....R..... 1917 – 1925	Bryce HealyD..... 2003 – 2007
O.P.J. Engstrom.....R..... 1925 – 1933	Jarrold JohnsonR..... 2007 – 2013 ^g
Ben Strool.....D 1933 – 1939	Vernon L. Larson.....R..... 2013 – 2015
Earl A. HammerquistR..... 1939 – 1943	Ryan Brunner.....R..... 2015 – 2022 ^h
John A. LundenR..... 1943 – 1949	Jarrold JohnsonR..... 2022 – 2023
Bernard Linn.....R..... 1949 – 1971	Brock GreenfieldR..... 2023 –
Ralph GinnR..... 1971 – 1972 ^c	

R – Republican D – Democrat

- a. The organization of Dakota Territory did not provide for the position of Commissioner of School and Public Lands.
- b. F.F. Brinker resigned February 26, 1913, and Fred Hepperle was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- c. Ralph Ginn died May 26, 1972, and George D. Kane was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- d. F. Julian Cheney died January 16, 1983, and David L. Volk was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- e. David L. Volk resigned July 25, 1984, and John J. "Jack" Gerken was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- f. John J. "Jack" Gerken resigned November 8, 1984, and Sheldon E. Cotton was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- g. Jarrold Johnson resigned on August 15, 2013, and Vernon L. Larson was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- h. Ryan Brunner resigned on January 31, 2022, and Jarrold Johnson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Public Utilities Commissioner - Kristie Fiegen



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Kristie Fiegen serves on the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. She was appointed to the PUC by Gov. Dennis Daugaard on Aug. 9, 2011, to fill a vacancy on the commission. Kristie was then elected to the commission in November 2012 and re-elected by South Dakota voters in November 2018 and again in 2024. She has served as chairperson of the PUC in 2017, 2018, 2023 and 2024 and vice chairperson in 2012, 2015, 2016, 2021 and 2022. She is vice chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Gas and a member of the Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety. Kristie holds leadership positions in the Southwest Power Pool regional transmission organization including serving as the past president and current member of the Regional State Committee and current chairperson of the Resource and Energy Assurance Leadership Team, and the Improved Resource Availability Task Force, and is a member of the RSC Nominating Committee, Markets+ State Committee and the SPP-RSC Liaison Committee. Kristie provides guidance related to the interests of the public and gas consumers to the Gas Technology Institute as a chairperson of GTI's Public Interest Advisory Committee.

Prior to joining the PUC, Kristie was the president of Junior Achievement of South Dakota for 17 years and was recognized as the top Junior Achievement USA President in 2008. Under Kristie's leadership, participation in Junior Achievement increased from 2,400 to more than 44,000 students annually and her team was named among the top eight franchises in the country nine times. Kristie's career also includes serving as the South Dakota area manager for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for nine years and as a sales representative for Monsanto Company.

Kristie's public service career includes four terms in the South Dakota House of Representatives, from 1993 to 2001. While a legislator, she served as chairperson of the House Health and Human Services Committee and the state chairperson of the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Since 2003, Kristie has been appointed by four governors to serve on the South Dakota Court Appointed Special Advocates Committee and currently serves as the chairperson. She has been active in Rotary, the United Way and Toastmasters, is a Junior Achievement volunteer, a South Dakota American Legion Auxiliary member and an active member of Central Church.

Kristie earned a bachelor's degree in commercial economics and agricultural business from South Dakota State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of South Dakota. She grew up on her family's farm near Chancellor, South Dakota, and is a graduate of Parker High School. Kristie and her husband, Tim, live in Pierre and Sioux Falls and have two grown sons, Alexander (wife McKenna) and Jackson (wife Mara) and one granddaughter. Kristie is passionate about hosting family and friends, attending sporting events, and walking in faith through Christ.

Public Utilities Commissioner - Gary Hanson



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Gary Hanson currently serves on the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. He was elected to the PUC in 2002 and re-elected in 2008, 2014, and 2020. He served as the commission's chairman in 2005, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2019, 2020, and 2025. Gary represents South Dakota on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Committee on Electricity and on the Body of State Regulators forum for the Western Energy Imbalance Market. He served on the executive committee and as treasurer of the

Organization of MISO States, president of the Mid-America Regulatory Conference, represented the nation's NARUC commissioners on the steering committee of the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative, and is a member of the Advisory Council for New Mexico State University's Center for Public Utilities.

Gary has served as chairman of the South Dakota Underground Pipeline Task Force, as member of Gov. Mike Rounds' Task Force on Wind Development, South Dakota's Energy Task Force, and Gov. George S. Mickelson's Cumulative Environmental Evaluation of Black Hills Mining Task Force. His service to the state also includes three terms in the South Dakota Senate where he was chairman of the committees of Bonding and of Government Audit and Operations, and vice chairman of the Taxation Committee.

A native of Sioux Falls, Gary was twice elected as mayor of that city and oversaw multiple departmental operations of more than 1,200 employees. Prior to serving as mayor, Gary was Sioux Falls' utilities commissioner for six years and was responsible for the development and day-to-day activities for three municipal utilities. He owned insurance, corporate and personal income tax preparation, and real estate businesses before elected office and was a licensed real estate auctioneer, appraiser, and broker.

As a regional and industry leader, Gary is co-founder, past president, chairman, and often referred to as the father of the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System. He was chairman of the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance, and president of the Sioux Falls Board of Realtors. He has served on the boards of directors of Lutheran Social Services Credit Counseling Advisory Board, DAV Arthur H. Muchow Independent Living Center, Sioux Falls Jaycees, Northern State University Foundation, Minnehaha Metro Communications Systems, South Dakota Water Congress, and Sister Cities Association. Gary was instrumental in the founding of the Multicultural Center in Sioux Falls, Great Plains Waicipi, Community Drug Concerns Task Force, Sioux Falls School Resource Officers program, as well as endowments for the Sioux Falls Pavilion and the Great Plains Zoo. Awards and honors received by Gary include being named Distinguished Alumnus of Northern State University,

Sioux Falls' City Father of the Year, YMCA Tri-State Hall of Fame, International Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellow, Outstanding Young Citizen of South Dakota, Habitat for Humanity's Hat's Off Award, Spirit of Downtown Sioux Falls Award, White Cane Safety Award, Multiple Sclerosis Society Chapter's Mayor of the Year, Children's Care Hospital Wings of Love Award, DAV's Outstanding Legislator Award, and Life Member of Lions Club Sight and Service Foundation.

He has regularly shared his passion for athletics as a volunteer coach for a variety of youth sports. Gary actively pursues several interests including astronomy, carpentry, car engines, birding, genealogy, hunting, fishing, skydiving, SCUBA diving, spelunking, camping, history and sports.

Gary and Sandy, make their home in Sioux Falls and Pierre. The couple have three married children: Alicia and Eric Tutt, Wayne & Shari Hanson, Stacy & John Haber. And seven grandchildren: Cyan and Liv, Tom, Meghan, Jacob, Sabrina, Johnathon, and Jasmine.

Public Utilities Commissioner - Chris Nelson



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Chris Nelson is currently a member of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. Chris was appointed Jan. 8, 2011, by Gov. Dennis Daugaard to fill a vacancy on the commission and was elected by South Dakota voters in November 2012 to continue his service for the remaining four years of the term. He was re-elected to a full term in November 2016, garnering the highest electoral percentage ever for a contested statewide race. He was re-elected again in 2022. Chris served as the PUC's chairman in 2012, 2015, 2016, 2021, and

2022 and as vice chairman in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2019, 2020, and 2025.

He is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners serving on the association's Board of Directors, co-chairing the Washington Action Program, is a member of its Investment Committee and is a past chairman of its Committee on Telecommunications. He has been appointed by the Federal Communications Commission to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service serving as chairman of the state members. Chris is an advisory board member for the Electric Power Research Institute. He serves as South Dakota's board member for the Organization of MISO States where he holds the treasurer position.

Previously, Chris served as South Dakota's secretary of state, having been elected in the 2002 general election. Chris was unopposed for re-election in 2006, which was the only time the office was uncontested in the history of South Dakota.

Prior to becoming secretary of state, Chris held the position of state election supervisor in the secretary of state's office for 13 years and was uniform commercial code supervisor in the same office for two years. As secretary of state, Chris received the 2010 Excellent Service to South Dakota County Officials award from the South Dakota County Officials Association, the 2004 Hazeltine/Taylor award from South Dakota Kids Voting, and the 2003 Excellence in South Dakota Municipal Government award from the South Dakota Municipal League. In 2005, Chris was appointed as a National Governors Association representative on the United States Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors. Under Chris' leadership the secretary of state's office was awarded the Election Center's 2009 Professional Practices Program State Award. This annual award is given as recognition for the most outstanding election administration professional practice in the nation. The award recognizes the 2008 development and implementation of a new central election reporting system for the state.

Following graduation from White Lake High School, Chris earned a bachelor's degree in animal science, with highest honors, from South Dakota State University in 1987.

Chris is involved in his church and counts agriculture and hunting as two areas of personal interest. He maintains a part-time cattle operation. Chris and his wife, Penny, reside in Pierre. Their daughter, Rebekah, is a nurse in Sioux Falls.

Former Public Utilities Commissioners

Dakota Territory ^a

William M. Evans.....	1886	N.T. Smith.....	1887 – 1888
W.H. McVay.....	1886	Judson LaMoure.....	1889
Alexander Griggs.....	1886 – 1888	John H. King.....	1889
A. Boynton.....	1887 – 1888	Harvey J. Rice.....	1889

State of South Dakota

Harvey J. Rice.....	1890	Windsor Doherty.....	D/Dist. 3.....1935 ^d
John H. Kingz.....	1890 – 1892	Fred B. Ray.....	D/Dist. 3.....1936 – 1937
Albion D. Chase.....	1890 – 1892	C.L. (Roy) Doherty....	R/Dist. 3.....1937 – 1971
Charles E. McKenny.....	1892	C.A. (Chris) Merkle...	R/Dist. 2.....1939 – 1969
Frank P. Phillips.....	1892	Fred L. Lindekugel....	R/Dist. 1.....1943 – 1967
George A. Johnston...R/Dist. 1.....	1895 – 1897	Harvey Scharn.....	R/Dist. 1.....1967 – 1973
E.F. Conklin.....	R/Dist. 2.....1895 – 1897	Winston Barness.....	R/Dist. 2.....1969 – 1975
J.R. Brennan.....	R/Dist. 3.....1895 – 1897	Jack M. Weiland.....	D/Dist. 3.....1971 – 1977
W.T. LaFollette.....	P/Dist. 1.....1897 – 1901	P.K. Ecker.....	D/Dist. 1.....1973 – 1979
Alexander Kirkpatrick.....		Norma Klinkel.....	D/Dist. 2.....1975 – 1981
.....P/Dist. 2.....	1897 – 1903	Charolette Fischer....	R.....1977 – 1983
William H. Tompkins.....		Jeff Solem.....	R/Dist. 2.....1981 – 1987
.....P/Dist. 3.....	1897 – 1899	Kenneth Stofferahn....	D/Dist. 1.....1979 – 1997
William G. Smith.....	R/Dist. 3.....1899 – 1917	Dennis Eisnach.....	D/Dist. 3.....1983 – 1989
Frank LaCocq, Jr.....	R/Dist. 1.....1901 – 1907	Laska Schoenfelder...	R/Dist. 3.....1989 – 2001 ^e
D.H. Smith.....	R/Dist. 2.....1903 – 1909	Jim Burg.....	D/Dist. 2.....1987 – 2005
George Rice.....	R/Dist. 1.....1907 – 1913	Pam Nelson.....	D.....1997 – 2003
F.C. Robinson.....	R/Dist. 2.....1909 – 1915	Robert Sahr.....	R.....2001 – 2006 ^f
John J. Murphy.....	R/Dist. 1.....1913 – 1943	Gary Hanson.....	R.....2003 –
P.W. Dougherty.....	R/Dist. 2.....1915 – 1919 ^b	Dustin ‘Dusty’ Johnson.....	
Frank E. Wells.....	R/Dist. 3.....1917 – 1919 ^cR.....	2005 – 2011 ^g
John W. Raish.....	R/Dist. 2.....1919 – 1933	Steve Kolbeck.....	D.....2006 – 2011 ^h
Dawes E. Brisbine.....	R/Dist. 3.....1919 – 1935	Chris Nelson.....	R.....2011 –
F.S. Pickert.....	D/Dist. 2.....1933 – 1939	Kristie Fiegen.....	R.....2011 –

R – Republican D – Democrat P – Populist

- a. The Public Utilities Commission was originally an appointive office and called the Board of Railroad Commissioners. In 1897, state law was amended making it an elective office. On July 1, 1939, the name was changed from the Board of Railroad Commission to the Public Utilities Commission.
- b. P.W. Dougherty resigned, and John W. Raish was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- c. Frank E. Wells resigned, and Dawes E. Brisbine was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- d. Windsor Doherty resigned, and Fred B. Ray was appointed to fill the vacancy.
- e. Laska Schoenfelder died in March 2001. Robert Sahr was appointed to fill vacancy in December 2001.
- f. Robert Sahr resigned in November 2006. Steve Kolbeck was appointed to fill the vacancy on December 4, 2006.
- g. Dustin ‘Dusty’ Johnson was elected to a second term in November 2010 but declined to take office. Chris Nelson was appointed by Governor Dennis Daugaard to fill Johnson’s vacancy on January 8, 2011.
- h. Steve Kolbeck resigned on June 21, 2011. Kristie Fiegen was appointed by Governor Dennis Daugaard to fill Kolbeck’s vacancy on August 9, 2011.

Chapter 5

South Dakota Judicial Branch



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Chief Justice of the Supreme Court - Steven R. Jensen



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Justice Jensen was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Dennis Daugaard. He was sworn in on November 3, 2017. Justice Jensen grew up on a farm near Wakonda, South Dakota. He received his undergraduate degree from Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1985 and his Juris Doctor from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1988. He clerked for Justice Richard W. Sabers on the South Dakota Supreme Court before entering private practice in 1989 with the Crary Huff Law Firm in Sioux City, Iowa and Dakota Dunes, South Dakota. In 2003, Justice Jensen was appointed as a First Judicial Circuit Judge by former Governor Mike Rounds. He became the Presiding Judge of the First Judicial Circuit in 2011. Justice Jensen served as chair of the Unified Judicial System’s Presiding Judges Council, president of the SD Judges Association, and has served on other boards and commissions. In 2009, Justice Jensen was appointed as a Judicial Fellow to the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center in Washington D.C.

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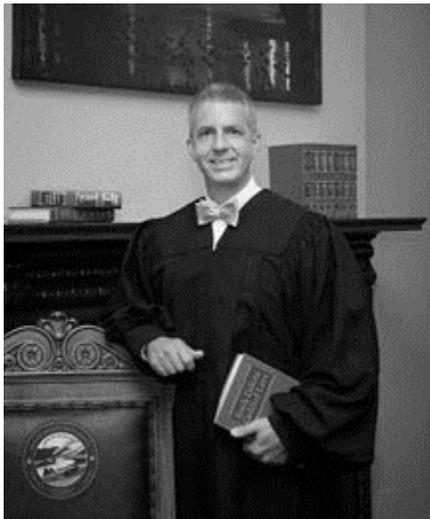
First Supreme Court District:

Custer, Lawrence, Meade, and Pennington Counties.

Justice Kern, who was appointed to the Supreme Court on November 25, 2014, by Governor Dennis Dugaard, represents the First Supreme Court District. She received a Bachelor of Science degree

in 1982, from Arizona State University and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1985. Justice Kern worked in the Attorney General's office from 1985-1996 serving in a variety of capacities, including the appellate division, drug prosecution unit, and as Director of the Litigation Division. She was appointed a Circuit Court Judge in 1996 for the Seventh Judicial Circuit and served 18 years on the trial court bench. She is a member of the American Law Institute, the State Bar Association, the Pennington County Bar Association, the American Bar Association Fellows, and past President of the South Dakota Judges Association. She served on the Council of Juvenile Services from 2004-2013, on the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice from 2004-2008, and on numerous other boards and commissions.

Justice of the Supreme Court - Mark E. Salter



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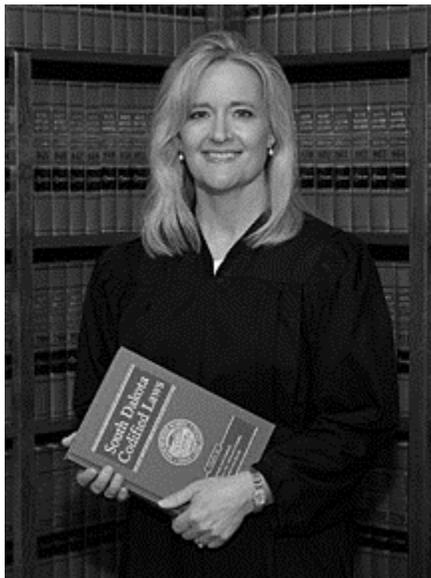
Second Supreme Court District:

Minnehaha County

Justice Salter began as a member of the Supreme Court on July 9, 2018, following his appointment by Governor Dennis Daugaard. Justice Salter received a Bachelor of Science degree from South Dakota State University in 1990 and his Juris

Doctor degree from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1993. After clerking for a Minnesota state district court, he served on active duty in the United States Navy until 1997 and later served in the United States Naval Reserve. Justice Salter practiced law with the Sioux Falls firm of Cutler & Donahoe, where he became a partner before leaving in 2004 to return to public service with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of South Dakota. As an Assistant United States Attorney, Justice Salter focused on appellate practice and became the chief of the office's Appellate Division in 2009. He was appointed as a Circuit Court Judge by Governor Daugaard and served in the Second Judicial Circuit from 2013 until his appointment to the Supreme Court in 2018. Justice Salter served as the presiding judge of the Minnehaha County Veterans Treatment Court from its inception in 2016 until 2018. He also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of South Dakota School of Law where he has taught Advanced Criminal Procedure and continues to teach Advanced Appellate Advocacy.

Justice of the Supreme Court - Patricia J. DeVaney



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Third Supreme Court District:

Fall River, Oglala Lakota, Bennett, Jackson, Haakon, Stanley, Jones, Lyman, Mellette, Tripp, Todd, Sully, Hughes, Hyde, Hand, Buffalo, Brule, Jerauld, Beadle, Sanborn, Kingsbury, Brookings, Miner, Lake, and Moody Counties.

Justice DeVaney was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor Kristi Noem and was sworn in on May 23, 2019. Justice DeVaney was born and raised in Hand County and graduated from Polo High School in 1986. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1990 from the University of South Dakota, majoring in political science, and received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1993. Justice DeVaney began her career of public service as an Assistant Attorney General in the South Dakota Office of Attorney General, where she practiced law from 1993 to 2012. She began her practice in the appellate division, then moved to the litigation division where she spent seventeen years as a trial lawyer, prosecuting major felony offenses as well as representing the State in civil litigation in both state and federal trial and appellate courts. During her tenure at the Attorney General's Office, she also handled administrative matters for state agencies and professional licensing boards. Justice DeVaney was appointed by Governor Dennis Daugaard as a Circuit Judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit in 2012, where she presided over criminal, civil and juvenile proceedings, heard administrative appeals, and assisted as the second judge for the Sixth Circuit DUI/Drug Court. Justice DeVaney has served as the Secretary-Treasurer and President of the South Dakota Judges Association. She has also co-chaired the South Dakota Supreme Court's Commission on Sexual Harassment in the Legal Profession and serves as Vice-Chair of the Supreme Court's Courthouse Security Committee.

Justice of the Supreme Court - Scott P. Myren



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Fifth Supreme Court District:

Harding, Butte, Perkins, Corson, Ziebach, Dewey, Campbell, Walworth, McPherson, Edmunds, Faulk, Brown, Spink, Marshall, Day, Roberts, Potter, Clark, Codington, Hamlin, Deuel and Grant Counties.

Justice Scott P. Myren was appointed to the South Dakota Supreme Court by Gov. Kristi Noem and sworn in on Jan. 5, 2021. He represents the

Supreme Court Fifth District, which consists of Brown, Butte, Campbell, Clark, Codington, Corson, Day, Deuel, Dewey, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Harding, Marshall, McPherson, Perkins, Potter, Roberts, Spink, Walworth and Ziebach counties. Justice Myren grew up on his family farm in rural Campbell County and graduated from Mobridge High School in 1982. He received a Bachelor of Science degree, double majoring in history and political science from the University of South Dakota in 1985. He earned his juris doctor from Rutgers University in 1988, where he was the research editor of the Rutgers Law Journal. Justice Myren practiced law in Denver, Colo., before returning to South Dakota to work as a staff attorney for the South Dakota Supreme Court. He served as an administrative law judge for the Office of Administrative Hearings and magistrate judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit. In 2003, he was appointed as a circuit court judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit by Gov. Mike Rounds. He was re-elected to that position by the voters in 2006 and 2014. He served as judge for the Brown County Drug and DUI Court. Chief Justice David Gilbertson appointed him the presiding judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit in 2014. Justice Myren served as chair of the Unified Judicial System’s Presiding Judges’ Council and president of the South Dakota Judges’ Association. He served on numerous committees, including the Court Improvement Program and Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, which he chaired. He was selected as a Judicial Fellow to the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center in Washington, D.C., in 2009. He served on Gov. Dennis Daugaard’s South Dakota Criminal Justice Initiative workgroup and Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative workgroup. He supervised the rural and urban pilot programs, which led to the implementation of Hope Probation across South Dakota.

Former Justices of the Supreme Court

Dakota Territory^a

George P. Williston	1861 – 1864	A.J. Edgerton	1882 – 1886
Philemon Bliss.....	1861 – 1865	William E. Church.....	1883 – 1886
Joseph L. Williams	1861 – 1865	Cornelius S. Palmer	1883 – 1888
Ara Barlett	1864 – 1869	William H. Francis.....	1884 – 1888
William E. Gleason	1865 – 1867	Seward Smith.....	1884 – 1885 ^b
Jefferson P. Kidder	1865 – 1875	Louis K. Church	1885 – 1887
John W. Boyle	1867 – 1869	William B. McConnell.....	1885 – 1889
Wilmot W. Brookings.....	1869 – 1873	Bartlett Tripp	1886 – 1889
George W. French	1869 – 1873	Charles M. Thomas.....	1887 – 1889
Alanson H. Barnes	1873 – 1881	James Spencer.....	1887 – 1889
Peter C. Shannon	1873 – 1882	John E. Carland.....	1888 – 1889
Granville G. Bennett.....	1875 – 1878	Roderick Rose.....	1888 – 1889
Jefferson P. Kidder	1879 – 1883	C.F. Templeton.....	1888 – 1889
Gideon C. Moody	1878 – 1883	L.W. Crofoot.....	1888 – 1889
Sanford A. Hudson	1881 – 1885	Frank R. Aikens	1889 – 1894

- a. The Supreme Court was originally comprised of three members. However, acting under constitutional authority, the State Legislature increased the Court's membership to five effective February 26, 1909. An amendment to the State Constitution, approved by a vote of the people on November 7, 1972, changed the titles of the Supreme Court members from "judges" to "justices" and called for the selection of a "chief justice" rather than a "presiding judge."
- b. Suspended by President Grover Cleveland.

State of South Dakota^a

Dighton Corson, Dist. 1	1889 – 1913	Frederick Homeyer, Dist. 5	1962 – 1971
Alphonso G. Kellam, Dist. 2	1889 – 1896	Fred R. Winans, Dist. 3	1971 – 1976
John E. Bennett, Dist. 3	1889 – 1893	James M. Doyle, Dist. 1	1971 – 1976
Howard G. Fuller, Dist. 3	1894 – 1908	Oren P. (Phil) Coler, Dist. 4	1974 – 1977
Dick Haney, Dist. 2	1896 – 1913	Lawrence J. Zastrow, Dist. 1	1976 – 1979
Charles S. Whiting, Dist. 3	1908 – 1922	Donald J. Porter, Dist. 3	1977 – 1979
James H. McCoy, Dist. 5	1909 – 1921	Francis G. Dunn, Dist. 2	1973 – 1985
Ellison G. Smith, Dist. 4	1909 – 1923	Roger L. Wollman, Dist. 5	1971 – 1985
Samuel C. Polley, Dist. 1	1913 – 1947	Robert E. Morgan, Dist. 4	1977 – 1991
John Howard Gates, Dist. 2	1913 – 1927	Frank E. Henderson, Dist. 1	1979 – 1994
Frank Anderson, Dist. 5	1921 – 1925	Jon Fosheim, Dist. 3	1979 – 1986
Carl G. Sherwood, Dist. 3	1922 – 1931	George W. Wuest, Dist. 5	1986 – 1994
Charles H. Dillon, Dist. 4	1923 – 1926	Richard W. Sabers, Dist. 2	1986 – 2009
Dwight Campbell, Dist. 5	1925 – 1937	Robert A. Miller, Dist. 3	1986 – 2001
Newton D. Burch, Dist. 4	1926 – 1931	Robert A. Amundson, Dist. 4	1991 – 2002
James Brown, Dist. 2	1927 – 1931	John K. Konenkamp, Dist. 1	1994 – 2014
Frederick A. Warren, Dist. 2	1931 – 1944	David Gilbertson, Dist. 5	1995 – 2021
Everett D. Roberts, Dist. 3	1931 – 1970	Steven L. Zinter, Dist. 3	2002 – 2018
Herbert B. Rudolph, Dist. 4	1931 – 1957	Judith K. Meierhenry, Dist. 4	2002 – 2011
St. Clair Smith, Dist. 5	1937 – 1962	Glen A. Severson, Dist. 2	2009 – 2018
Vernon R. Sickel, Dist. 2	1944 – 1956	Lori S. Wilbur, Dist. 4	2011 – 2017
Charles Hayes, Dist. 1	1947 – 1951	Janine M. Kern, Dist. 1	2014 –
Boyd Leedom, Dist. 1	1951 – 1955	Steven R. Jensen, Dist. 4	2017 –
Alex Rentto, Dist. 1	1955 – 1971	Mark E. Salter, Dist. 2	2018 –
Charles S. Hanson, Dist. 2	1956 – 1973	Patricia J. DeVaney, Dist. 3	2019 –
Harold Bogue, Dist. 4	1957 – 1959	Scott P. Myren, Dist. 5	2021 –
Frank Biegelmeier, Dist. 4	1959 – 1974		

Chief Justices of the Supreme Court

Frank Biegelmeier, Dist. 4	1972 – 1974
Francis G. Dunn, Dist. 2	1974 – 1978
Roger L. Wollman, Dist. 5	1978 – 1982
Jon Fosheim, Dist. 3	1982 – 1986
George W. Wuest, Dist. 5	1986 – 1990
Robert A. Miller, Dist. 3	1990 – 2001
David Gilbertson, Dist. 5	2001 – 2021
Steven R. Jensen, Dist. 4	2021 –

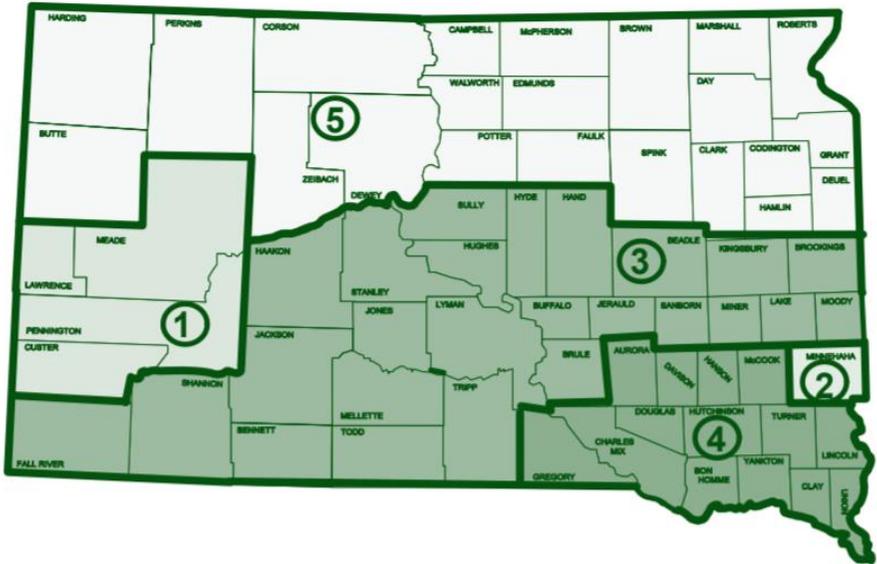
Former Justices of the Supreme Court Notes

- a. The number of members of the Supreme Court was increased from three judges to five judges in 1909.
- b. John E. Bennett died, and Howard G. Fuller was appointed to fill the vacancy on January 15, 1894.
- c. A.G. Kellam died, and Dick Haney was appointed to fill the vacancy on January 31, 1896.
- d. Charles S. Whiting died on March 25, 1922, and Carl G. Sherwood was appointed to fill the vacancy on April 1, 1922.
- e. James H. McCoy resigned on December 1, 1921, and Frank Anderson was appointed to fill the vacancy on December 1, 1921.
- f. Samuel C. Polley retired on July 1, 1947, and Charles H. Hayes was appointed to fill the vacancy on July 8, 1947.
- g. John Howard Gates died on November 8, 1927, and James Brown was appointed to fill the vacancy on November 26, 1927.
- h. Newton D. Burch died March 18, 1931, and Herbert B. Rudolph was appointed March 27, 1931, to fill the vacancy.
- i. Frederick A. Warren died on June 18, 1944, and Vernon R. Sickel was appointed to fill the vacancy on September 1, 1944.
- j. Everett D. Roberts retired on December 31, 1970, and Fred R. Winans was appointed to fill the vacancy on January 1, 1971.
- k. Herbert B. Rudolph died on September 2, 1957, and Harold Bogue was appointed to fill the vacancy on October 1, 1957.
- l. St. Clair Smith retired on December 1, 1962, and Frederick Homeyer was appointed to fill the vacancy on December 1, 1962.
- m. Vernon R. Sickel resigned on July 1, 1956, and Charles S. Hanson was appointed to fill the vacancy on July 1, 1956.
- n. Charles R. Hayes resigned on June 1, 1951, and Boyd Leedom was appointed to fill the vacancy on June 1, 1951.
- o. Boyd Leedom resigned on March 31, 1955, and Alex Rentto was appointed to fill the vacancy on May 1, 1955.
- p. Alex Rentto retired on September 15, 1971, and James M. Doyle was appointed to fill the vacancy on December 30, 1971.
- q. Charles S. Hanson retired on September 1, 1973, and Francis G. Dunn was appointed to fill the vacancy on September 1, 1973.
- r. Harold Bogue died on April 18, 1959, and Frank Biegelmeier was appointed to fill the vacancy on May 11, 1959.
- s. Frank Biegelmeier retired on August 31, 1974 and Oren P. (Phil) Coler was appointed to fill the vacancy on September 1, 1974.
- t. Fred R. Winans resigned on December 31, 1976, and Donald J. Porter was appointed to fill the vacancy on January 1, 1977.
- u. James M. Doyle died on March 6, 1976, and Lawrence J. Zastrow was appointed to fill the vacancy on August 10, 1976.
- v. Francis G. Dunn resigned on September 7, 1985, and George W. Wuest served as acting justice until a successor was named. Richard W. Sabers was appointed on March 1, 1986 to fill the vacancy.
- w. Roger Wollman resigned on September 6, 1985, and George W. Wuest was appointed to fill the vacancy on September 8, 1986.

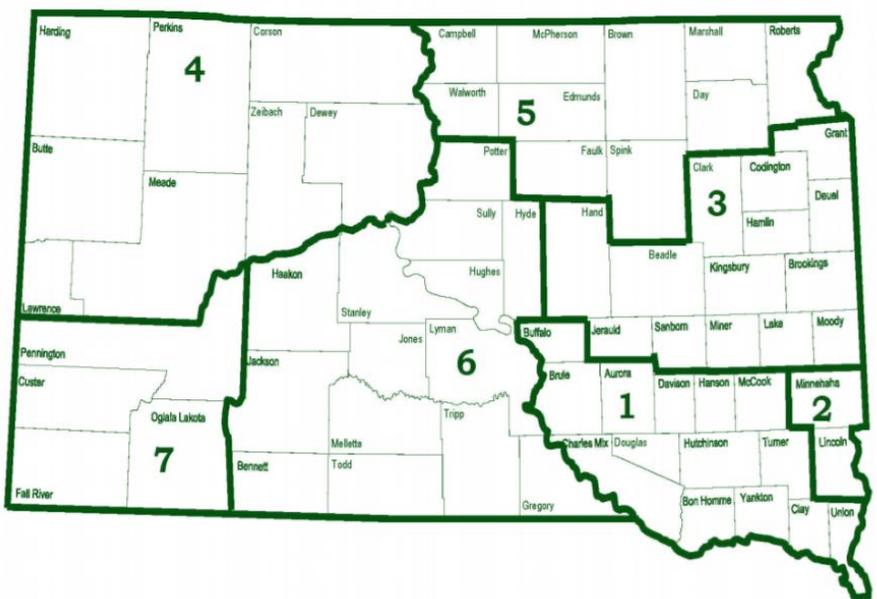
- x. Robert E. Morgan was elected on January 1, 1977 and replaced Oren Coler.
- y. Jon Fosheim retired on December 12, 1986, and Robert A. Miller was appointed to fill the vacancy on December 15, 1986.
- z. George W. Wuest retired in 1994 and David Gilbertson was appointed to fill the vacancy on April 3, 1995.
- aa. Robert E. Morgan retired, and Robert A. Amundson was appointed to fill the vacancy on March 11, 1991.
- bb. Frank Henderson retired and John K. Konekamp was appointed to fill the vacancy on September 10, 1994.
- cc. Robert A. Miller retired September 14, 2001. Judge Max Gors of the Sixth Circuit was appointed Acting Justice on September 15, 2001 and served until Steve L. Zinter was appointed to fill the vacancy on April 2, 2002. Justice Zinter passed away on October 30, 2018.
- dd. Robert A. Amundson retired on October 11, 2002, and Judith K. Meierhenry was appointed to fill the vacancy on November 12, 2002.
- ee. Richard W Sabers retired on January 6, 2009, and Glen A. Severson was appointed to fill the vacancy on April 3, 2009.
- ff. Judith K. Meierhenry retired, and Lori S. Wilbur was appointed to fill the vacancy on August 16, 2011.
- gg. John K. Konekamp retired, and Janine M. Kern was appointed to fill the vacancy on November 25, 2014.
- hh. Lori S. Wilbur retired, and Steven R. Jensen was appointed to fill the vacancy on November 3, 2017.
- ii. Glen A. Severson retired, and Mark E. Salter was appointed to fill the vacancy on July 9, 2018.
- jj. Steven L. Zinter passed away and Patricia J. DeVaney was appointed to fill the vacancy on May 23, 2019.
- kk. David Gilbertson retired and Scott P. Myren was appointed to fill the vacancy on January 5, 2021.

Supreme Court Appointment Districts Map

Effective January 23, 2012



Circuit Court Districts Map



Members of the Circuit Court

First Judicial Circuit



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Hon. Cheryle W. Gering, Presiding Judge

Address: Freeman

Education: Menno High School; University of South Dakota, Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Criminal Justice, 1988; University of Iowa, College of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1991.

Experience: Trial Lawyer, Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz, & Smith, LLP, September, 1991-May, 2011. Circuit Judge, First Judicial Circuit, 2011-Present.



Hon. Bruce V. Anderson

Address: Wagner

Education: Wagner Community High School, 1981; Youth For Understanding Student Foreign Exchange program to Sweden, 1981; Jamestown College, 1985; University of South Dakota School of Law, 1989.

Experience: Judge Anderson was elected to the Judicial Qualifications Commission (established in Article V, §9 of the South Dakota Constitution) by the Judicial Conference in 2011 and was re-elected to the position in 2015, both for four-year terms. Because of a blizzard in 2019 and the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, both which delayed the election of his successor, Judge Anderson eventually served more than 9 years on the Commission. During his tenure he served as Secretary of the Commission during one of the largest turnovers of the South Dakota judiciary in modern history. While serving on the Commission, Judge Anderson participated in the qualification process for 34 of the current 44 sitting Circuit Judges and for all five Justices of the South Dakota Supreme Court.



Hon. Tami Bern

Address: Vermillion

Education: Gettysburg High School, Gettysburg, SD, Bachelor of Science – University of South Dakota, Law Degree, 1993.

Experience: Private Practice/part-time deputy state’s attorney 1993-1997; Clay County State’s Attorney, 1997-2007; Served as Magistrate Judge for First Judicial Circuit, 2007-2017; First Circuit Court Judge, August 2017-Present.



Hon. Chris S. Giles

Address: Salem

Education: University of South Dakota, Law Degree, 1992.

Experience: Practiced Law where he served as States Attorney, 1997-2005 and 2013-2015; Worked for the Dakota State University Foundation and was Magistrate Judge in the Third Judicial Circuit, 2015-2017; First Circuit Court Judge, August 2017-Present.



Hon. David Knoff

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Education: Willmar Senior High School, Wilmar, MN, 1989; South Dakota State University, 1994; University of South Dakota School of Law, 1997.

Experience: Private Practice in Yankton, 1997-2018, most recent law firm was Kennedy Pier Knoff & Loftus LLP; First Circuit Court Judge, 2018-Present.



Hon. Patrick T. Smith

Address: Mitchell

Education: Graduated 1989 University of South Dakota School of Business, Bachelors in Business Administration. Graduated 1992 University of South Dakota School of Law, Juris Doctor.

Experience: General practice 1992-1999; Davison County State’s Attorney 1999-2012; Circuit Court Judge, 2012-present.

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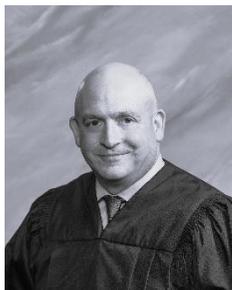


Hon. Robin Jacobson Houwman, Presiding Judge

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Education: Smith College, Northampton, MA, 1989-1993; Junior Year Abroad, University of Bristol, Bristol, Eng., 1991-1992; Univ. of SD School of Law, 1993-1997.

Experience: Law Clerk, Second Judicial Circuit, 1997-2007; Danforth & Meierhenry, LLP, 2008-2009; Assistant U.S. Attorney, State of South Dakota; South Dakota Department of Corrections Commission, 2012-2015; Nominating Committee, SD Judges Association; Chairman, Judicial Training Committee, 2010-2022; Legal Services Task Force; Second Circuit Bar Association; Clerk's Development Committee; Visitation Grant Advisory Group; Second Circuit Drug Court; Second Circuit DUI Court; Sanctions Grid Steering Committee; Judicial Qualifications Commission, 2016-2022; Second Judicial Circuit Court Judge, 2009-Present; Second Judicial Circuit Presiding Judge, 2018-Present.



Hon. Douglas P. Barnett

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Education: O'Gorman High School, Sioux Falls, SD, 1990; University of South Dakota, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, 1994; University of South Dakota, Master of Business Administration, 1995; University of South Dakota School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1999.

Experience: Law Clerk 4th District Court of Iowa, 1999-2000; Assistant Attorney General, South Dakota Office of Attorney General, 2003-2023; Supervising Attorney, Sioux Falls Office of Attorney General, 2015-2023; Law School Committee, State Bar of South Dakota, 2015-Present; Second Circuit Court Judge, 2023-Present.



Hon. Natalie D. Damgaard

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Education: Winner High School, 1998; Univ. of South Dakota, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, 2002; Univ. of South Dakota School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2006.

Experience: Supreme Court Law Clerk for Justice Richard Sabers, 2006-2008; Associate, Janklow Law Firm, 2008-2010; Magistrate Judge, Second Judicial District, 2011-2016; Backup Judge, Second Circuit Drug Court, 2012-Present. Circuit Court Judge, Second Circuit, 2016-Present.



Hon. Sandra Høglund Hanson

Address: Sioux Falls

Education: Northern State University, B.A.; University of South Dakota School of Law, J.D.

Experience: Law Clerk, Judge Donald J. Porter, United States District Court, District of South Dakota; Partner, Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz & Smith, L.L.P., 1993-2018; Second Judicial Circuit Court Judge, 2018-Present.



Hon. Douglas E. Hoffman

Address: Sioux Falls

Education: Storm Lake High School, Storm Lake, IA; Bachelor of Art, Philosophy, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, 1982; Juris Doctorate. University of South Dakota School of Law, 1985.

Experience: Law Clerk, U.S. District Court, Sioux Falls, 1985-1987; Associate, Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz, & Smith, Sioux Falls, 1987-1991; Partner, Myers, & Billion, Sioux Falls, SD, 1991-2007; Adjunct Professor of Healthcare Law and Criminal Justice, University of Sioux Falls 2007- 2017; President, South Dakota Judges Association, 2018-19; Circuit Court Judge, Second Circuit, 2007-Present.

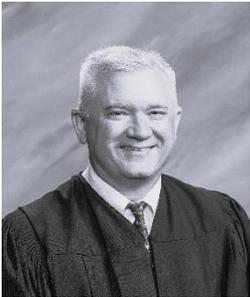


Hon. Jennifer D. Mammenga

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Education: Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, SD, 2003; University of South Dakota, Bachelor of Arts, 2007; University of Nebraska College of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2010.

Experience: Assistant Attorney General, South Dakota Attorney General’s Office, 2010-2105; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of South Dakota, 2012-2015; Assistant United States Attorney; 2015-2021. Co-chair, South Dakota Bar Criminal Pattern Jury Instruction Committee, 2015 to present; SD Judges Association Judicial Training Committee; Circuit Court Judge, Second Circuit, 2021-present.



Hon. John R. Pekas

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Education: Lincoln High School, 1987; Univ. of Nebraska, Bachelor of Arts, 1991; Univ. of SD School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1993.

Experience: Private Practice, Pekas Law Office, 1994-2014; Paralegal Coordinator, National American University, 1994-2014; Minnehaha County Commissioner, 2001-2014. Circuit Court Judge, Second Circuit, 2015-Present.



Hon. James A. Power

Address: Sioux Falls

Education: University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, 1985-1989; George Washington Law School, 1989-1992; Dallas Theological Seminary, 1996-2001.

Experience: Law Clerk, Judge John C. Godbold, United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, 1992-1993; Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi, 1993-1996; Crotty & Johansen, 1998-2001; Woods, Fuller, Shultz & Smith, P.C., 2006-2018; Second Judicial Circuit Court Judge, 2018-Present.

**Hon. Rachel R. Rasmussen**

Address: Sioux Falls

Education: Canton High School; University of South Dakota, B.A.; University of Minnesota School of Law, J.D.

Experience: Lincoln County, South Dakota Deputy State's Attorney, 2007-2010; Partner, Peterson, Stuart, Rumpca, & Rasmussen, Prof. LLC, 2011-2018; Appointed Magistrate Judge, Second Circuit, 2018-2019; Appointed Circuit Court Judge, Second Circuit, 2019-present; Second Circuit Mental Health Court, 2019-present.

**Hon. Susan M. Sabers**

Address: Sioux Falls

Education: Univ. of St. Thomas, Bachelor of Arts, 1992; Univ. of SD School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1995.

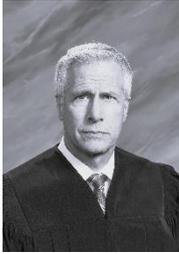
Experience: Law Clerk, Honorable C. Arlen Beam, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 1995-1997; Woods, Fuller, Shultz, & Smith, PC, 1997-2005; Fuller & Sabers, LLP, 2006-2013; President, Second Circuit Bar Association, 2001-2002; Chair, Board of Bar Examiners, 2009-Present, Member, 2002-Present; President, South Dakota Judges' Association, 2021-22; Circuit Court Judge, Second Circuit, 2013-Present.

**Hon. Jon C. Sogn**

Address: Sioux Falls

Education: Canton HS, 1979; Augustana College, Bachelor of Arts, 1983; Univ. of SD School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1986; civil litigation

Experience: private practice, Lynn, Jackson, Shultz & Lebrun, 1986-2015; SD Bar Civil Pattern Jury Instruction Comm., 1991-2000; President, SD Trial Lawyers Assoc., 2000-2001; SD Bar CLE Comm., 2001-2005; SD Bar Comm., 2005-2008; SD Bar Disciplinary Board, 2007-2013; Adjunct Professor, Univ. of SD School of Law, 2013-2014; Intn'l Society of Barristers. Circuit Court Judge, Second Circuit, 2015-Present.



Hon. Jeffrey C. Clapper

Address: Sioux Falls

Education: Creighton University, NE Bachelor of Science in Finance, 1985-1989; University of South Dakota School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1990-1993.

Experience: Associate Attorney, Moore, Rasmussen, Kading & Kunstle Law Firm, 1993-1999; Associate Attorney, Boyce, Murphy, McDowell & Greenfield Law Firm, 1999-2002; Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of South Dakota, 2002-2024; President, Second Circuit Bar Association, 2003-2004; Second Judicial Circuit Court Judge, 2024-Present.



Hon. Eric C. Johnson

Address: Sioux Falls

Education: Augustana College, Bachelor Degree in English and Business Administration, 1992-1996; University of Nebraska College of Law, Juris Doctor, 2000-2003.

Experience: Judicial Clerk, Nebraska Court of Appeals, 2003-2007; Deputy State's Attorney, Minnehaha County State's Attorney's Office, 2007-2016; Magistrate Judge, Second Judicial Circuit, 2016-2024; Second Circuit Veterans Court Backup Judge, 2018-2022; Second Circuit Veterans Court Judge, 2022-Present; Second Judicial Circuit Court Judge, 2024-Present.



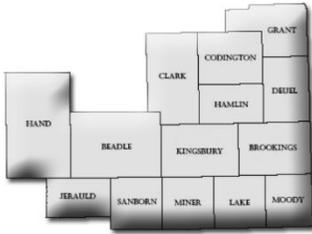
Hon. Mandi A. Mowery

Address: Sioux Falls

Education: New Underwood High School, 1998; University of South Dakota, 2002; Baylor Law School, Waco, TX, Juris Doctor, 2005.

Experience: Prosecutor, Minnehaha County State's Attorney's Office, 2006-2024; Second Judicial Circuit Judge, 2024-Present; Sioux Falls Mental Health Court Judge, 2025-Present.

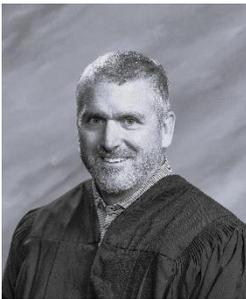
Third Judicial Circuit Court



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Hon. Patrick T. Pardy, Presiding Judge

Address: Howard

Education: Howard HS, 1988; Univ. of SD, Bachelor of Science, 1992, Juris Doctorate, 1996. U.S. Army War College, Master of Strategic Studies, 2019.

Experience: Mumford Protsch and Pardy, 1996-2011; Miner County Deputy States Attorney, 1996-2011; SD Bar Assoc. Comm., 1998-2001; Lake County Public Defender, 2000-2005; Spec. Asst Attorney General / Sr Legal Counsel, DOC; Attorney for the SD Board of Pardons & Parole 2011-2014; Brigadier General SD Army National Guard, enlisted 1986, Commission 1992, Currently serving as the SDNG ATAG; Circuit Court Judge, 2015-Present.



Hon. Dawn M. Elshere

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Education: University of South Dakota, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, 1991; University of South Dakota, Juris Doctorate, 1994.

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Experience: Law Clerk for Third Judicial Circuit, 2005-2006; Private Practice, 2006-2025; Huron School Board, 2012-2020; South Dakota Lottery Commission, 2018-2020; South Dakota Senate, 2021-2025; Third Judicial Circuit Court Judge, 2025-Present.

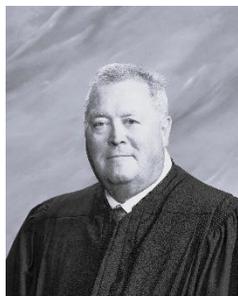
Fourth Judicial Circuit Court



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Hon. Michael W. Day, Presiding Judge

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Experience: Private practice, 1983-2013; President, State Bar of SD; President, SD Trial Lawyers Assoc., Member, Judicial Qual. Comm.; Member, State Bar of SD Disciplinary Board; Member, Belle Fourche Horizons Vol. of Year; Member, Belle Fourche Lions Club, Member, UJS Discipline Review Board; Judicial Weighted Workload Review Comm.; Court Reporter Comm. Fourth Judicial Circuit Court Judge, 2013-2015. Presiding Fourth Judicial Circuit Court Judge, 2015-Present.

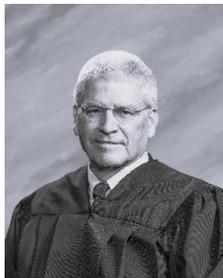


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Experience: Law Clerk, Seventh Circuit, 1994; Lawrence County Deputy State's Attorney, 1995; Attorney, Fuller, Tellinghuisen, Gordon & Eckrich (Partner), 1996-2004; Percy Law (Sole Practitioner/Owner), 2004-2006; Magistrate Judge/Drug Court Judge Fourth Circuit, 2006-2015; Phoebe Hearst Library Foundation; Lead Deadwood School Board of Education; Lead Deadwood Regional Hospital Foundation; UJS Committee Service; Court Reporter Committee, Pro Se Committee, Fine and Bond Committee and Court Improvement Program Committee. Circuit Court Judge, Fourth Circuit, 2015-Present.



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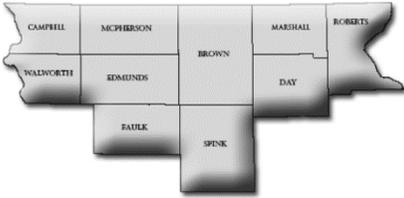
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Experience: Fourth Circuit Law Clerk, 2004-2005; Assoc., Tellinghuisen & Gordon, 2005-2010; Owner, Strawn Law PC, 2010-2013; Hybrid Half Time Magistrate Judge between Fourth and Seventh Judicial Circuits, 2013-2014; Magistrate, Fourth Judicial Circuit, 2014-2017. Circuit Court Judge, Fourth Circuit, 2017-Present.

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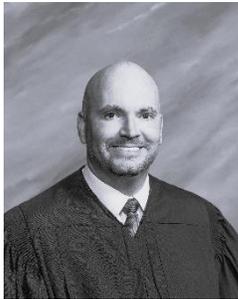


Hon. Gregg C. Magera, Presiding Judge

Address: Aberdeen/Selby

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Experience: Law Clerk Fifth Judicial Circuit, 1990-91; Attorney and Partner, Law firm of Siegel, Barnett & Schutz, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1991-2019; Magistrate Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, 2019-2021; Circuit Court Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, 2021-Present.



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Experience: Law Clerk to the Honorable Charles B. Kornmann, United States District Judge, 2008-2010; Attorney and Partner at Bantz, Gosch & Cremer, L.L.C., 2010-2022; Circuit Court Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, 2023-Present.



Hon. Julia Dvorak

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Experience: Law Clerk, Third Judicial Circuit 2003-2004; May, Adam, Gerdes & Thompson general practice with a focus on family law, educational law, and worker’s compensation. Appointed to the bench by Governor Noem in April 2019.



Hon. Bobbi J. Rank

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Hon. M. Bridget Mayer

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Experience: Law Clerk , Sixth Judicial Circuit, 1986-1987; Law Clerk, SD Supreme Court 1987-1988; Assistant Attorney General, Appellate Division; MFCU Acting Director; Litigation Division & Supervising Attorney 1988-2019; former State Bar of SD Bar Commissioner; Sixth Judicial Problem Solving (Drug and DUI) Court Judge; Sixth Judicial Court Judge, 2019-present.



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Seventh Judicial Circuit Court



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Pennington.

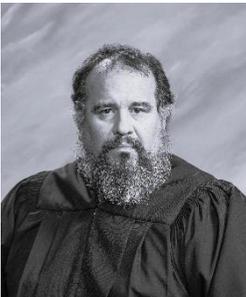


Hon. Robert Gusinsky, Presiding Judge

Address: Rapid City

Education: Beverly Hills High School; Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Bachelor of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering; University of South Dakota School of Law, Juris Doctor.

Experience: Airline Pilot; Private Practice, 1996-2007; Assistant U.S. Attorney, 2007-2013. Circuit Court Judge, Seventh Circuit, 2013-Present.



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Experience: Circuit Court Judge, Seventh Circuit, 2015-Present.



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Experience: Pro Se Law Clerk, U.S. District Court Judge Karen Schreier, 2006-2007; Law Clerk, U.S. District Court Judge Andrew Bogue, 2007; President, Pennington County Bar Association, 2012; Attorney, Gunderson, Palmer, Nelson & Ashmore, LLP, 2007-2016. Circuit Court Judge, Seventh Circuit, 2016-Present.

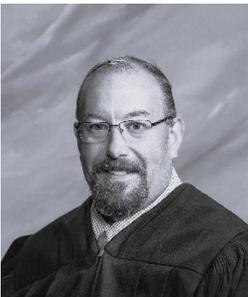


Hon. Eric Kelderman

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Education: Western Christian High School, Hull, Iowa; Sioux Falls College, Bachelor's Degree, 1994; University of South Dakota, Master's Degree, 1998; Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, NE, Juris Doctor, 2001.

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Hon. Joshua K. Hendrickson

Address: Rapid City

Education: Kearney High School, 1993; University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Bachelor of Arts - Anthropology, 2000; University of South Dakota School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2003.

Experience: Pennington County States Attorney Office, Deputy State's Attorney 2003-1019, Senior Trial Attorney 2016-2019; Circuit Court Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit 2019-Present.

**Hon. Heidi L. Linngren**

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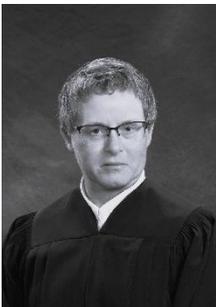
Experience: Law clerk, Hon. Charles B. Kornmann, 2000-01; Pennington Cty. Public Defender's Office, 2001-03; Rensch Law Firm, 2003-05; Attorney General's Office, 2005-11; Magistrate Judge Seventh Judicial Circuit, 2011-15; Pennington County DUI Court Judge, 2012-Pres.; Backup Judge, Pennington Cty. Drug Court; Member, Front Porch Coalition; Bd. Of Dir., C.O.R.E.; Board, Canyon Lake Untd. Method. Church; Freshman Impact Judge; Pro Se Comm.; Grids & Sanctions Comm.; Truancy Court Judge; Adjunct Professor, Univ. of SD, Black Hills State Univ., Western Dakota Tech. Circuit Court Judge, Seventh Circuit, 2015-Present.

**Hon. Scott A. Roetzel**

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Experience: Pennington County State's Attorney's Office, 1992-2002 (Chief Deputy, 1996-2002); Private Practice, Johnson Eiesland, 2002-2004; Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, 2004-2006; Senior Litigation Counsel, Pennington County State's Attorney's Office, 2006-2017; South Dakota Prosecutor of the Year, 2014; South Dakota Attorney General's office, 2017-2024; Seventh Judicial Circuit Court Judge, 2024-Present.

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Address: Rapid City

Education: Northern Montana College (nka MSU-Northern), Bachelor of Technology, 1986-1990; University of Montana Law School, Juris Doctorate, 1991-1994.

Experience: Private Practice, 1994-2010; Yellow Medicine Assistant County Attorney, 2011-2017; Pennington County Deputy State's Attorney, 2017-2021. Circuit Court Judge, Seventh Circuit, 2021-present.

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Capitol Complex Pierre, South Dakota

Capitol Complex

The Capitol Complex, located on the Missouri River bluffs overlooking Pierre, is comprised of approximately 220 acres of state property that includes 23 state office buildings, over 12 acres of parking and more than 11 miles of sidewalk. Other features include the Fighting Stallions Memorial, the Flaming Fountain Memorial, Hilger's Gulch Park, Governor's Grove, a five-acre lake, two-acre tree bank, 14 flower gardens containing more than 22,000 flowers, and about 6,700 trees and shrubs. The lake is warmed by the flaming fountain and is a popular spot for flocks of geese.

State Capitol Building

Construction on the elaborately designed and decorated State Capitol Building began in 1905, after a protracted fight over which town was to become the state's capitol. On June 25, 1908 when the corner stone for the South Dakota State Capitol was laid, Governor Coe Crawford said in his address: "The new Capitol will do more than comfortably accommodate the officers who are to labor within its walls for the people whom they will serve. It will stand throughout the coming years as an expression of beauty and art, and as the people come and go and linger within its



walls, they will see in it an expression of the soul of the state." The completed building was accepted on June 30, 1910. The Capitol building was designed and constructed by Minneapolis architects Bell & Detweiler as a modified version of their similar design of the Montana Capitol. Total cost of the Capitol Building was approximately \$1,247,000, \$7.10 per square foot. During the late 1930s, serious structural problems began to develop because of the extended drought. Works Progress Administration crews were enlisted to underpin the foundation, repair floor and wall cracks, and repaint the entire building, covering over the elaborate wall decorations. An annex was added in 1932, to the north side of the original Capitol, bringing the size to more than 141,000-square feet. The Capitol measures 190 feet wide, 292 feet long, and 161 feet tall. Its materials include native field stone, Ortonville granite, Indiana limestone, and Vermont and Italian marble.

In the late 1970s, the Governor and South Dakota Legislature approved a large-scale program to restore and renovate the Capitol back to its original grandeur. This restoration was completed in 1989, in time for the State's Centennial celebration. The building attracts visitors from across the nation and world to see its architecture, artworks, and more than 100 events that are held annually in the building, including the dazzling display of Christmas trees between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The State Capitol houses the Legislature, Supreme Court, Constitutional Officers, Public Utilities Commission, Digital Dakota Network, and several Bureaus of Executive Management.

The first floor of the Capitol is also known as the building's Art Gallery. This area features the Governors Gallery displaying portraits of every governor of South Dakota since statehood as well as numerous portraits of Supreme Court Justices of South Dakota. A collection of dolls dressed in

miniature replicas of the formalwear worn by the spouses of the governors at their inaugurations is located in the rotunda area of the first floor. In the annex west hallway, you will find the Hall of Honor which was moved from the Soldiers and Sailors Building to the Capitol in 2017. The Hall of Honor display recognizes South Dakota veterans who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty.



Capitol Lake

Capitol Lake, located adjacent to the Capitol to the east, is a five-acre man-made lake. Fed by a warm water artesian well, the picturesque lake is an oasis for Canadian geese in the winter. Capitol Lake was a popular ice-skating attraction early in the 1900s, until weak ice led to the loss of life on the lake. Up until the mid-1970s, the pond was also a popular fishing hole for the youth of the Pierre area.

Governor's Residence

When South Dakota became a state in 1889, it began a fifteen-year controversy over a permanent location for the state Capitol. In the 1904 election, voters decided that Pierre would become the permanent seat of government in South Dakota and plans for a new Capitol building were approved.

With the new Capitol building under construction, there was no permanent housing in Pierre for the First Family. From 1889 until 1937, the South Dakota Governor was given a housing allowance of \$75.00 per month by the legislature, and he was responsible for finding his own living quarters. Several homes still standing in Pierre today have served as the personal living quarters of the First Family of South Dakota.

In 1925, the state legislature purchased a small yellow cottage, located on the eastern shore of Capitol Lake, for the purpose of providing housing for South Dakota's First Family. The cottage served as the Governor's Residence until 1936, when Governor Tom Berry (1933-1937) decided home improvements were needed. He lacked legislative support to build a Governor's Residence with state funds and was forced to turn to the federal government for aid. In 1936, the Governor's Residence project was approved by the federal government and plans were prepared by Resettlement Administration architects. The Works Progress Administration financed the project and began construction on the 57x97 foot, two-story structure. The home was built from native brick, lumber and concrete, and replaced the original cottage, which was sold for \$1,270 and was moved to another location in Pierre; however, the exact location is not known.

From 1937 until 2003, the former Governor's Residence served as private living quarters and a public building for all South Dakota governors and their families. Because of severe infrastructure problems and outdated facilities, the Bureau of Administration and the Capitol Beautification Commission recommended that the Governor's Residence be replaced with a new facility that would better serve the needs of the governor, first family, and the citizens of South Dakota. The former Governor's Residence was officially closed on November 3, 2003.



The former Residence has since been sold, restored, and is now a museum near the Rapid City Airport. A collaborative effort between the State of South Dakota, South Dakota Community Foundation, Pierre Economic Development Corporation, and the Capitol Beautification Commission was implemented, and construction began in earnest on the new Governor's Residence in the spring of 2004. Under the supervision of the general contractor, Henry Carlson Company of Sioux Falls, hundreds of contractors and subcontractors worked tirelessly until construction was completed in June of 2005. Thousands of South Dakotans and numerous corporations and companies from across the state contributed substantial amounts of money, products, and services.

Measuring approximately 14,000-square feet, the new, two-story Residence is poised peacefully on the eastern shore of Capitol Lake in the precise location of the previous Governor's Residence. The new Residence serves as the private residence for the current governor and the first family and a facility capable of hosting guests for gubernatorial public events.

The private side of the Governor's Residence features offices for the Governor and First Lady, full living quarters, including a kitchen, living room, dining room, family room, and five family bedrooms. The grand dining room and the Governor's private office include fireplaces accented with rock blasted from Crazy Horse Memorial in the Black Hills. The public side of the Governor's residence includes a grand dining hall, which accommodates approximately 100 guests, a commercial kitchen and cooking facilities, greeting area, and two staterooms or guest quarters.

The exterior of the Governor's Residence is adorned with field stone from near Miller, South Dakota, while other portions of the exterior feature copper flashing, specially cast concrete, South Dakota brick, and numerous roof adornments to add to the exterior appeal.

The design and construction of the South Dakota Governor's Residence will be a source of pride and honor for generations of South Dakotans to come.

Hilger's Gulch and Governor's Grove



The gulch behind the Capitol Building was once owned by Anson Hilger. In 1986, Governor William Janklow proposed turning it into a parkway with a bridge and sidewalks. In 1989, Governor's Grove, which includes hundreds of planted trees and 28 monuments dedicated to each former governor, along with the Gates of the Counties, which was constructed with stones native to each county in the state. Veterans groups provide 100 U.S. flags that are flown on holidays and special events. The gulch includes a 1.1-mile lighted walking trail, flower gardens and a scenic view of the Capitol building.

Visitor Center



The Visitor Center was built in 1971 and housed the maintenance shop for many years. In 1998, the shop area was converted into a Visitor Center, complete with a conference room that can be reserved for use by the public. Restrooms and a kitchen are located near the conference room. A gallery runs along the front of the Visitor Center. The rooftop viewing area provides a panoramic view of Capitol Lake. The Center is open year-round from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Soldiers and Sailors World War Memorial Building



Originally a memorial to South Dakotans serving in World War I, the Soldiers and Sailors Building was built in 1931, to house the state museum for many years. In 1990, it became an office building and houses the Departments of Military and Veterans Affairs. The 11,760-square foot building currently displays tributes to South Dakota veterans, former prisoners of war, and other distinguished veterans. It is located at 425 East Capitol Avenue, across from the Capitol Building.

Sigurd Anderson Building



This state office building, named after the state's 19th Governor, was constructed in 1951. The 28,840-square foot building houses various state agencies. It is located across from the Capitol Building at 445 East Capitol Avenue.

Joe Foss Building



Named after the famous World War II flying ace and 20th Governor of South Dakota, the Foss Building was completed in 1955. The building's first occupant was the Department of Highways. Today, the 60,230-square foot building houses various state agencies. It is located across from the Capitol Building at 523 East Capitol Avenue.

Richard F. Kneip Building



This state office building is located at 700 Governors Drive. The building was completed in November 1975, and is named after Richard Kneip, the 25th Governor of South Dakota. Various state agencies occupy this 79,180-square foot building.

Mercedes MacKay Building (State Library Building)

Originally constructed in 1974, and recently renovated in 2009, the MacKay Building serves as the state repository and reference library, as well as an office for state agencies. The 48,000-square foot building is named after Mercedes MacKay, State Librarian from 1939 to 1973. The building is located at 800 Governor's Drive.

Public Safety Building

Formerly an old federal building and Commerce Building, this building currently houses the Department of Public Safety. The original courtroom motif was retained and provides a regal office area for the Division of Licensing. The 21,300-square foot building is located at 118 West Capitol Avenue.

George S. Mickelson Criminal Justice Center

The Mickelson Center was completed in 2005 and houses a wide variety of state law enforcement agencies. The 152,700-square foot facility houses the Attorney General, administration and staff, the Division of Criminal Investigation, law enforcement training, forensic laboratory, State Radio, and an emergency operations center. The building is named after the state's 28th Governor and former assistant attorney general and state's attorney who was killed when a state airplane crashed on April 19, 1993, near Dubuque, Iowa. The building is located at 1302 East Highway 14.

Dr. Robert Hayes Building

Originally constructed as a health laboratory, the Hayes Building currently houses the administrative office of the Department of Health. The 10,500-square foot building is named after the physician and health care pioneer who served as Secretary of Health from 1970 to 1975. The building is located at 600 East Capitol Avenue between the Capitol and the Visitors Center.

State Health Laboratory



Completed in 1997, the State Health Laboratory has facilities for bacteriological, serological, virological, and chemical testing, as well as office spaces for the Department of Health. The 36,100-square foot building is located at 615 East Fourth Street.

Becker–Hansen (Transportation) Building



Built in 1964, the Becker–Hansen Building is the central headquarters for the Department of Transportation, including aeronautics, highways, and railroads. The name was changed to the Becker–Hansen Building in tribute to Ron Becker and David Hansen, who were killed when the state plane crashed on April 19, 1993. This 90,200-square foot building is located at 700 East Broadway Avenue.

Bureau of Administration Building



A former church, this 4,500-square foot building houses various executive management bureau staff, including the Bureau of Administration central office. It is located at 320 North Nicollet Avenue.

Dolly–Reed Plaza



The State purchased the Capitol Lake Plaza Building in 2007. The 29,000-square foot office is a model of modern energy efficiency and includes solar panels and a geothermal heating and cooling system. In September 2012 the building was renamed the Dolly–Reed Plaza in tribute to Roland Dolly and Ron Reed, who were killed when the state plane crashed on April 19, 1993. The building houses various state agencies and is located at 711 East Wells.

Cultural Heritage Center



In honor of South Dakota's centennial anniversary, the Cultural Heritage Center opened in 1989 as the headquarters of the South Dakota State Historical Society. The 63,000-square foot, earth covered Center is located at 900 Governors Drive, above Hilger's Gulch, north of the State Capitol. The Center holds the archives, historic preservation, and museum, as well as the research and publishing operations of the State Historical Society. The design of the Center recalls the ancient Arikara earth lodges that once dotted the Missouri River Valley and the grounds are covered with native Dakota flora.

Best known as a museum, the Cultural Heritage Center contains a 13,900-square foot gallery, featuring award winning exhibits that depict the state's rich cultural heritage and history. A full-size tipi, recreated sod house, milking shed, and WNAX gas station provide drama and fun for visitors to the center. Ever changing exhibits highlight various themes and topics.

For genealogists, researchers, students, scholars, and the historically curious, the research room in the Cultural Heritage Center makes available over three million cubic feet of documents, films, maps, photographs, and recordings. In its State Archives, the Society maintains the records of government agencies and papers of elected officials. Microfilm copies of the state's newspapers and state census records are popular collections.

Fighting Stallions Memorial

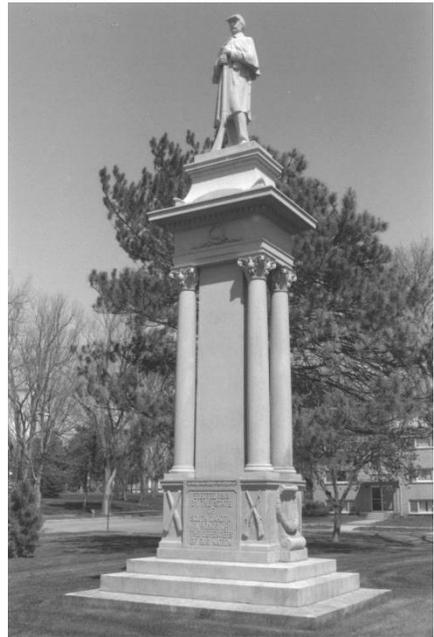
The Fighting Stallions Memorial was built as a tribute to the eight South Dakotans who died when a state plane crashed on April 19, 1993, near Dubuque, Iowa, while on an economic development mission. The Fighting Stallions Memorial is located near Capitol Lake. The base of the memorial contains dedications to the men who died: South Dakota's 28th Governor, George Mickelson; Office of Energy Policy Director, Ron Reed; Governor's Office of Economic Development Commissioner, Roland Dolly; First Bank of South Dakota President/CEO, David Birkeland; Sioux Falls Development Foundation President, Roger Hainje; Northern States Power Chief Executive, Angus Anson; and state pilots, Ron Becker and David H. Hansen.



"Fighting Stallions" is enlarged in bronze from the 1935 mahogany carving by South Dakota sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski. The sculpture was selected because it symbolizes South Dakota's struggle to overcome adversity, desire for achievement and courage to believe in the future. It is a tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Civil War Monument Memorial Park

This monument was erected in 1918, and later dedicated on June 1, 1920, in remembrance of the sacrifices of the veterans of the Civil War. Governor Peter Norbeck led the original dedication ceremony and Governor Dennis Daugaard led a rededication ceremony on June 1, 2015, which included a reenactment of the original ceremony. For the rededication, the small triangular park where the monument is located was enhanced with sidewalks, lighting and a flag pole, providing the proper setting the memorial deserves.



Emergency Medical Service Memorial



The memorial honors emergency medical services personnel who have fallen while in the line of duty.

Law Enforcement Officers Memorial



This memorial is in tribute to the South Dakota law enforcement officers who served and sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

Fallen Firefighter Memorial



Officially dedicated October 12, 1997, the memorial honors the living memory of all firefighters who have given up so much of themselves in service to their fellow South Dakotans. It also honors firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The firefighters inscribed on the memorial gave their lives to protect neighbors, friends, and those they never knew. They are the firefighters who answered their “last alarm.”

~taken from the words of Richard Hainje, Assistant Fire Chief.



Korean / Vietnam Veterans Memorial

The Korean/Vietnam Veterans Memorial is located near the Flaming Fountain on Capitol Lake. The monument made of South Dakota granite, was dedicated on May 30, 1986, to honor 349 South Dakotans who died or who are missing in action in the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Flaming Fountain and Eagle Statue



This well, drilled in the winter of 1909 – 1910, has a depth of 1,350 feet and flows at 1,620 gallons per minute with a water temperature of 92 degrees. It originally provided natural gas to the city of Pierre and was also used to heat the Capitol. In the late 1950s, the main lines rusted out and the well was abandoned. The natural flow stabilized the warm water lake. In the mid-1960s, the idea of a flaming fountain was conceived. The flame, as you see it, has burned since it was first ignited in August of 1967. Recently, the flame has burned inconsistently. Although the actual cause has not been determined by engineers, it most likely is from a diminished gas flow, a collapsed well casing, or a deteriorated well head. The cost to repair the fountain is prohibitive at this time.



The Flaming Fountain Memorial is a Veterans Memorial located on the shores of Capitol Lake. The monument is dedicated to the South Dakotans who have fought for their country in time of war. A daytime view shows the fountain, stone memorial, and waterfall, along with the recently installed "eagle" statue specifically dedicated to the members of the great Sioux Nation who fought for our country and their immense contributions to our Nation's armed forces in time of war.

World War II Memorial

The construction of a World War II Memorial on the Capitol grounds was announced in March 2000, by Governor William J. Janklow to pay tribute to all the past and present South Dakotans who contributed to the World War II effort.



South Dakota rallied to our country's defense and provided vital support to the war effort on the frontline and the home front. South Dakota participated in many ways in the war effort, including:

- More than 68,000 South Dakota men and women enrolled in the armed services;
- Over 2,200 servicemen gave the ultimate sacrifice and never returned home;
- South Dakota was home to 7 military establishments during World War I;
- South Dakota was vital to the Red Cross and USO efforts to support our troops overseas;
- South Dakota continued its agricultural production to feed the country and our troops during World War II and for the world relief effort following the war;
- South Dakota supported the financing of the war by purchasing War Bonds; and
- South Dakota schools and teachers were vital to preparing students for entry into military service during the war years.

The memorial consists of six bronze figures representing the branches of service in which South Dakotans served during WWII. They are portrayed as warriors fresh from battle; the memories burnt into them of the horrors and atrocities of war, as well as the acts of selflessness, bravery, and valor. They are not intended to be spit and polish soldiers on parade, rather warriors in the field of honor. They are to be a reminder for all of us what would the world be like today if the United States of America and the Allied countries had not prevailed in World War II. They are set on a peninsula that was constructed into Capitol Lake. The bronze warriors face the current Korean and Vietnam Memorials and flaming fountain. The figures are from six-feet to six-feet, seven-inches in height and weigh close to two tons. A native Dakota granite stone is in front of the bronzes and is inscribed with "South Dakota WWII Warriors: Why they fought—For Flag—For Country—For All of Us."

The memorial is an everlasting monument to thank them and immortalize their bravery.

Korean War Memorial

Forgotten War – Remembered Heroes

The Korean War was an extremely bloody conflict. The United States lost 54,000 troops in just 3 years, nearly as many as those lost in the decade-long Vietnam War. There were an estimated 1,313,000 casualties and 1,000,000 refugees during this 'Forgotten War'.

Unlike their comrades from WWII, the Korean veterans returned to life in the states without fanfare or acclaim. Even though Korean War veterans' heroic efforts were not derided like those of the Vietnam veterans, the American public often ignored the Korean War veterans. This was partly due to the political climate that never set a victorious outcome to the war.

The South Dakota Korean War Memorial portrays an American GI braving enemy forces and the arctic weather during the Chosin Battle. The soldier is still fighting as he glances over at his fallen brethren, their names now upon a wall. He is low on ammunition, frostbitten, tired, and unshaven, but with a look of determination, he gives the soldiers a Centurion salute and completes his mission.

Dedication of the Korean War Memorial was announced on September 18, 2004, by Governor M. Michael Rounds.



Vietnam War Memorial



fight.

The South Dakota Vietnam War Memorial is a tribute to the veterans who returned home from the war to fight a sometimes more painful battle on the home front. Vietnam was the first war to be brought directly to the American public's living room with an unending display of graphic imagery: U.S. soldiers firing at unseen enemies in jungles and across rice paddies; medics dodging enemy fire to reach the side of a young soldier covered in blood and near death; and clouds of black smoke rolling skyward from the burning huts of a village destroyed to keep it out of the hands of the Vietcong. The merits of the war were not just debated at podiums and in war rooms but over dinner tables, in the streets, and in the field itself.

As casualties increased and the war grew ever more unpopular in the United States, Vietnam soldiers heralded as heroes in the jungles were condemned as no better than criminals in their hometowns. The South Dakota Vietnam War Memorial takes one soldier, as a symbol of the many South Dakotans who served during this violent conflict and elevates him to the status they all deserve: brave individuals who honorably served their country at a time when it took as much courage to come home as it did to

Dedication of the Vietnam War Memorial was announced on September 16, 2006, by Governor M. Michael Rounds.

The Purple Heart Memorial

The South Dakota Military Order of the Purple Heart gathered on August 7, 2016, to rededicate their memorial, which is dedicated to all men and women wounded in all of our nation’s wars. The Purple Heart Memorial, provided by the National Military Order of the Purple Heart Foundation, was originally placed in front of the Soldiers and Sailors World War Memorial Building in 2004. Members of the South Dakota Military Order of the Purple Heart worked to have the memorial relocated to Capitol Lake where many of the other veteran memorials are located. In 2015, their dream became a reality.





Black Hills State University

Spearfish, South Dakota

History

Black Hills State University (BHSU) was established by the Dakota Territorial Legislature in 1883 as Spearfish Normal School. By 1924, the school was authorized to adopt a four-year curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Science in education degree. Known informally as a teacher's college during the '20s and '30s, the name was officially changed to Black Hills Teachers College in 1941. On July 1, 1964, in recognition of the broadening educational opportunities offered by the college, the Legislature officially changed the name to Black Hills State College. Black Hills State's role in the South Dakota higher education system has continued to grow and evolve over recent decades. The State Legislature changed the college's name to Black Hills State University, effective July 1, 1989. Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., became the university's 10th president in July 2014.

Accreditation

The University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; AACSB International (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business); Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); the National Association of Schools of Music, and the National Association for Sport and Physical Education. The University is also a member of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and the South Dakota Department of Education.

Objective

Black Hills State University is committed to academic excellence through 65 bachelor's degree programs, as well as nine master's degree programs and seven associate degree programs. The curriculum is delivered through three colleges: Business and Natural Sciences, Education and Behavioral Sciences, and Liberal Arts. By virtue of its location in the Black Hills, BHSU has access to a multitude of outdoor field research sites and specialized laboratories where faculty and students work closely with scientists in a number of government agencies, industries, and organizations.

BHSU, the only comprehensive university in western South Dakota and the third largest university in the state, has an enrollment of more than 4,000 students from all 66 South Dakota counties, 43 states, and 29 countries. Students attend classes at the Spearfish campus, in the state's second-largest city at BHSU – Rapid City, and online.

The campus leads the region with sustainability efforts and academic programs in business, education, natural sciences, American Indian studies, exercise science, and psychology. It also places great importance on extending its human and physical resources to the people of the state and region. The university is home to the Sanford Science and Math Education Center, the South Dakota Center



Student Hayley Baker completed her teaching practicum in Spearfish High School.

for Enterprise Opportunity, the Center for the Advancement of Math and Science Education, and many other centers that provide education and outreach to the region.

Exciting initiatives in the Black Hills include innovative collaboration among K-12 and higher education partners, groundbreaking research at the world class Sanford Lab, and entrepreneurial growth. BHSU takes an active role in these exciting ventures by providing leadership for math and science education; developing the BHSU Underground Campus at the Sanford Lab; offering unique cultural experiences, including the annual Lakota Omniciye Wacipi; and conducting useful and needed research for area businesses.

Curricula

College of Business and Natural Sciences:

The College of Business and Natural Sciences at BHSU is dedicated to delivering innovative instruction, mentoring, research, and service to develop business and natural science graduates who can compete effectively in a dynamic global environment.

The BHSU business program, one of the largest in the area, is in the Top 5% of business schools worldwide with AACSB accreditation. Faculty members are actively engaged in applied research and publication.

Students in the Natural Sciences have the unique opportunity to participate in research at the Sanford Lab, located only 15 minutes from the BHSU campus, as well as numerous other faculty-mentored research projects that provide them with hands-on lab experience.



Students participate in a robotics competition near the BHSU Underground Campus at Sanford

College of Education and Behavioral Sciences:

The College of Education and Behavioral Sciences prepares competent, confident, and caring teachers for the 21st century. BHSU has the largest teacher education program in the state with high placement rates in South Dakota and the surrounding region. For over 100 years, BHSU has demonstrated a strong commitment toward educational excellence through faculty dedication and student achievement.

Behavioral Sciences students are transformed by their experiences. Students participate in internships and community outreach specific to their area of study, explore subject matter through faculty-mentored projects and research, and connect with others through student-led clubs and organizations to further discuss subject matter and interests.

College of Liberal Arts:

The College of Liberal Arts prepares undergraduates for teaching, graduate school, professional school, or many other occupations. The College offers numerous extracurricular opportunities that encourage intellectual growth and a sense of community. Students enrich their learning experience through Honors and Study Abroad Programs and gain real-life experience through participation in the campus TV studio and radio station, award-winning newspaper, state-of-the-art photography darkrooms, and internships with local agencies and businesses. Students also have the opportunity to get involved in faculty-mentored research projects in the humanities, history, social sciences, and math and present their research at the annual Black Hills Research Symposium. Opportunities to perform abound with band, choir, orchestra, and other ensembles and theatre productions throughout the year.

Bachelor's Degree Programs

American Indian Studies

Biology

Business Administration

- Accounting
- Economics & Finance
- Entrepreneurial Studies
- Human Resource Management
- Management
- Marketing
- Tourism & Hospitality Management

Chemistry

Communication Studies & Theatre

- Speech Communication
- Theatre

Corporate Communication

English

Environmental Physical Science

Exercise Science

- Management
- Science

General Studies

Graphic Design

History

Human Services

- Community Studies
- Family Studies
- Justice Studies

Mass Communication

- Graphic Communication
- Integrated Media
- Photography
- Public Relations
- Science Communication
- Sports Media

Mathematics

Music

Outdoor Education

Photography

Physical Science

Political Science

Professional Accountancy

Psychology

Sociology

- Culture & Society
- Law & Justice
- Social Resilience

Spanish

Studio Art

Bachelor's Education Programs

Art

Biology

Early Childhood/Special Education

Elementary Education

English

History

K-12 Special Education

Mathematics

Mathematics & Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- Physics

Music

- Instrumental
- Vocal

Physical Education

Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- Physics

Social Science

Spanish

Speech

- Theatre
- Speech Communication

Graduate Programs

Master of Business Administration

Master of Education in Reading

Master of Science

- Curriculum and Instruction
 - Education Technology
 - Math Education
 - Science Education
- Integrative Genomics
- Secondary Education
- Strategic Leadership
- Sustainability

Certificate in Crisis Leadership and
Emergency Management

Associate degree Programs

Applied Health Sciences
 Business Administration
 General Studies
 Human Services

- Aging and the Elderly
- Community Services
- Justice Studies

 Tourism and Hospitality Management

Pre-Professional Programs

Agriculture
 Chiropractic Medicine
 Dental Hygiene

Dentistry
 Law
 Medicine
 Nursing
 Occupational Therapy
 Optometry
 Pharmacy
 Physical Therapy
 Physician Assistant
 Renewable Natural Resources Management

- Fisheries and Biology
- Forestry
- Range Management
- Wildlife Management

 Veterinary Medicine

Course Delivery Options

BHSU accommodates place-bound adult learners by providing a variety of courses online and in the state's second-largest city at BHSU-Rapid City. Many students use distance education options to complement their on-campus schedules; other students use them as their primary outlet. BHSU currently offers more than 200 courses online each semester and eight programs are offered entirely online.

The Campus

The BHSU campus is one of the most beautiful campuses in the region. Today the Spearfish campus consists of 123 acres and 23 main buildings, as well as Ida Henton Park and Lyle Hare Stadium. Recent additions to campus include the Joy (Proctor) Krautschun Alumni/Foundation Welcome Center, Bordeaux Residence Hall, Schallenkamp Outdoor Amphitheater, and the newly-renovated Hillside, Oyate Wicaka Wita (People/Nation Gathering Place), located just east of the E.Y. Berry Library and Woodburn Hall.

The Joy Center provides a dedicated space for alumni to gather and a place for both alumni and current students to network with nearly 18,000 BHSU alums.

The Kathryn Johnson Life Sciences Laboratory includes modern research laboratories and classrooms with clustered workstations for greater inquiry-based instruction and collaborative activities.

Clare and Josef Meier Hall, a state-of-the-art music and classroom building, includes a 280-seat recital hall, choir and band rooms, faculty studios, classrooms, soundproof practice rooms, Steinway piano, listening and piano labs, and faculty offices.



A snowy view of Lookout Mountain from the BHSU campus.

Five residence halls and an eight-building apartment complex accommodate more than 850 students. The new Bordeaux Hall connected two existing halls, Heidepriem and Thomas, with a central living

area that includes a two-story great room, residential kitchen for student use, fireplace, snack area, and multimedia study rooms.

The Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center provides exceptional fitness facilities and a swimming pool, as well as classrooms and faculty offices.

The David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union serves the social and recreational needs of the students. Woodburn Hall hosts the BHSU administrative offices, as well as the historic Woodburn Theatre. Jonas Hall houses most of the classrooms on campus.

For more information about BHSU, please visit bhsu.edu or call 1-605-642-6343.



Dakota State University

Madison, South Dakota

Dakota State University has a long tradition of innovation. In 1881, it became the first teacher training institution in the Dakota Territory, educating some of the earliest teachers in the area. In 1984, the mission for the university expanded to emphasize computer technology and information systems in support of the state's growing banking and financial services industry. By the turn of the 21st century, DSU was repeatedly listed as one of the top ten most-wired campuses in the nation, and one of the first in the nation to issue a computer tablet or notebook to students. As the century moves ahead, Dakota State continues to focus on cutting-edge technology and innovative educational endeavors and has gained a national reputation for its technology-centric learning and research environment, which is preparing students for 21st century careers.

Technology Leadership

Dakota State University is a national leader in all things tech. Our education graduates earn their technology endorsement; our health information management programs are consistently ranked top in the nation. In cyber fields, DSU holds three Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) designations from the National Security Agency (NSA), in cyber defense education, cyber defense research, and cyber operations; DSU is also a CAE Regional Resource Center. In 2015, the university was the first in the nation to partner with the NSA National Cryptologic School. Through this articulation agreement, NSA military and civilian employees may finish their associate, undergraduate, or graduate degrees in cyber operations at DSU.



This academic excellence has built momentum for innovative cyber research leading to the construction of a new building to house the Madison Cyber Labs (MadLabs) at Dakota State. The \$18 million MadLabs facility will include state-of-the-art secure labs where students and researchers can pursue work critical to the growth of the cyber universe and will establish the first and only hub of cybersecurity and cyber operations expertise, research, economic development, and application in South Dakota. Additional research space is available in the newly acquired Heartland Technology Center north of the DSU Fieldhouse.

MadLabs will allow for multiple interdisciplinary research, development, application, and scholarship clusters which will study new ideas in a variety of cyber fields, including adaptive technology, digital forensics, health information technology, business analytics, women in cybersecurity, and cyber-ethics. These labs will engage cyber students, faculty, and professionals in partnerships with other universities, government organizations, business and industry corporations, nonprofits, and international higher education.

Accreditations

Dakota State University is accredited by the following agencies:

- The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools through the Academic Quality Improvement Program process;
- Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP);
- South Dakota Department of Education;
- Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP);
- State Approving Agency as programs eligible for veterans' benefits;
- Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM); and
- Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).

Programs of Study

Dakota State offers 45 technology-focused and technology-infused degree programs in four undergraduate colleges: the College of Education, the College of Business and Information Systems, the College of Arts and Sciences, and The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences. An example of program growth and development is the new undergraduate degree in Cyber Leadership and Intelligence. This interdisciplinary program equips students with the knowledge of cyber systems and world cultures, international politics, human behavior, and leadership. Graduates will work with government leaders and corporate executives to develop strategies to defend organizations from cyber disruption.

Undergraduate students may take pre-professional programs in 12 fields, including law, athletic training, and many health professions. Six programs, in cyber or health information management, offer undergraduate students the option to take graduate courses for dual undergraduate/graduate credit under the fast track or 4+1 option.

The university's graduate programs are expanding as well. A Ph.D. in cyber defense is being developed in addition to the existing doctoral degrees in cyber operations and information systems. Master's degrees are available in analytics, business administration, computer science, cyber defense, educational technology, health informatics and information management, and information systems. The university also offers several graduate level certificates, to add extra credentialing to a student's skill set with topics such as ethical hacking and digital humanities.



Undergraduate Programs of Study include:**College of Education:**

- Biology Education
- Business Education
- Computer Education
- Elementary Education
- Elementary Education/Special Education
- English Education
- Exercise Science
- Mathematics Education
- Physical Education

College of Business and Information Systems:

- Accounting
- Business Education
- Business Technology
- Computer Education
- Computer Information Systems
- Finance
- Health Information Administration
- Management
- Marketing
- Professional Accountancy

College of Arts and Sciences:

- Biology
- Biology Education (BSE)
- Computer Game Design
- Cyber Leadership and Intelligence
- Digital Arts and Design with specializations in: Computer Graphics, Digital Sound Design, Film and Cinematic Arts, or Production Animation
- English Education
- English for New Media
- General Studies
- Mathematics Education
- Mathematics for Information Systems
- Physical Science
- Respiratory Care

The Beacom College of Computer and Cyber Sciences

- Computer Game Design
- Computer Science
- Cyber Operations
- Network and Security Administration

Innovative Options for Better Employability

Dakota State partners with Southeast Tech, the Sioux Falls School District, and the S.D. Department of Labor to offer students multiple pathways to employment through the South Dakota Partnership for Student Success program, or SDPaSS. Internships, apprenticeships, and a number of degree options assist students to flexibly pursue or continue additional education. This includes high school students, the unemployed or underemployed, or those who wish to gain additional credentials for their current job. Though the university's Workforce Development Alliance, business partners can underwrite a certain portion of a student's education in exchange for a commitment to work for that company after graduation. Dakota State also offers undergraduate and graduate certificates in numerous fields. Through this credential innovation, students can take stackable credits to add depth or breadth to their education and increase their employability.

Dakota State is also working with other higher education institutions to provide new degree programs that will prepare students for high-demand careers in emerging areas. Examples include partnerships with SDSU to offer degrees in computer science, software engineering, cybersecurity, precision agriculture, artificial intelligence, and food safety; a partnership with USD for cyber law studies is in development.

Dakota State excels in providing opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to obtain a degree without ever setting foot on campus. Through the University Center – Sioux Falls, non-traditional students who have work or family commitments are offered the flexibility to complete a DSU degree off-campus. The university is also a pioneer in distance education, offering distance courses since 1989. As of fall 2018, 20 undergraduate programs and all DSU's graduate programs are offered online.

In addition, DSU is the only university in the state with a Respiratory Care program; majors can take courses in Madison, Sioux Falls or Rapid City and complete a practicum in a Sioux Falls or Rapid City hospital.

DSU Graduates Succeed

Graduates of Dakota State University are highly sought after, and have no problem finding jobs or placement in competitive graduate programs. Ninety-nine percent of students in the Class of 2017 who responded to a Career Services survey reported finding employment or continuing their education. Many majors have 100 percent placement, including education, computer and network security, cyber operations, network and security administration, biology for information systems, English for new media, respiratory care, exercise science, business management, accounting, finance, computer information systems, health information technology, management and marketing. DSU graduates' salaries are highly competitive and, in many cases, exceed regional averages.



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Partnerships and Outreach Highlights

DSU hosts over 2,000 participants each summer in multiple programs, including youth camps, athletic camps, and workshops/camps for teachers, IT professionals, and students. DSU hosts the nation's largest program of summer GenCyber camps for middle and high school students interested in cyber security and programming. The week-long camps are funded by grants from the National Science Foundation and the National Security Agency so can be provided to students at no cost.

Dakota State's leadership in this area has developed into partnerships with institutions and organizations to sponsor camps in North Dakota, Florida, and Hawaii.

The Center for the Advancement of Health Information Technology (CAHIT) is a statewide resource center that provides coordination for regional and statewide health information initiatives. It is staffed by DSU faculty, outreach services staff, graduate assistants and undergraduate students. CAHIT programs include:

- HealthPOINT is an independent, non-profit organization with a federal designation as a health information technology resource and support center for all South Dakota healthcare providers. They offer technical guidance and best practices information regarding electronic health records.
- South Dakota HealthLink provides secure connections for hospitals, health centers, primary care providers, specialists, labs, pharmacies, public health and other state agencies to benefit patient outcomes.
- Health IT Training offers individual coursework in health IT and electronic health records. Twenty individual courses are available on topics ranging from terminology to project management.

The K-12 Data Center provides technology enhancement services to South Dakota's K-12 educational community. The center provides consistent, cost-effective services including email and calendars, email list services, web hosting, course management, streaming media, a help desk for the schools, and more.

Campus Environment

The picturesque campus is located on 61 acres in Madison, S.D. Two nearby glacial lakes provide year-round recreation, such as boating, fishing, hiking, or cross-country skiing.

Along with enrollment growth, the campus itself is growing, with three construction projects in 2016 alone. New construction resulted in the 31,000 square-foot Beacom Institute of Technology, an \$11.4 million facility that is the centerpiece of Dakota State's historic transformation. Technology-rich

environments, flexible teaching spaces, computer labs and a teaching server room are features of this building.



A \$7.8 million remodel of the former Madison Community Hospital, located just to the north of the main campus, transformed the building into Courtyard Hall, the first new residence hall on DSU's campus in over 45 years. The Learning Engagement Center, a student-focused support area, is a feature of the building as well. The Trojan Center (student union) was also renovated and expanded in 2016 with a new kitchen and serving area, expanded social spaces, and more prominent retail areas.

Campus growth promises to continue in the future, as the university moves forward with construction of the MadLabs, and additional residence housing. Planned upgrades to the school's athletic facilities are outlined in a master athletics plan, a design that will provide an improved experience for students, fans and alumni through renovation of the Fieldhouse, major changes to Trojan Field, and the

addition of an events center, indoor practice facility, and fields for soccer, lacrosse, baseball and softball.

The campus is also home to the Karl Mundt Library, and the Smith-Zimmermann Museum, both of which are open to the public. The Dakota Prairie Playhouse hosts performing arts events, conferences, trade shows, seminars, community functions, meetings, banquets, and more.

Through a partnership with the City of Madison and Dakota State University, the Madison Community Center was established in October 2000. The center provides wellness opportunities for city residents and DSU students alike. It features an indoor swimming pool, fitness center, double gym, multi-purpose gym, racquetball court, family center, meeting rooms, child care center, and locker rooms.

Because of this legacy of growth and success, DSU was presented with the Lake Area Improvement Corporation's 2016 Growth and Achievement Award.

As the university continues to expand and innovate with all things cyber, Dakota State University President José-Marie Griffiths said: "We want all of our students to experience the world as it's going to be through the use and application of emerging and available technologies — a distinguishing feature of this institution."

For more information about DSU, please visit dsu.edu or call 1-888-378-9988.



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Northern State University

Aberdeen, South Dakota

History

Since 1901, Northern State University has been dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education. Northern's roots are in teacher education – and the university continues that tradition to this day. But Northern has since grown into a comprehensive, multi-purpose institution made up of the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, School of Fine Arts and Millicent Atkins School of Education.



The Campus

Northern serves approximately 3,500 students at the undergraduate and graduate level online and on its picturesque campus in Aberdeen. Northern also serves hundreds of high school students from across the state through distance education provided by the NSU Center for Statewide E-Learning.



Northern continues to grow and expand, with numerous building projects in recent years. In fall 2019, the state-of-the-art Harvey C. Jewett IV Regional Science Education Center will open. This facility will advance research and educational opportunities for Northern students and faculty, as well as promote science education for K-12 students in the region and statewide.

Three new residence halls have also opened on campus in the past two years, offering modern amenities and suite-style living. The new halls added almost 450 new beds; as of fall 2018, over half of NSU's residence hall occupants live in new facilities.

The Athletic and Recreation Fields project was completed in fall 2018 through the Educational Impact Campaign, a partnership with the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. This campaign, which will enhance the student experience for both institutions for years to come, will also result in a new SDSBVI facility and planned on-campus regional sports complex.

Academics and Research

Northern offers 59 academic programs at the associate, baccalaureate and graduate level in a wide range of disciplines. Programs recently added, or forthcoming include: Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Master of Accounting Analytics. At Northern, every academic program has a focus on real-world career experience, whether it's through an internship, our year-long teacher residency program or another form of experiential learning. Students at Northern have the unique opportunity to conduct cutting-edge research at the undergraduate level that has a lasting, real-world impact, such as participating in a project that could lead to a cure for a disease or implementing a campus-wide recycling effort. Grants are available, as are annual events such as the Undergraduate Scholarship and Activity Forum. Plus, our dedicated faculty guide students as mentors every step of the way.



Athletics



Northern offers 15 NCAA Division II athletic programs affiliated with the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference on the regional level. NSU Wolves men and women's basketball teams have led the nation in home attendance for 11 years running. Last year, the men's basketball team hit the national spotlight when the Wolves packed the Sanford Pentagon for an Elite Eight final appearance.

The 8,000-seat Joseph H. Barnett Physical Education and Convocation Center is the home to indoor sport activities. The center

includes classrooms and offices, a swimming pool, weight room, fitness center facilities, men's and women's basketball locker rooms, and one of the largest wrestling rooms in the NSIC. The main arena, Wachs Arena, honors the legendary men's basketball coach Bob Wachs. In 2009, the court inside Wachs Arena was named Don Meyer Court, honoring former head men's basketball coach, the late Don Meyer, who became the all-time winningest men's coach in the NCAA.

Off campus, Swisher Field includes a 6,000-seat football stadium and artificial surface outdoor track. Other outdoor athletic facilities include a tennis complex, a softball complex, and baseball field located minutes from campus.

The university is also home to the NSU Marching Wolves, who have enjoyed a long and distinguished tradition of excellence at the regional and national level – including marching in a past presidential inaugural parade.

Fine Arts

The Johnson Fine Arts Center (JFAC) is home to one of the strongest fine arts departments – including art, music and theater – in the Midwest. A recent \$14 million remodeling project expanded the JFAC lobby and renovated the main theater, with improved acoustics and new seating. The project also added new features including an orchestra pit and shell system; a black box theater; classrooms; art gallery; improved student practice rooms; faculty offices and studios; box office; and additional restrooms. JFAC is a valuable resource not only for campus, but the community as well, attracting regional audiences to the more than 65 events held there during the year. Numerous Northern concerts, productions and speeches take place at the facility, including the annual NSU Common Read Lecture and theater performances of “Mary Poppins” and “The Hunchback of Notre Dame.” Outside events held at JFAC range from community dance recitals to performances by visiting musicians.



Campus Life



With more than 50 student clubs and organizations, Northern truly offers an activity for every interest. Students can pursue their talents and develop their leadership skills through various organizations, including: community service and professional groups; student-run publications and campus government; and many more. NSU Intramurals recently went under the umbrella of NSU Athletics – and Northern’s new turf Athletic and Recreation Fields offer a host of exciting new possibilities. New activities include glow-in-the-dark dodgeball, futsal, co-ed soccer, corn hole, badminton, pool tournaments, ping pong and more.

Statement of Purpose

Northern State University is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the liberal arts and in graduate and professional education. Its distinctiveness in its pursuit of mission derives from its coeducational and residential character; its size and location; and its role as a public, state-sponsored university. Northern’s vision is to be a nationally recognized, student-centered institution, committed to academic and extracurricular excellence, and providing global learning opportunities in a beautiful Midwestern setting.



Accreditation

Northern State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Northern went through the HLC reaccreditation process in early 2017. The university's elementary and secondary education programs are accredited by NCATE and by the South Dakota Department of Education. Music programs are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. The art program is accredited by NASAD. Northern is also accredited by the ACBSP, CACREP, NACEP and NIBS.

Enrollment and Retention



Undergraduate enrollment for the 2018 fall semester at NSU was 3,493, including 5 percent growth in its freshman class. This year's cohort of first-time, full-time, bachelor's degree-seeking students has an average high-school GPA of 3.431 – the highest in at least 10 years. The university also continues its trend of high student retention rates, boasting a freshman to sophomore retention rate of 75 percent – the first time in at least 20 years the university has had three years in a row of retention rates over 70 percent.

Learn more about the great things happening at Northern by visiting northern.edu.



South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Rapid City, South Dakota

Founded in 1885, the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology is the preeminent science and engineering university in South Dakota and the leading Science, Technology Engineering, and Math (STEM) university in the region.

Located just minutes from the Black Hills National Forest, Mines attracts students from throughout South Dakota, and from 44 states and 35 countries.

At SD Mines, 77 percent of students participate in internships, co-ops and research experiences before graduation, giving them a significant advantage over graduates from other universities. Through programs such as Mines Advantage and Center of Excellence for Advanced Manufacturing & Production (CAMP), Mines students not only learn and grow academically as scientists and engineers, but also develop critical thinking and interpersonal skills to better equip them to become the next generation of well-rounded leaders and problem solvers.

SD Mines offers 19 undergraduate majors, 18 minors and nine certificates, as well as 15 master's degrees, nine doctorate degrees, three online graduate programs and 13 accelerated master's programs. The university continues to be a catalyst for economic growth in western South Dakota, incubating innovative technology and business. According to data collected by the South Dakota Board of Regents in 2016, the university had a \$238 million annual economic impact to the state of South Dakota. With the addition of new and cutting-edge programs, the university continues to evolve and grow in order to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

On Jan. 8, 2018, the university welcomed Dr. Jim Rankin as its 19th president. Dr. Rankin graduated from Mines with an electrical engineering degree in 1978, giving him a unique perspective on where the university has been and where it's going. Under Dr. Rankin's leadership, the university began work on Strategic Plan 2019-2023. The Strategic Plan has identified four areas of focus for the university:

- Academic & Co-Curricular Excellence
- Outreach & Engagement
- Research & Innovation
- Campus Culture

The Strategic Plan will guide university leaders over the next five years in decision-making and direction.

Mission & Vision

The vision of the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology is to develop world-class leaders in science and engineering to benefit society. Our mission is to educate scientists and engineers to address global challenges, innovate to reach our creative potential, and engage in partnerships to transform society.

SD Mines Facts

- South Dakota School of Mines & Technology ranks No. 1 in South Dakota and No. 56 in the nation for College Return on Investment, according to Payscale.com.
- The university maintains a 97 percent placement rate for its students.
- Average starting salary for a Mines graduate (2016-17) was \$61,346.
- 36 percent of Mines graduates stay and work or attend graduate school in South Dakota.
- Mines has a \$238 million annual economic impact on the state of South Dakota.

What's new in 2018-19

- In 2018, Mines (in partnership with the University of South Dakota) added a new biomedical engineering undergraduate degree to its curriculum. The addition is in response to a growing interest and need for biomedical engineers nationally and worldwide. The United States Department of Labor projects continued growth in the industry in the coming decade. Biomedical engineers create cutting-edge technologies to treat and diagnose disease and develop medical equipment, devices and therapies.
- SD Mines is the first university in the state of South Dakota to create a varsity esports team. Esports exposes students to the benefits of team building, improves communication skills and develops leadership potential. Esports players are eligible for scholarships.
- In conjunction with the creation of the Hardrocker Esports Team, Mines now offers an Esports Certificate program. The certificate is 12 credit hours focused on computer programming, art and graphics, human factors, and skills in leadership and teaming.
- In early 2019, Mines added a new department to the university – Computer Science and Engineering. Previously, the Computer Science program was housed under the Math Department and Computer Engineering under Electrical Engineering. The creation of the new Computer Science and Engineering Department will cultivate the further development of these critical degrees.

SD Mines Recent Highlights

- For the past four years, students from South Dakota School of Mines & Technology have won the Governor's Giant Vision Business Competition.
- In 2019, for the fourth year in a row, a Mines team of student coders qualified for the International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC), a highly competitive competition that pits teams from around the world against each other in locations such as Portugal and China.
- In season 2018-19, Hardrocker Connor Silveria set the NCAA DII football single-game rushing record with 425 yards against Adams State University. The record earned him the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week award.
- In season 2018-19, Hardrocker quarterback Jake Sullivan was nominated as the NCAA Division II College Football Player of the Year. The nomination was earned by just 37 players around the nation. Sullivan led the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference in passing yards, passing attempts and completions and yards per game.
- In 2018, the SD Mines Mining and Mucking Team placed first in the co-ed/mixed division at the International Collegiate Mining Games in England.
- In 2018, the SD Mines Moonrockers Team took home 7th place at the 2018 NASA Robotics Mining Competition at Kennedy Space Center. The annual event involves more than 50 college teams and 500 students from around the country. The Mines Moonrockers placed ahead of teams from such schools as Texas A&M, Vanderbilt University, Virginia Tech and Colorado School of Mines.

Research and Development

Faculty at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology are three times more inventive than the national average. This fact is based on the number of inventions by Mines faculty for every dollar spent on research at the university. Obviously, SD Mines is engaged in cutting-edge research in countless important areas of science and engineering. These research activities provide students with special opportunities to become involved in discovery and invention and to participate in the excitement of developing new concepts that can make our world a better place.



SD Mines fosters research to solve problems of industry, the military, and government agencies, as well as generate economic development. Our researchers are active in pursuing grants from businesses, federal agencies, and foundations to create new knowledge and bring high-tech benefits to the state and nation. Mines faculty members and researchers submitted 177 research proposals in 2018 and received \$13 million in research dollars. The funding came from many different agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the State of South Dakota, NASA, the Department of Energy, the Department of Defense, private industry, and many more.

Scientists from SD Mines are collaborating with peers from around the globe in the search for dark matter and other experiments being conducted at the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) in Lead. Our PhD program in physics continues to serve research endeavors at the Sanford Laboratory.

Our research centers and laboratories include:

- Advanced Manufacturing Process Technology Transition & Training (AMPTEC)
- Arbegast Materials Processing and Joining Laboratory (AMP)
- Center for BioEnergy Research and Development (CBERD) NSF I/UCRC
- Center for Friction Stir Processing (CFSP) NSF I/UCRC
- Composite and Nanocomposite Advanced Manufacturing (CNAM)
- Composite and Polymer Engineering Laboratory (CAPE)
- Dakota Bioprocessing Consortium (DakotaBioCom)
- Direct Write Laboratory (DWL)
- Engineering and Mining Experiment Station (EMES)
- Experimental and Computational Mechanics Laboratory (ECML)
- Martin Paleontology Research Laboratory (MPRL)
- Repair, Refurbish & Return to Service Applied Research Center (R3S)
- Security Printing and Anti-Counterfeiting Technology (SPACT)
- Shimadzu Environmental Research Laboratory
- Surface Engineering Research Center (SERC)

Collaboration with Sanford Underground Research Facility



SD Mines has the advantage of close proximity to the state-of-the-art Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF), allowing the university to collaborate on ground-breaking research there. At SURF, both faculty and students collaborate with researchers from around the country and the world on experiments involving particle and nuclear physics and other science disciplines. Some of the collaborations include:

- Mines faculty member Cabot-Ann Christofferson serves as a liaison for the MAJORANA Project for Oak Ridge National Lab. The MAJORANA Demonstrator uses natural and enriched germanium crystals to search for neutrino-less double-beta decay. A discovery could determine whether the neutrino is its own antiparticles.
- SD Mines researchers are among approximately 1,000 scientists and engineers from 30 countries participating in the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) at SURF. DUNE is a leading-edge, international experiment for neutrino science and proton decay studies. The experiments taking place at DUNE aim to answer such questions as the origin of matter, the unification of forces and black hole formation. The DUNE experiment is a more than billion-dollar project that includes the upcoming construction of a new facility near campus to support the experiments taking place at DUNE.
- The Mines Chemical and Biological Engineering Department works with a multidisciplinary research group on diverse areas of science, including extremophilic bioprocessing, genome editing of bacteria and more.
- The Mines Mining Engineering and Industrial Engineering Departments are collaborating on research assessing the potential for musculoskeletal disorders in miners at SURF.
- The Department of Geological Engineering has joined scientists from eight national labs and six universities in a project called Enhanced Geothermal Systems Collaboration (EGS Collab). The EGS Collab received a \$9 million grant from the Department of Energy to study geothermal systems, technology that scientists believe could power nearly 100 million American homes. Scientists will collect data to better understand how fractures created in deep, hard rock environments can be utilized to capture geothermal energy.
- In collaboration with Sanford Underground Research Facility, a field site was constructed using shotcrete to stabilize an above-ground rock wall at the former Homestake Gold Mine. The goal of the research collaboration between the SD Mines Civil Engineering Department and SURF is to determine the viability of replacing steel with fibers in shotcrete for mining applications.

Black Hills Region

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology is located in Rapid City, a city of about 74,000, and just minutes from the Black Hills National Forest where four seasons of adventure await. From hiking to snowboarding, biking to paddle-boarding, rock climbing to fly fishing, SD Mines' location provides an exceptional range of outdoor recreation.

Signature Programs

Center of Excellence for Advanced Manufacturing & Production (CAMP)

The CAMP program brings together students, faculty, and industry leaders to partner on real-world engineering projects. Currently there are 12 multidisciplinary teams that compete regionally and nationally. Many of these teams work on their projects in the CAT Lab, sponsored by the Caterpillar Corporation, with the tools and parts needed to build an award-winning Baja car or concrete canoe. CAMP encourages students to not only grow academically but also emotionally by encouraging development of interpersonal and leadership skills.

Mines Advantage

Mines Advantage was created with the support of industry to help students develop the soft skills needed in a professional work environment. It is an optional professional development program offering opportunities in and out of the classroom to develop leadership and teamwork, community involvement, cultural and global diversity, communication, and career preparation.

Internships and Co-Ops

At SD Mines, 77 percent of graduates have had at least one paid internship or co-op experience before graduation. In Summer 2018, there were 262 employers in 42 states that hired Mines students for these internships and co-ops with an average wage of \$18.45/hour. Many students secure employment before they graduate.

Pre-Health Pathways

Students can major in any degree program and prepare for professional healthcare schools at the same time. Pre-Health Pathways offers supplementary curriculum that prepares students for admission to medical and dental schools and programs in public health, physical and occupational therapy, physician assistant, chiropractic, optometry, and medical radiology.

Harvard Business CORE

In collaboration with Harvard Business School, the HBX Credential of Readiness is a multi-week online program focused on the fundamentals of business thinking for non-business majors.

Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS)

In EPICS, undergraduate students earn course credits for participation in teams that tackle real-world projects. Teams of students partner with nonprofit community organizations to provide comprehensive technological and engineering solutions. The program includes a wide range of projects from a study to improve emergency management services on Pine Ridge (in partnership with Oglala Sioux Tribe) to a project to enhance and rebuild a local Little League Baseball field.

Honors Program

Our unique Honors Program is designed to challenge and develop exceptional students by emphasizing leadership, teamwork, community involvement, and problem-solving by combining academic curriculum and professional development with community projects.

Accreditation

The South Dakota School of Mines & Technology is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The HLC is the recognized accrediting agency for the north central states. All SD Mines undergraduate engineering programs are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, which is the recognized accrediting agency for engineering. The BS program in Computer Science is

accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET. Additionally, the curriculum in Chemistry is approved by the American Chemical Society.

Faculty

The student-to-faculty ratio is 15:1. Faculty members also carry out extensive research, bringing to the classroom the newest technologies and practices used in industry.

Summer Camps

Each summer, Mines welcomes youth from around the country to summer camps ranging from robotics to metallurgy and forensics. The award-winning camps strive to engage the next generation of STEM leaders.

Student Life



Students have the opportunity to participate in any of the more than 100 student organizations on campus. Student activities and organizations range from music, drama, professional, cultural, sororities, fraternities, athletics, politics, service, religious, military, professional, and special interests.

Our students have represented SD Mines at a variety of national and international events. The challenges provided in these and other competitions give students the

opportunity to apply classroom theory to real-world engineering and science problems, so they are ready to contribute to the workforce when they graduate.

Athletics

SD Mines has 13 NCAA Division II teams and is a member of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. Our scholar athletes have an average GPA of 3.14, with an average of 3.0 for seventeen semesters in a row. Athletes work hard in the classroom, on the field, and in the community, averaging 4,500 hours of community service annually.

Campus Life

As a freshman, students can choose where to live based on their preference for a learning community or community living. This instills the Mines culture around peer mentoring and teamwork with a mix of social activities that keep the college experience fun and adventuresome. On-campus housing is available throughout the entire Mines journey, with traditional residence halls to apartment-style living for upperclassmen and graduate students.

WiSE

The Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) program is designed to educate, recruit, retain, and graduate academically motivated women in STEM fields. WiSE provides students, with a particular emphasis on women, with support, encouragement, and information intended to help them stay in STEM fields. WiSE utilizes mentoring, networking, outreach, and professional development.

Esports

The Hardrocker Esports Team is a varsity sports team that competes against other teams in the state and region in online gaming. SD Mines was the first university in the state to create a varsity team. Through esports, students develop communication, strategy, and leadership skills as well as develop lifelong friendships. The team also offers scholarships for esports players.

Faculty Mentorship

The student-to-faculty ratio is 15:1, giving faculty a chance to get to know their students. The personal attention students receive is one of the top reasons students choose to come to Mines and why they stay. Their passion drives student success beyond the classroom by coaching award-winning teams such Mines Bladesmithing Team, which won the world championship Bladesmithing Competition in 2017, and the computer programming team who will represent Mines for the ninth time in the International Collegiate Programming Contest's World Finals in 2019.

Music

Despite not having a music major, nearly 200 students participate in a variety of music ensembles from concert choir to pep band. Concerts are held on campus each fall and spring, with a special holiday concert performed at the local cathedral each December.

Social and Academic Experiences

Mines has a very active campus life with lots to do all the time. With over 100 student organizations, intramural sports, and competitive athletic and academic teams a student can keep very busy. Students enjoy the collaboration with peers and faculty as they are given freedom to explore projects that interest them, like building a nuclear reactor, creating a rover that explores volcanoes, or searching for dark matter 4,850 feet below ground. Freshmen complete a community day of service before their first day of class, instilling the idea of giving back, which is perpetuated throughout their college journey through different organizations.

Student Services

The university offers a robust list of services students can take advantage of as they journey through their college experience. Through the Student Success Center, Tech Learning Center, the Ivanhoe International Center, Residence Life, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Retention and Testing, Student Development, Counseling and ADA Services, The Career and Professional Development Center, Tiospaye, Women in Science and Engineering, and other efforts, we strive to provide all students with the tutoring, support, and services they need to succeed in college and in life. Our advising and mentoring services are designed to give students a personalized educational experience. Students can work with mentors and advisors to solve the academic and personal problems that can prevent them from graduating.

Student Success Center

The Student Success Center is a place for students to gather for tutoring and academic counseling. The Center staff work with faculty advisors to ensure students are getting the help they need to be successful in their classes. The Pre-Health Pathways advisor is also housed in this center.

Veterans

Mines is consistently ranked highly for its outreach to veterans. In 2018, College Factual ranked the university 12 of 272 schools nationwide for veteran friendliness. This puts Mines in the Top 5 percent nationally. Rapid City is home to Ellsworth Air Force Base and Camp Rapid, the state's Army National Guard headquarters. Active duty, separated, and retired veterans attend Mines and receive special attention through the Veterans Resource Center, providing a place to connect, relax, and study.

Wellness and Recreation

The Stephen D. Newlin Wellness and Recreation Center provides students, faculty and staff with a large fitness and workout area, bouldering wall, a two-court gym, and squash and racquetball courts. The center orchestrates various group exercise programs and intramural sports.

Outreach and Community Service

Continuously improving quality also means ensuring that we remain contributing members of our Rapid City community. Faculty, staff members, and students donate time and money to organizations and charities throughout the Black Hills. We have a responsibility to share our expertise, our resources, and ourselves to make this an even better place to live and we take that responsibility seriously.

A major goal at SD Mines is to assist our students in becoming civically engaged in their communities through the act of service. Each year, Mines students and staff members impact our local community through meaningful service projects. We believe it is important to prepare our students for their roles as citizens and leaders through community-based educational and volunteer experiences. During the 2017-2018 academic school year, our students logged over 10,000 community service hours.

Some service partnerships include:

- Adolescent Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)
- Athletic summer camps
- Black Hills Works, Inc.
- Campus Community Wellness Coalition
- Destination Rapid City
- Sanford Underground Research Facility
- South Dakota Transitions
- Engineering and science outreach to schools and businesses
- Engineers Week
- Feeding South Dakota
- Women in Science Conference
- Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce
- Rapid City Area Schools and Western Dakota Tech
- Rapid City Economic Development Partnership
- United Way
- WAVI
- Women in Science & Engineering
- Boys and Girls Scouts
- Habitat for Humanity
- Wellfully

Majors, Degrees, and Academic Programs

Associate of Arts Degree

- General Studies

Bachelor of Science Degree Programs

- Applied Biological Sciences
- Applied and Computational Mathematics
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Geological Engineering
- Geology
- Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management
- Interdisciplinary Sciences
 - Atmospheric Sciences
 - Pre-Professional Health Sciences
 - Science, Technology and Society
- Mechanical Engineering
- Metallurgical Engineering
- Mining Engineering
- Physics
- Undeclared

Master of Engineering Degree

- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Materials Engineering and Science.

Master of Science Degree Programs

- Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Computational Sciences and Robotics
- Construction Engineering & Management
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Management
- Geology and Geological Engineering
- Materials Engineering & Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mining Engineering and Management

- Paleontology
- Physics

Accelerated Master of Science Degree Programs

- Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Computational Sciences and Robotics
- Construction Engineering and Management
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Management
- Geology and Geological Engineering
- Materials Engineering and Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mining Engineering and Management
- Paleontology

Doctoral Programs

- Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical and Biological Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Geology, Geological Engineering, and Mining Engineering
- Materials Engineering and Science
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nanoscience and Nanoengineering
- Physics

Minors

- Applied Biological Sciences
- Atmospheric Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computational Statistics
- Computer Science
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Geology
- Geospatial Technology
- Global Engineering
- Materials Science-Metals
- Mathematics
- Military Science
- Occupational Safety
- Petroleum Systems

- Physics
- Robotics
- Sustainable Engineering

Certificates

- Esports
- Construction Management
- Engineering Management and Leadership
- Geospatial Technology
- Occupational Safety
- Petroleum Systems
- Six Sigma Greenbelt
- Technology Innovation
- Global Engineering

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**SOUTH DAKOTA
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Brookings, South Dakota

South Dakota State University is the state's largest, most comprehensive higher-education institution. As South Dakota's 1862 Morrill Act land-grant university, SDSU had a fall 2017 enrollment of 12,527 from all 50 states and more than 90 countries.

In line with our land-grant mission, the university's focus is on three key areas—teaching, research and outreach. When classes opened for the fall 2018 semester, students could choose from 82 majors, 94 minors, 35 specializations, 36 master's degree options, 15 Ph.D. programs and two professional doctorates. The university also offers courses at various off-campus sites as well as undergraduate and graduate programs online through the Office of Continuing and Distance Education.



Research and outreach connect the university to thousands of South Dakotans each year, providing services, resources and new knowledge that spur economic development and growth and enhances our communities.

Barry H. Dunn has served as the 20th president of South Dakota State University since May 2016. He is the fourth alumnus chosen to lead SDSU.

IMPACT 2018 has been the guiding vision for South Dakota State University the past five years. During that time, the university has annually reviewed its progress toward the plan's goals. The university has learned a great deal about our successes, where and how to create efficiencies, as well as where it fell short of goals.

More importantly, the plan served as a foundation for the next five years and the new strategic plan, *Imagine 2023: Aspire. Discover. Achieve.* Impact 2018 helped to align the goals and discover new paths that will make the university even more successful in the next five years.

Land-grant universities are rooted in their mission of providing broad access to higher education and engaging with the people and communities throughout South Dakota and the region in ways that transform the world. SDSU is committed to maintaining success for its students and faculty, driving research and scholarly activity and being good stewards of public resources.

SDSU will continue to welcome a diverse student body that represents every state in the nation and more than 90 countries around the world. Its faculty is equally diverse, coming to us from all corners of the United States and from countries all over the world. It is this type of diversity—racially, ethnically and culturally—that will serve as an important core value in the strategic plan.

Higher education in the United States and in South Dakota continues to provide individuals great value and support communities, businesses, industry and the overall global economy. However, the challenges of providing access to the benefits of higher education remain as compelling today as they

were in 1862 when the land-grant system was founded. It remains the responsibility of everyone at SDSU to strive for excellence, create opportunities and make South Dakota an exciting, growing and dynamic part of our nation and the world.

Promoting Academic Excellence

The responsibility of any university is to meet the academic needs of its students and ensure graduates are prepared for the future and possess the education and tools to impact society. This starts with not only enrolling the right number of first-year students, but also creating an inclusive, diverse population of students and faculty that better serves our university.

Enrollment

Overall enrollment at South Dakota State University remained relatively flat during IMPACT 2018, falling short of its goal to grow to just over 14,000 students and having more than 81 percent on the Brookings campus.

The FY2018 enrollment, the final year of the plan, was 12,527 with more than 83 percent of those students being on campus. Retention increased from 75 percent in the first year to 77.2 percent in 2018 but did not reach the target of 80 percent.

Three external forces played a major role in enrollment during IMPACT 2018. First, the fact that there was a strong U.S. economy meant more jobs and fewer people seeking to advance their education. Second, the South Dakota Board of Regents reduced the number of credits needed to graduate from 128 to 120, thus reducing the number of credit hours and time spent in college. Finally, the increase of high school juniors and seniors taking dual-credit classes resulted in more students coming to campus with college-level credits, requiring fewer on-campus semesters to graduate.

It was clear the formula for determining an overall enrollment goal for Imagine 2023 needed to change.

Enrollment management is a strategic endeavor that requires its own planning and implementation process. In fall 2018, the university's first, five-year, strategic enrollment management plan was launched. The plan emphasizes enrollment growth through effective student recruitment, retention and success initiatives consistent with Imagine 2023.

The plan identified five key themes and strategies—promotion, fiscal health and financial aid, quality academic programs and experiences, student success and diversity. As part of the process, each college conducted a qualitative and quantitative enrollment forecast based on national and institutional research and potential for academic program growth.

Retention

Several factors can impact a university's enrollment, but retention plays a critical role in maintaining stability in the number of students for any university. IMPACT 2018 set a goal of 80 percent retention, which is measured by the number of first-time, full-time students returning from their

freshman year to their sophomore year. The retention baseline for IMPACT 2018 in its first year was 75 percent. The final year of the plan grew to 77.2 percent.

High retention throughout all classes also ensures strong graduating classes. IMPACT 2018 set a target of 2,256 graduates per year with 1,834 undergraduates earning degrees. The final year of the plan produced 2,569 total graduates with 2,053 of those undergraduates.

During the five-year period of IMPACT 2018, university leadership continued to implement its student success model launched in 2015 that included:

- Acclimation to South Dakota State University in Year 1;
- Promotion and persistence to graduation in Years 2 and 3;
- Activities to provide students a pathway to finish and achieve success beyond graduation in Year 4.

The impact of the student success model played an important role in increased retention and graduation. Lowering graduation requirements, while increasing the number of dual credits taken, also helped increase graduation numbers by shortening the time to a degree. Imagine 2023 has also set a retention goal of 80 percent.

Diversity and Inclusion

Another critical area of IMPACT 2018 that supported enrollment, student success and overall strength of the university was in the number of underrepresented students enrolled. A diverse and inclusive university provides a campus community greater opportunity for engagement, learning and

a better understanding of culture. Underrepresented students in this case are classified by meeting three or more of the following criteria:

- First-generation student;
- Pell-eligible;
- Less than 50 percent of financial need met;
- ACT of 19 or lower;
- Veteran; and
- Student with disability.

The baseline in year one of the plan was 1,416 students, which was surpassed in the final year with 1,663 students.

Several initiatives to promote diversity and inclusion, as well as grow the number of underrepresented students, were introduced or enhanced during IMPACT 2018. Some of these included:

- International student orientation;
- Numerous international nights to celebrate heritage and culture;
- Heritage month celebrations that included women's history month, black history month and Hispanic heritage month;
- Diversity workshops and trainings in addition to town hall meetings;
- Additional recruitment and retention efforts to include a coordinator of multicultural Latino retention adviser and Native American recruitment coordinator;
- The Common Read focusing on topics of social justice, equality and inclusion three times during the plan;
- Implementation of an annual student summit on diversity and inclusion to engage student leaders around topics of becoming global citizens; and
- Inclusion of all undergraduate academic programs to include diversity and inclusion as one of five mandatory cross-curricular skills.

The five-year span on Impact 2018 produced many highlights in the area of academic success at SDSU. However, one key moment during the plan came when the Master of Architecture professional program was granted a three-year term of initial accreditation in 2017 by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, making the professional program is fully accredited.

The Department of Architecture started in 2009 through generous support from donors and industry. The program is now scheduled for its next accreditation site visit in 2019, when it will be eligible for an eight-year accreditation term.

Another highlight of academic success during IMPACT 2018 came through results from the national pharmacy licensing exam. In 2018, every graduate of the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions passed on the first attempt. SDSU's Pharm.D. students had a 100 percent pass rate

compared with a national average of 91.64 percent. The average score for the 76 SDSU students was 102.17 compared to 97.54 nationally.



The recent success is not new to South Dakota State's pharmacy graduates. Since the first Pharm.D. graduating class in 1998, more than 1,200 students have taken the exam with a 99.4 percent pass rate on the first attempt. During a three-year period from 2015-17, South Dakota State's 99.1 percent first-time pass rate led the nation among pharmacy schools.

The exceptional passage rate on a required national exam speaks volumes about the academic quality of the university's pharmacy program and is

evidence of the academic quality of the courses that underpin the program—including chemistry, biochemistry, anatomy, physiology, mathematics and the university's general education core.

Research and Innovation

Research and scholarly activities have been a driving factor of South Dakota State University's success since 1887 when the Hatch Act established agricultural experiment stations in higher education institutions, creating a pathway for research to be at the core of the land-grant mission.

SDSU is the state's leading research institution, spending in excess of \$63 million annually on research and scholarly work. Much of that money is derived from government grants and contracts, but other sources come from private partnerships. In the last year of IMPACT 2018, nearly \$2 million was spent on research at SDSU from private-sector partnerships and collaborations.

Engagement

Research helps society drive economic development in the state and region by combining university with industry expertise to solve complex problems. SDSU has positioned itself as a global leader in precision agriculture, remote sensing and life science. Currently, more than 800 undergraduate and 1,320 graduate students are engaged in research at SDSU.

The Office of Technology Transfer and Commercialization, which assists university researchers in protecting and commercializing intellectual properties and fosters collaborations between the university and industry partners, has generated nearly \$18.5 million in royalties and licensing fees during the past 10 years. Invention disclosures in the past five years have averaged 33 annually.

One key metric in IMPACT 2018 was the number of startup businesses and collaborating businesses. Research moves from an idea, to the lab and ultimately the goal is to put that knowledge into

production or commercialization. Startup companies bridge the work from research to commercialization or production.

At the onset of IMPACT 2018, the baseline for startup companies and collaborating businesses was five with a final goal of 15. In 2018, the Division of Research and Economic Development reported 42 startups and collaborating businesses. Among the new startups and collaborating businesses were:

- Kodo Kids, a research collaboration that designs and markets products for early childhood centers, preschools and day care centers. Kodo Kids is a Colorado-based company.
- General Mills, which, with South Dakota State University, opened a collaborative oat variety development lab that is housed in the Young Brothers Seed Technology Building at the Research Park at SDSU.
- Momenta Pharmaceuticals, a biotechnology company with a validated innovative scientific platform focused on discovering and developing novel therapeutics to treat rare, immune-mediated diseases, sponsored university research.
- Raven Industries, which entered into a partnership with SDSU to advance precision agriculture in the state, region and the world. The Raven Precision Agriculture Center will be completed in the near future, bringing an exceptional facility to South Dakota and expand an existing relationship that leads the nation in precision agriculture education, research and extension.
- SAB Biotherapeutics Inc., a company developing technologies to transform the treatment and prevention of diseases from cancer and inflammation to autoimmunity and influenza, sponsored services with SDSU.

Three key internal elements have an impact on research and creative activity: organizational structure; program alignment, especially at the graduate level; and faculty workload.

Organizational structure is a means by which efficiencies and collaboration spur research and creative activity. In the final year of IMPACT 2018, SDSU senior leadership began exploring ways in which research and creative activity allow a premier land-grant university to serve society and provide students with an intellectual experience.

One example of adjusting organizational structure was moving the Geospatial Sciences Center of Excellence into the College of Natural Sciences. The move allowed more strategic investment of financial resources to support research into the college and other critical areas of the university, while using the center to be a strategic tool to drive research growth in a key academic area.

This type of integration will also allow for alignment of current and future advanced degree programs that will attract some of the brightest graduate students from around the world. Overall success will also be met by creating the correct workload balance for faculty between teaching and research responsibilities. The investment of faculty human resources was a challenge during IMPACT 2018 and currently departments throughout the university are working to develop models to address this issue.

Outreach

South Dakota State University meets the land-grant mission by providing access to higher education and reaching the citizens throughout our state by providing resources and new knowledge to positively impact its citizens.

Educational Impact

An important component of IMPACT 2018 was the university's ability to connect with other institutions of higher education and create partnerships and agreements that benefit students, not only at SDSU, but also those attending other universities, community colleges and technical institutes.

IMPACT 2018 set a goal of 150 active articulation agreements, or 100 new agreements in five years. The end result was 130 agreements, and although 20 short of 150, the achievement has produced numerous positive results.

Most notably, SDSU and Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown created the Opening Doors initiative that encourages higher education, industry and governmental entities to work together to open doors for all South Dakotans. The entities are building student bridges and confidence through language support, proactive enrollment, public awareness of the value of college, the return on investment and by making higher education relevant.

The institutions offer dual-enrolled programs of study that give 100 percent credit to students who have selected a program taken at both places. The initiative helps merge South Dakotans' occupational and educational careers by graduating lifelong learners, recognizing the educational merit of on-the-job experiences and training, while developing apprenticeship opportunities.



SDSU leadership was also active in signing numerous agreements with tribal colleges in the state. For example, SDSU and Oglala Lakota College worked to provide a pathway for students who earn an associate degree in nursing at Oglala Lakota College. The pathway allows for the transfer of those credits toward a bachelor's degree in nursing from SDSU, thus helping to solve the shortage of qualified nurses in rural communities and on the reservations.

Similar types of agreements exist with Sisseton Wahpeton College in the areas of behavioral science toward bachelor's degrees in psychology and sociology.

In all, nearly 30 different schools and institutions have articulation agreements with SDSU.

Educational Outreach

Another important metric in Goal 3 included the number of online degrees South Dakota State University offers. Online degrees are fully accredited master's, bachelor's and associate degrees available to all learners, regardless of location. Online learning not only expands educational access to students who cannot travel to campus, but also gives on-campus students greater scheduling flexibility, allowing for an enriching and enjoyable campus experience.

SDSU added 11 online degrees during IMPACT 2018, increasing its total from 22 to 33. The goal was 40. The degrees are fully accredited, and the courses are taught by the same instructors who teach on campus but are specifically adapted for online.

Online degrees are determined by a number of factors, including workforce and student demand and the percentage of courses already offered online toward a particular degree. Programs added online during IMPACT 2018 included bachelor's degrees in:

- Early childhood education;
- Geography;
- Psychology;
- Construction technology;
- Data science; and
- Sociology.

Graduate degrees were added in agricultural education and public health. Certificate programs expanded to include workplace intercultural competence, animal science and data science.

The challenges associated with adding online degrees center around the ability to operationalize the process and create incentives and opportunities that allow faculty and others to incorporate the classes into already busy teaching and research workloads.

The Office of Continuing and Distance Education was redefined in 2013 to increase student services to online students and allow colleges increased freedom to pursue online program opportunities. In the five years of IMPACT 2018, the university learned that certain areas of campus and certain colleges are better positioned for online delivery than others. The university will continue to review how best to create incentives and opportunities for all areas to expand online delivery.

Community Outreach

Two areas that exceeded expectations in Goal 3 involved the number of people who attend on-campus and off-campus sponsored events and the digital footprint created by iGrow.org. SDSU attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. This past year saw more than 440,000 attended on-campus and off-campus events, exceeding the plan's baseline number in 2013 by more than 100,000 people.

The SDSU Extension portal iGrow experienced tremendous success during IMPACT 2018. Launched in 2011, iGrow is the teaching platform used to ensure digital delivery of information important to the citizens of South Dakota.

Each week, Extension staff and partners publish the latest information regarding 4-H, livestock, agronomy, healthy families, community development and gardens. The web presence makes SDSU Extension experts available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and researched-based information is provided to farmers, ranchers, agri-business, communities, families and youth.

During the 2017-18 academic year, iGrow received 572,836 visitors, surpassing the goal of 500,000. The baseline number of visitors set in 2013 was 91,200.

The portal initially launched during the 2011-12 reorganization of SDSU Extension to support the numerous resources provided through eight regional extension centers located in Aberdeen, Lemmon, Mitchell, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown and Winner. Under the new structure, programs like 4-H and Master Gardeners continue to support thousands of South Dakotans.

And then there is the university's successful **athletic department**. Look at what transpired during the 2017-18 season:

- South Dakota State had a Missouri Valley Football Conference-leading 74 student-athletes named to the conference's academic honor roll. Of those 74, 32 received the MVFC Academic Excellence Award. In addition, 184 student-athletes were named Academic All-Summit League. Overall, student-athletes compiled a 3.29 GPA for the second-straight year.
- Seth Gross became the department's first-ever NCAA Division I national champion in wrestling. As a team, the Jacks finished 12th. David Kocer and Luke Zilverberg also earned all-America honors.
- The tradition of success on the hardwood continued. The men's basketball team, which won The Summit League regular-season title, won The Summit League Championship to reach its fifth NCAA Tournament in seven years. The women's basketball team, which has been a model of consistency since making the move to NCAA Division I, made its eighth NCAA Tournament appearance in 10 years. Student-athletes Mike Daum and Macy Miller were named The Summit League Players of the Year.
- The softball team competed in the 2018 National Invitational Softball Championship, winning three games in the program's first-ever NCAA Division I postseason competition.

- The women's soccer team won its fifth The Summit League regular-season title.
- Jackrabbits football made its first-ever trip to the NCAA FCS semifinals. The postseason appearance was the sixth consecutive. Wide receiver Jake Wieneke received the STATS FCS Doris Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award and was named to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team in addition to numerous all-America teams. Dallas Goedert, a second-round NFL Draft pick, was joined on All-America teams by Jacob Ohnesorge, Christian Rozeboom and Chase Vinatieri.
- Athletics also is heavily involved in Brookings and the surrounding communities, with the largest example being the Summit League Food Fight. SDSU won the event from 2013 to 2017. It collected nearly 41,300 pounds of food that was donated to the Brookings Food Pantry.



The Alumni Association interacts each year with thousands of SDSU graduates at events in Brookings and from coast to coast. The alumni office has contact with over 81,000 alumni in the United States, with 34,000 of them living in South Dakota. Hobo Day—the university's annual homecoming—brings thousands of alumni and friends back to Brookings every year.

The SDSU Foundation is the recognized fundraising affiliate of SDSU. As of the end of 2018, the

Foundation had more than \$220 million in assets, including \$117 million in endowed funds. The SDSU Foundation completed the largest comprehensive campaign for higher education in state history in 2013, securing \$255,736,045 in financial commitments over a six-year period. In the past decade (2009 to 2018), the Foundation has raised more than \$493 million in gifts and commitments. The Foundation is currently in the leadership phase of a new comprehensive campaign, with a working goal to raise \$425 million. The Foundation has a professional staff of 39.

A High-performing University

The impact of a high-performing university can be found in the quality of its faculty and staff. It also maximizes resources that create efficiencies and enable land-grant universities to be good stewards of public resources and the ability to adapt to the needs of students through world-class facilities and teaching methods.

IMPACT 2018 called out numerous metrics and initiatives to meet the changing needs of SDSU students and faculty.

Lean Management

One way of being good stewards of public resources is to create a method for continuous improvement. IMPACT 2018 called for a lean management initiative that would result in 80 percent of the university participating in the process.

Lean management involves a long-term approach to work that systematically seeks to achieve small, incremental changes in the process in order to improve efficiency and quality. At the time of IMPACT 2018's development, no unit or department on campus had received training and the university had just hired its first lean management director.

By the end of IMPACT 2018, 86 percent of the university had completed at least one continuous improvement project using lean methodologies and concepts. Employees were exposed to lean management tools and concepts they can apply to their daily tasks. Examples of lean management initiatives included:

- Graduate nursing program admissions to streamline the process and number of interactions between applicants and university officials;
- A process to increase the time for student contact at the first-year advising center by streamlining the administrative and decision-making processes;
- Development of standardized facility-use agreements to include one for external and internal users and student organizations;
- Review of the South Dakota Board of Regents' cybersecurity process that compared and contrasted strengths and weaknesses of each campus while creating a pathway to centralize each campus' cybersecurity needs; and
- A process to optimize the awarding of scholarships to first-year and upper-division students.

Endowed Faculty

Endowed faculty positions provide a margin of excellence for a university and its academic programs. The momentum gained from an endowed position creates an opportunity for universities to recruit and retain top faculty and graduate students to align high performance with resources to pursue bold ideas.

An endowment fund provides a source of permanent revenue for enhanced salary and additional resources for research and creative activity for a selected faculty member. During IMPACT 2018, South Dakota State University increased its number of endowed faculty positions from three to 16, meeting the goal outlined in the plan.

The new endowed positions established during IMPACT 2018 included:

- Alfred Cheese Chair;
- Frances Miller Professorship
- John M. Hanson Professorship;
- Barry and Sharon Markl Professorship;
- Duane Sander Professorship;
- Sam Cordes Professorship;
- Ken Kaufman Professorship;
- Kevin and Lori Haarberg Chair;
- Tom and Marilyn Gannon Chair;

Just the Facts

Founded in 1881, SDSU continues to serve South Dakota and the Upper Midwest. Today's South Dakota State includes, based on the 2017-18 academic year data:



- 12,527 students (including more than 1,400 graduate and professional students) enrolled from all over South Dakota, all 50 states and more than 90 countries;
- 6,866 students from South Dakota, composing 55 percent of the student body;
- A student/faculty ratio of 19.3:1;
- 80 majors, 35 specializations, 87 minors, 36 master's degree programs, 15 Ph.D. programs, and two professional doctorates.

Those looking for more information on SDSU can visit www.sdstate.edu or contact

The Admissions Office at (605) 688-4121 or University Marketing and Communications at (605) 688-6161.



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The University of South Dakota

Vermillion, South Dakota

The University of South Dakota (USD) is committed to excellence in education, research, and service. USD is home to the state's only law and medical schools and the only College of Fine Arts in the region. Its professionally accredited (AACSB) School of Business and the College of Arts & Sciences makes it a center for liberal arts education. Two of the six Centers of Excellence in South Dakota are located on USD's campus – the W.O. Farber Center for Civic Leadership and the Disaster Mental Health Institute.



USD offers an outstanding educational experience in the heart of the Midwest. Founded in 1862, USD has a caring and dedicated faculty and staff committed to educational excellence. Students succeed in the classroom, earning some of the most esteemed academic awards and scholarships available. Since 2003, students from USD have demonstrated academic excellence by receiving many of the nation's most prestigious scholarships, including Fulbright, Truman, Udall, and Goldwater Scholarships.

University students enjoy success after graduation. Alumni include 13 Rhodes Scholars; four sitting justices of the South Dakota Supreme Court; former NBC News anchor, Tom Brokaw; 10 South Dakota governors; USA TODAY founder, the late Allen Neuharth; Olympic medalist Derek Miles; and Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, chair of the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee.

USD is also home to the National Music Museum, an icon on campus and an important research institution and attraction for visitors. The National Music Museum, which holds and displays more than 13,500 rare musical instruments, is one of the world's finest collections.

Accreditation

Since 1913, the USD has been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. USD offers a broad curriculum in liberal arts and professional programs in eight schools and colleges. Students choose from 205 undergraduate programs and thousands of course offerings each year. The Graduate School offers 78 graduate programs, including 20 doctorate degrees. USD also offers degree programs through University Center in Sioux Falls.

The School of Education and Beacom School of Business are two of the many nationally accredited programs at USD. Since January 1956, the USD School of Education has been fully accredited by National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The School of Education holds NCATE accreditation for its initial teacher preparation program and advanced preparation for

the continued education of teachers and the preparation of other professional school personnel. Other degree programs offered by the School of Education have also earned accreditation from various accreditation agencies.



USD's Beacom School of Business holds an AACSB International Accreditation distinction which represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools, worldwide. Institutions that earn accreditation confirm their commitment to quality and continuous improvement through a rigorous and comprehensive peer review.

AACSB international accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in management education and part of the school's mission statement.

Faculty

The faculty's dedication to teaching leads to productive collaboration between students and professors at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. This collaboration enables students to receive a diverse and challenging education.

USD has 437 faculty members, 74.1 percent of which hold a terminal degree. USD's student-faculty ratio is 16:1, which means students receive plenty of one-on-one time with dedicated, innovative faculty.

Research

USD is a vibrant setting of innovative artistry and discovery, with research and creative activity opportunities in all disciplines across campus. In addition to individual research, the university hosts multi-disciplinary competitive research centers that foster academic excellence and spur economic growth.

USD is home to research that is not found anywhere else in the region. From the rich American Indian heritage of the state to the unique ecosystem of the Missouri River and the distinctive business climate of the state, USD researchers and students are afforded research opportunities not available in other areas of the country.



Key research strengths and facilities include the Center for Brain and Behavior Research, the Missouri River Institute, Institute of American Indian Studies and the Government Research Bureau.

USD continues to expand its capacity to collaborate with industry. Our researchers participate in sponsored research and development and serve as consultants to manufacturing and business partners. An expanding portfolio of innovative technologies developed by university researchers is

available to industry, creating a mechanism to give South Dakota businesses a competitive edge in a new economy.

Programs and Services

The past few years have seen a surge in total enrollment, with 10,066 students in the fall of 2018. A significant increase in total enrollment in the past several years can be attributed to various dynamics, including innovative recruitment strategies and a dedicated faculty and staff, as well as the generous contributions to scholarships through the USD Foundation.



Outside the classroom, students enjoy numerous opportunities. Students participate in more than 120 organizations and clubs, including the campus' independent newspaper, *The Volante*, as well as the student run radio station, KAOR, and television station, KYOT. Others participate in student government, social fraternities and sororities and academic honorariums. Or, they can attend lectures by prominent individuals, such as Supreme Court Justice, Clarence

Thomas; astronaut Mark Kelly; or USD alum, Tom Brokaw, formerly of NBC News.

USD differentiates itself from other schools through signature programs: Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship, Honors Program, and Global Learning, which provides more than 200 study abroad opportunities on six continents. USD also provides support to students wishing to volunteer, intern or research abroad. Through these programs, students gain independence and self-reliance, improve their language skills and set themselves apart from other job and graduate school applicants. Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship increases undergraduate research awareness among undergraduates, faculty, and administrators at USD; stimulates research skills of undergraduates by providing opportunities for creative and scholarly activities; and encourages students to produce quality research presentations. The Honors Program provides talented students with a solid academic background, and then inspires through special seminars and individual projects that complement their chosen field of study. Interdisciplinary and service learning are a component of every undergraduate student's experience.

NCAA Division I Athletics Facilities

The University of South Dakota athletic department brings distinction to the university through a championship culture that fosters student-athlete success, contributes to a vibrant campus community, celebrates victories and instills Coyote pride. The Coyotes compete in NCAA Division I athletics as members of both the Missouri Valley Football Conference and the Summit League.

One of the region's most recognizable, man-made landmarks, the DakotaDome has served as the cornerstone of Coyote athletics since 1979. The multipurpose DakotaDome, home to Coyote football, indoor track and field, and swimming and diving, will undergo renovations beginning in 2019.

South Dakota's most recent facility projects include the Sanford Coyote Sports Center, the Lillibridge Track and Field Complex and the First Bank & Trust Soccer Complex, which were all finalized in 2016. The 6,000-seat Sanford Coyote Sports Center is adjacent to the DakotaDome and is home to

Coyote basketball and volleyball. In addition, the facility houses classrooms, health and research labs, athletic offices, advanced therapy and training rooms, and a state-of-the-art weight room.

Since the move to NCAA Division I athletics, the Coyotes have four national championships and 23 team conference titles. In addition, women's basketball, volleyball and men's golf have qualified for the NCAA Tournament. Alexa Duling highlights the academic

accomplishments as a Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship recipient in 2013, the most prestigious scholarship awarded by the NCAA. South Dakota has had 32 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships and two alternates for a total of 34. The program also has 47 Academic All-Americans who have combined to earn 58 Academic All-America honors.



Financial Aid and Scholarships

More than 81 percent of all USD students receive some form of financial aid through grants, loans, and work-study jobs. The USD is committed to ensuring that academically qualified students with financial need receive sufficient assistance to allow them to successfully complete their education. USD awards more than \$6 million in scholarships annually. All students who meet USD's admission standards are eligible for renewable, four-year scholarships of up to \$2,000- and two-year grants of up to \$1,000. Awards are based on the complete application portfolio. Factors considered include grade point average, academic rigor, ACT/SAT test scores, and other achievements.

Leadership



President Sheila K. Gestring became the 18th president of the University of South Dakota on June 22, 2018, after serving as chief financial officer since 2010 and a part of the USD finance staff since 2006. She is a South Dakota native, and the second USD alumnus and woman to serve as president.

Gestring has played a pivotal role in stabilizing the university's financial position while developing innovative financing plans for new facilities across campus. She was an instrumental leader in the University of South Dakota Foundation's 'Onward' campaign, which surpassed over \$250 million raised for student scholarships and development.

Gestring has a strong vision for the future of the university coupled with operational expertise. She is a vigorous defender of public education, particularly the liberal arts, and has

a reputation as an inventive problem-solver. Her advanced approach to solving complex budgetary issues provides students with access to life-changing research experiences, as well as scholarships that make higher education affordable for all.

Many agencies provide critical services to the state, including the Business Research Bureau, Government Research Bureau, Small Business Development Center, Speech and Hearing Clinic, the TRIO Programs, and the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment, established by the 2017 Legislature. USD sets the standard with its values of excellence in teaching and learning, advancement of knowledge, public service, freedom of thought and expression, and personal responsibility and development.

Colleges/Schools

College of Arts & Sciences

The College of Arts & Sciences is the intellectual foundation of USD, offering undergraduates and graduates a top-notch liberal arts education in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. To fulfill its primary mission of serving the people of South Dakota and the region, the College of Arts & Sciences offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in a wide range of academic disciplines, provides an intellectual foundation for the entire university, delivers high-quality instruction through traditional and innovative means, advances knowledge through original research and scholarship, disseminates that knowledge through publication and classroom instruction, and serves the academic disciplines.

Beacom School of Business

The Beacom School of Business is the region's leader in business education, offering a quality program that is fully accredited by AACSB International. At the undergraduate level, USD's business students receive a well-rounded liberal arts foundation through general education courses, which combined with the business curriculum, prepares them with problem-solving skills, excellent communication, and critical thinking skills, which are in high demand in the global economy.

School of Education

The USD School of Education prepares and supports reflective professionals and leaders by creating, sharing, and applying knowledge. The school cultivates curiosity, creativity and critical thinking, and collaborates using project-based learning strategies. Innovative programs are offered, including the yearlong residency which was pioneered to allow students a full year of teaching experience incorporated into a four-year plan. Graduates leave the programs as highly qualified and marketable educators.

College of Fine Arts

With faculty comprised of dedicated teachers and working professionals, the College of Fine Arts combines high educational standards with extraordinary opportunities for real-world experience. As the only College of Fine Arts in the state, there is a fit for every interest.

USD's vibrant campus is active with music concerts, theatrical performances, and art gallery exhibits. More than 100 events a year are hosted for the campus and surrounding communities and Fine Arts faculty invite more than 80 guest artists to appear on campus annually to enhance the fine arts offerings.



USD's Department of Art, Department of Music and Department of Theatre are all accredited by their national associations and have been for many decades. The quality of education provided has

helped graduates go on to the concert stage, theatre stage, exhibition galleries, and graduate schools of note.

School of Health Sciences

The School of Health Sciences develops scholars, practitioners and leaders in health and human services. It serves as the region's premier, comprehensive school of health and human service professions, preparing students for interprofessional, collaborative practice that meets the workforce needs of the region, and innovatively moves health and human services forward. Students in the school prepare for the future's challenges by completing rigorous curricula firmly grounded in high quality inter-professional education that fosters whole body wellness utilizing an inclusive health care team. The School of Health Science is committed to a global outlook and welcomes people from all backgrounds, embodying the value of inclusivity in its curricula, programs, policies, and facilities. Rich collaborations with health and human service systems, and civic and business partners at the local, regional, national, and international levels facilitate research and enhance students' educational opportunities.

Sanford School of Medicine

The USD Sanford School of Medicine (SSOM) is dedicated to exceptional student education, providing thoughtful and inspirational pathways leading to Doctor of Medicine and Doctor of Philosophy in Basic Biomedical Sciences degrees. With a faculty noted for its clinical expertise and scholarship, our students emerge as highly proficient physicians and health care leaders. The USD medical school has provided high quality medical education and served as the only school of medicine in the state since 1907. The SSOM occupies advanced facilities in Vermillion and Sioux Falls. Students also learn at partner hospitals in Rapid City, Yankton, and Sioux Falls. Selected students voluntarily participate in the FARM program, in which they serve nine months in a rural South Dakota community. The school has been acknowledged as the nation's top provider of rural physicians. Throughout its history, the medical school has distinguished itself as a leader in medical education, rural medicine, research, and innovation. This tradition of excellence continues, creating a vibrant, modern institution.

School of Law



The USD School of Law has a long and proud history. For more than 100 years, the School of Law has produced respected and educated lawyers, providing a solid education with seasoned faculty members who are experts in their respective fields. The intimate nature of the School allows faculty to provide personal, often one-on-one, attention to students. USD School of Law alumni make up a majority of the membership of the South Dakota Bar. Countless federal court judges and trial court judges across South Dakota

and other states are graduates of the USD School of Law including four sitting members of the South Dakota Supreme Court.

Graduate School

The USD is the largest provider of graduate education in the state of South Dakota, with 78 graduate programs, including 20 doctorate degrees. Graduate and professional students play an integral role

in the education, research, and creative scholarship at USD. USD's graduate faculty is competitive in research and creative scholarship and offer individualized attention to graduate students. Research and creative scholarships are an integral part of the USD's mission and an important facet of most graduate education programs. Faculty and students pursue research in virtually all academic departments on campus, and, in many cases, research or creative scholarship is a required portion of a graduate degree program. Additionally, there are many interdisciplinary and mission-oriented institutes on campus that carry out research.

For more information about the University of South Dakota, please visit usd.edu or call 1-877-COYOTES (877-269-6837).



South Dakota School for the Deaf

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

History

The South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) has continuously provided education and support services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing, since it was first established in 1880. Initially all services were provided on the campus in Sioux Falls. In 1977, SDSD began serving students attending public schools, as well as their teachers and parents. The school was originally governed by the Board of Charities and Corrections; in 1943, they were placed under the control of the South Dakota Board of Regents through a constitutional amendment.

Educational Programs



Today, SDSD serves over 500 children from birth to age 21 (or high school graduation). Children are no longer served on campus programs, because there are so many different educational options for children with varied hearing levels. Today, it would be impractical for SDSD to offer on campus programs using American Sign Language or Auditory Oral methods.

Instead, in 2009, SDSD shifted to an all Outreach Program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing, expanding educational support services to both public and private schools and daycares for students, families, and educators in South Dakota.

A State Resource

SDSD's services include audiology, multi-disciplinary assessments, outreach consultation and personnel training, and support for local school districts. Regional Outreach Consultants observe students, assist with listening technology, share educational strategies, and provide recommendations to support the child's learning in their home and educational setting.

The SDSD team provides hearing screenings and evaluations in Sioux Falls and Rapid City, and statewide using the mobile hearing lab to children, birth through high school graduation. In March of 2017, services were expanded through the opening of the SDSD West River Clinic in Rapid City.



The SDSD Outreach Consultants are typically among the first contacts for South Dakota parents and local schools when there are questions relating to hearing loss. Staff members are highly trained professionals who can provide trainings and resources for schools and families. Regional student and family activities are planned throughout the year, including a family sign class, teen and elementary social groups, and family day activities. In collaboration with Parent Connection and the Department of Education, each summer SDSD holds a summer enrichment program for students

ages 2 through fifth grade.

SDSD uses distance learning technology to enhance meetings with parents and school district staff and the SDSD website provides information related to programs and services, as well as information regarding varied hearing levels. SDSD collaborates with other agencies and groups to maximize service delivery, as our mission statement is “SDSD Partners in Educational Success.”

The summer program “Hands in Motion” is held during July to emphasize early language development with teachers of the deaf.

SDSD shares information about its programs, resources, and activities through their website (<https://sddeaf.org>), as well as their Facebook and Pinterest pages.



For further information regarding the programs and services, call (605) 367-5200.



South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Aberdeen, South Dakota

For over one hundred years the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (SDSBVI) has provided educational services and programs to students, parents, and local school districts in South Dakota.



From the very beginning, the emphasis of instruction was to provide students with vision loss an equal opportunity for an education. In addition to academics, students are taught the skills that help them to be successful at work, home, and in the community.

Today, the SDSBVI serves students in local schools statewide, as well as offering educational programs for Kindergarten through 21 years of age on campus in Aberdeen. As the vision specialists for the state, SDSBVI personnel administer evaluations, provide books and classroom materials, conduct awareness and training

programs, and provide consultation in areas ranging from preschool intervention to technology and transition.

The South Dakota School for the Blind was opened on March 1, 1900, in Gary, South Dakota, under the jurisdiction of the Board of Charities and Corrections. On July 1, 1945, the school was placed under the governance of the South Dakota Board of Regents. In 1959, the Legislature appropriated funds for construction of a new school in Aberdeen near Northern State University (NSU). Classes began in the new building on September 18, 1961. The name of the school was changed in 1970 to the South Dakota School for the Visually Handicapped. In 1979 the mission of the school was expanded to include *deaf-blind* students, as well as those who were blind or visually impaired. On July 1, 1999, the school's name was changed to the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, as it is known today.

The school is accredited by the State of South Dakota and is in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations governing special education. In 1994, the SDSBVI became the first school in the state to be accredited by the North Central Association (now AdvancED).

On Campus Program

The South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides an academic program for students from preschool through high school. In addition to the subjects traditionally taught in public schools, special emphasis is given to adapting teaching materials and methods to meet the unique needs of blind learners. For students who require services through age 21, an individualized transition program is provided.

Teaching the Expanded Core Curriculum of blindness skills is particularly important. Braille, orientation and mobility, daily living skills, low vision utilization, assistive technology, social skills, recreation, and career awareness are a regular part of this expanded curriculum. Certified teachers of the visually impaired and residential staff members have extensive experience teaching the skills of blindness. Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists® teach students to travel safely and



independently. Certified Low Vision Therapists® teach students to use magnification and lighting to maximize remaining vision. A Transition Specialist helps students prepare for employment and community living.

Older students spend time living on location in campus apartments to hone their adaptive skills of independence with a completely individualized education program, designed annually for each student. Parents, students, our vision specialists, and local school district representatives are all involved throughout this process.

The SDSBVI places strong emphasis on involvement in the wider community. The school works with the Aberdeen public and parochial schools to have students take classes with their sighted peers. In addition, Aspire and NSU have provided additional opportunities for expanded educational enrichment. Community based education, recreation, and employment experiences help students to acquire skills that will last a lifetime.

During June and July, enrolled students can continue their programs through the summer period to prevent regression of skills. Students from public school programs can use this time to work on the specialized skills in the Expanded Core Curriculum, which may not be available during the regular school year in their local districts.

Outreach Program

The SDSBVI provides service to blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind students statewide through evaluation, consultation, staff development, and shared resources.

Comprehensive Educational Evaluations conducted by the SDSBVI staff are available for students enrolled in public school programs at no cost. The team of vision specialists evaluates the child's strengths and needs and makes specific educational recommendations for their educational program.

Outreach Vision Consultants travel the entire state to work with parents and school district personnel. They provide information on appropriate teaching methods and classroom adaptations, loan equipment and teaching materials, provide training for students and staff, and generally serve as a support for parents and teachers.

The Transition Specialist works with students, parents, local school districts, and adult service providers (especially Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired) to develop realistic post high school plans and ensure that the student has the experiences needed to prepare them for further education, vocational training, or employment.

SDSBVI personnel provide staff development and community presentations on a variety of topics related to blindness. Increasing public awareness of vision loss and the employment potential of blind people is part of the mission. Cooperative efforts with NSU have made it possible to develop online courses for teachers and paraprofessionals that can be accessed on the internet, which can lead to endorsements through the Department of Education. The SDSBVI professional library collection and specialized materials are available for interlibrary loan. The collection may be accessed through Northern State University.





Any student under the age of 21 who has a vision loss that makes it difficult or impossible for him or her to carry on satisfactory class work is eligible for services from the SDSBVI. The services provided are determined by the individual's needs and may include evaluation, consultation services, or placement at the school in Aberdeen. The SDSBVI serves day students and has a residential program for students who do not live within easy driving distance. All services provided by the South Dakota

School for the Blind and Visually Impaired are without charge to local schools or parents. Out-of-state students can be served on a tuition basis.

We encourage you to visit the school when you are in Aberdeen. We would be happy to give you a tour and talk about our services.

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South Dakota Human Services Center

Yankton, South Dakota



Overview

The South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC) is a licensed specialty hospital and the state's only public psychiatric hospital. HSC provides inpatient psychiatric treatment, adult substance use disorder treatment and skilled nursing home care to patients who are unable to be served in less restrictive settings. The hospital's operating capacity is 277 beds.

- Adult Acute Psychiatric Program
- Adult Psychiatric Rehabilitation & Recovery Program
- Geriatric Program
- Adolescent Program
- Adult Chemical Dependency Program

Background

HSC began serving patients in 1879, ten years before South Dakota achieved statehood. According to historical records, Territorial Governor William A. Howard was notified that Dakotans needing care could no longer be served in neighboring states. The other states' efforts were concentrated on providing adequate care for their own people settling in the region. Governor Howard, at his own expense, purchased two vacated buildings and had them moved north of Yankton and the Center began. Today, HSC operates in one building, also known as the Mickelson Center for the Neurosciences. The building opened in October of 1996 and is located on a campus along with the Department of Correction's Yankton Community Work Center, state offices and other non-patient care buildings.

Program Descriptions

Adult Acute Psychiatric Program. The Adult Acute program provides for initial assessment and stabilization of adult psychiatric patients, ages 18 years and older. Emphasis is on providing care, treatment, and stabilization services that will enable the patients to return to and function in the community at the earliest possible time. Depending on their needs, once stabilized and assessed, some patients discharge back to the community after being served by this program while other patients transfer to the Psychiatric Rehabilitation or Geriatric Program. Each patient receives in

individualized treatment plan and the program promotes and facilitates the patient's independent functioning in daily activities, including group and individual treatment.

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program. The Psychiatric Rehabilitation program provides individualized and person-centered services for adult patients who are coping with persistent mental illness and who need to remain at the hospital for medication management or skills building. The goal of the program is to assist the patients through strength-based treatment, while developing the skills that will help them to live in the least restrictive setting possible. Treatment is provided to empower the patient to take responsibility for their education, training, and vocational experiences in preparation for community reintegration.

Geriatric Nursing Home Program. The Geriatric program provides nursing home care for patients who, because of the severity of their illness, cannot be served by a nursing home in the community. Staff prepare a comprehensive individualized treatment plan for every patient, with emphasis on providing the patient every opportunity to function as independently as possible in activities of daily living. A treatment goal is for the patient to live in the least restrictive environment, including discharge when appropriate community support services are available. Care, treatment, and rehabilitation provided by direct-care staff is coordinated with occupational therapy, social services, and therapeutic recreational programming. Additional services are available on a referral basis from a registered dietitian, occupational therapist, physical therapist, psychologist, speech/hearing pathologist, and audiologist. The Geriatric program is certified by CMS for Medicaid reimbursement.

Adolescent Psychiatric Program. The Adolescent program provides adolescents with inpatient psychiatric treatment for individuals 12 through 17 years of age. The program's goals are to develop and initiate individualized treatment and discharge plans, provide effective treatment, and to support the patient in transition to home or another appropriate placement setting. The program provides short, intermediate and longer-term placements and services for youth depending on their needs. The Adolescent program is certified by CMS for Medicaid reimbursement.

Adult Inpatient Substance Use Disorder Program. The Adult Inpatient Substance Use Disorder program serves adults 18 and older with a primary chemical dependency diagnosis. Patients may also have a co-occurring mental health disorder. Treatment for chemical dependency is based on the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. Additionally, this program utilizes Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Contingency Management to assist with recovery. Patients must be detoxified and drug-free 72 hours prior to admission.

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South Dakota Developmental Center

Redfield, South Dakota

Mission

The mission of the South Dakota Developmental Center is to provide comprehensive specialized services designed to enhance quality of life and community inclusion for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

The South Dakota Developmental Center (SDDC), a residential intermediate care facility, is a division of the Department of Human Services. Established by an act of the legislature in 1899, SDDC was opened for admissions in 1902. The census reached an all-time high of 1,199 in 1963.

The SDDC is currently providing services to 110 people. The population decrease is a direct result of the establishment of community-based service providers in various cities throughout the state. These community-based services have enabled people to live closer to their families and obtain services in less-restrictive community settings.

The SDDC's campus is located on state-owned land adjacent to the northwest city limits of Redfield. Persons supported at SDDC spend the majority of their time between the residential living areas, an Activity Center, All Faiths Chapel, employability and learning/educational areas, and a Food Service building. Administration and Granite office buildings, as well as Health Care Services and Environmental Services Buildings, which include a powerhouse, maintenance, carpenter shop and a warehouse, are also on the campus.



Provision of Services

SDDC takes the Interdisciplinary (ID) Team and Person-Centered approaches to provision of services. Program development for each person begins with comprehensive evaluations and assessments in all areas of daily living, with recommendations being addressed by an ID Team. The ID Team, including the person supported, and their family member/guardian, determines which combination of therapies, activities, teaching, and services are needed to assist the person with gaining skills designed to move to a less restrictive environment. All support is monitored through a

Case Management process and revised as needed throughout the year to continually meet the needs of the person.

SDDC supports a population with varying degrees of disabilities and ages and offers a variety of treatment environments. Based on the needs of each person, development may focus on the areas of personal care, social interaction skills, behavioral impulse control, making appropriate choices, domestic skills, etc.

Depending upon specific needs of the person, techniques may be utilized to enhance sensory motor skills, responses to stimuli, orientation to one's environment, etc. Employability skills and educational opportunities are also offered. SDDC further encourages and makes every effort to maintain positive and appropriate family interaction. Individualized and group sessions help people to increase their understanding of legal proceedings when needed due to involvement with the legal system.

Support is provided to each person in one of 12 residential living modules and 2 transitional living homes.

East Campus Residential

This area provides therapeutic support to adult males. The primary focus is on increasing their awareness of how behaviors affect themselves and others. This includes learning to accept responsibility for their own behavior, as well as learning positive replacement behaviors. Intensive Treatment Services is an additional component of the area, which is designed to proactively and effectively ensure people are supported and supervised using individualized behavior support plans.

West Campus Residential

This area provides support and services to men, women and adolescents who have significant mental health and behavioral issues, thus requiring a highly structured and supervised environment. Specialized services provide support to address behavioral and mental health needs. A variety of teaching strategies and therapies are used to help people learn socially appropriate behaviors and new skills, so they can demonstrate positive control over their own lives.

Transitional Living

Transitional homes are located in the East and West areas of campus. The focus in these homes is on developing independent living skills in preparation for moving into a community setting. People usually live in these homes on a short-term basis prior to leaving SDDC; however, living in a transitional living home is not a prerequisite for discharge from the facility.

Opportunities

The Center provides a wide variety of skill building and employability opportunities both on and off campus. On campus opportunities include bottom bouncers fishing lures, recycling, woodworking/crafts, metal salvage, dish crews, detailing vehicles, laundry and janitorial. Other on campus work options available are the golf driving range, growing starter plants for resale, raising pheasants, delivering mail on campus, and working in the canteen. Off campus volunteer and employability options are also available which focus on the interests and preferences of the person supported. SDDC works with the City of Redfield, churches and local employers to secure volunteer and employment opportunities which help to develop natural networks of support.

Recognized as an integral part of everyone's life, opportunities are provided for socialization and participation in recreational activities. People may choose to participate in activities such as attending movies, religious services, sporting events, field trips and picnics. Other favorites include swimming, exercising, shopping, dining out, fishing and boating, utilizing the local library, and visiting friends and family. The philosophy under which SDDC operates focuses on providing the care, guidance,

opportunities and support necessary for each person to progress to a higher level of personal autonomy.



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Michael J. Fitzmaurice South Dakota Veterans Home

Hot Springs, South Dakota



The Dakota Territorial Legislature met in February of 1889, and, while in session, they passed a bill establishing the Dakota Soldiers' Home to be located in Hot Springs, South Dakota.

The bill carried an appropriation of \$45,000 for construction with the objective for the home to provide care for veterans.

On October 3, 1998, Governor William J. Janklow and Major General Philip Killey dedicated the South Dakota Veterans Home to Medal of Honor recipient, Michael J. Fitzmaurice. Fitzmaurice received the Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity of action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a Specialist Four, United States Army, Troop D, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division at Khe Sanh, Republic of Vietnam, March 23, 1971."

The mission of the Michael J. Fitzmaurice Veterans Home is to honor and serve South Dakotan veterans by providing high-quality care in a setting that promotes dignity and independence in a home-like environment, now and for generations to come.

On September 25, 2013, veterans and government leaders gathered in Hot Springs for a groundbreaking for the state's new Veterans Home. Veterans moved into the new home in January 2016.

The new Michael J. Fitzmaurice South Dakota Veteran's Home is a 133,000 square foot stacked two-story, 100-bed facility. The two-story design solution evolved to help address site concerns in Hot Springs and also proved to be a more economical design solution. The living spaces are broken into eight neighborhoods housed in eight wings, with each neighborhood having a living room, dining room, and kitchen area.

Residents have access to physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and fitness and recreational opportunities. The town square provides access to a bistro, post office, library, pharmacy, barber/beauty shop, chapel, theater, and community room.



Caregivers focus on serving specific households to better cater to residents' needs while fostering personal care relationships.

The Home contains energy efficient heating and cooling systems, and low flow-fixtures to reduce water consumption, as well as many windows to bring natural light to the interior spaces. The biomass boiler system uses local wood chips as a fuel source which reduces annual fuel costs.



South Dakota State Fair

Huron, South Dakota

The origin of the South Dakota State Fair was an act of the Territorial Legislature in 1885. This act created the Board of Agriculture for the purpose of “forwarding agriculture, horticulture, manufacturing, and the domestic arts.” The fair traveled to various communities within the state for a number of years and finally found a permanent home in Huron in 1905, when the Central and North Western Railway Company deeded 85 acres to the state of South Dakota for the purpose of establishing the State Fairgrounds. Today, the South Dakota State Fairgrounds is 190 acres.



The South Dakota State Fair is a division of the Department of Agriculture. The State Fair Commission was created within that department and acts in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of Agriculture. The commission may consist of up to thirteen members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. Seven of the members may be appointed at large; an additional six members may be appointed from each of the following: 4-H Clubs of South Dakota, a resident of the city of Huron, a resident of Beadle County, a vendor, an exhibitor, and an employee of the South Dakota State University. Not all of the commission members may be of the same political party.

The South Dakota State Fairgrounds is a versatile property, containing more than 90 buildings; 1,900 campsites; grandstand facilities; park areas; and parking, making event possibilities unlimited. In 2018, the fairgrounds hosted an event on 226 days. Wheel Jam, the South Dakota BBQ Championships, the South Dakota Women’s Expo, and several National Barrel Horse Association exhibitions are examples of events that are quickly growing in notoriety and attendance throughout the state. The State Fairgrounds is also excited to host the National Junior High Rodeo Finals, one of the largest rodeos in the country, for the second year in 2019. In 2020, the National Red Power Roundup will call the fairgrounds home in late June.



The fairgrounds, however, is primarily the home of South Dakota’s premiere family and agricultural event of the year– the South Dakota State Fair. The fair serves as the finale of the 4-H year in South Dakota. Members work on projects throughout the year with the best of those projects displayed or shown during the fair. 4-H exhibits, and competitions are now held in the Nordby Exhibit Hall for 4-H, Youth and Community. This facility provides a modern home for 4-H students and other visitors to the fairgrounds to use during the annual fair and throughout the year.

In addition to showcasing 4-H and other exhibits, the fair aims to provide unique and educational experiences for fairgoers. The fair has hosted displays such as the FFA Ag Adventure Center, What's That Bug?: A Tour of SD Insects, and Deep Science: Intro to the Sanford Underground Research Facility. Shows, such as Extreme Raptors, give fairgoers the opportunity to come in contact with a variety of animals.

The promotion of agricultural, industrial, and youth activities continues to be the mission of the fair. Whether through the annual State Fair or the many other events hosted on the fairgrounds, people continue to travel to the fairgrounds from around the state and even across the U.S., creating economic stimulus for Huron and the surrounding communities. Proudly, the South Dakota State Fair continues to be one of the last truly "agricultural" fairs in the nation.

The annual state fair begins the Thursday prior to Labor Day and ends on Labor Day, running for five days.

The state fair administration office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed on holidays. They can be contacted by phone at (605) 353-7340, by mail at 1060 3rd Street SW, Huron, SD, 57350, or through their website www.sdstatefair.com.



Mike Durfee State Prison

Springfield, South Dakota



The Mike Durfee State Prison (MDSP) is located on the former campus of the University of South Dakota at Springfield (USD/S). The 1984 Legislature closed USD/S and authorized the Board of Charities and Corrections to establish the correctional facility. The Springfield State Prison opened in December 1984, when the female inmates from the Women's Correctional Facility in Yankton were transferred to the new institution in Springfield. Male inmates began transferring to the facility in January 1985.

The state's female inmate population was housed in Springfield until the opening of the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre in September 1997. On September 10, 1999, the prison was renamed in honor of Mike Durfee, Deputy Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Corrections. Durfee died of cancer in January 2000.

The Mike Durfee State Prison is under the direction of Warden Brent Fluke.

Facility



The Mike Durfee State Prison is primarily a low–medium custody facility. The prison is home to many work programs. Vocational Education classes in Welding, Construction Technology, Auto Body, and Auto Mechanics are offered, with inmates being able to earn professional certificates from the American Welding Society (AWS) or Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) upon completion of the programs.

Mike Durfee State Prison also supervises Community Work Center units in Yankton and Rapid City. Minimum–security inmates are employed in community service work projects across South Dakota, working with non-profit agencies and other

state and federal governmental agencies. Inmates at the Community Work Centers can also qualify for work release status, allowing them to be competitively employed in the community.

Work Assignments

The Construction Technology program is using inmates assigned to this site to construct facilities, cabins and boat docks for the Game, Fish, and Parks Department. All vocational programs and worksite areas at Mike Durfee State Prison utilize inmate labor to do work for non-profit agencies and various work projects at the prison.

The Housing Development Authority utilizes inmate labor to construct homes and daycare facilities for the Governor’s House Program.

Inmates from MDSP, under staff supervision, provide maintenance and repair of buildings, vehicles, grounds, and assist in food preparation and service and clerical assistance.



Programs

Inmates are offered literacy, Adult Basic Education, General Educational Development (GED) classes, cognitive behavioral, financial, and employment evidence-based programming. Treatment is offered for chemical dependency, medical, mental health, and for sex offenders.

Population: As of July 1, 2024	
Mike Durfee State Prison	1,088
Yankton Community Work Center	270
Rapid City Community Work Center	378

South Dakota Women’s Prison

Pierre, South Dakota

The South Dakota Women’s Prison is part of the Solem Public Safety Center in Pierre, South Dakota. In 1995, legislation was introduced that authorized the construction of a new prison for women. Before that time, female inmates were housed at the Springfield State Prison.

Wanda Markland is the Warden of the South Dakota Women's Prison.



Facility

The Solem Public Safety Center is a unique facility that houses not only the South Dakota Women’s Prison, but also the Department of Corrections Administration office, the Pierre Police Department, Hughes County Sheriff’s Office, and a South Dakota Highway Patrol station.

The South Dakota Women’s Prison portion of the facility



constitutes the majority of the 78,000 square foot building.

The South Dakota Women’s Prison opened and was dedicated on October 23, 1997. The Women’s Prison houses all security levels of female inmates. A minimum-security unit known as Unit E opened in 2001 with the capacity for 96 beds. The Pierre Community Work Center is home to an Intensive Methamphetamine Treatment program, along with work release, community service, and Community Transition Program participants.

The facility also includes a six-bedroom house used for the Parents and Children Together (P.A.C.T.) program. The primary goal of the P.A.C.T. program is to enable the incarcerated mother to have her minor children with her on the prison premises for a weekend visit once each month, in addition to the regular visiting hours. The P.A.C.T. visits are intended to alleviate some of the familial stress associated with the mother’s incarceration, create a better understanding of the parent role, and

provide the opportunity of the inmate mother to maintain some direct responsibility for the care of her children.

Assignments

Inmates are assigned to housing units within the Women’s Prison according to criteria designed to rate the inmate’s current needs, past record, present sentence, and institutional behavior.

Inmate Employment

Inmate employment within the Women’s Prison fall into two basic categories: institutional support and prison industry. Institutional support includes those employed in food service, as clerks for various departments, cell orderlies, and those working in the Solem Public Safety Center.



Prison Industry work at the Women’s Prison includes Badlands Quilting, an approved private-sector prison industry where inmates assist the Martin, CD company in producing state

Inmates at the Women’s Prison also copy newspapers and other county and state records on microfilm for the state archives. Approved inmates also work outside the walls for various community organizations and on approved work release assignments.

Programs

Inmates are offered literacy, Adult Basic Education and General Educational Development (GED) classes, cognitive behavioral, financial, and employment evidence-based programming. Treatment is offered for chemical dependency, medical, mental health, and for sex offenders.

Population: As of July 1, 2024	
Women’s Prison	309
Unit E	95
Pierre Community. Work Center	178

South Dakota State Penitentiary

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The South Dakota State Penitentiary, located in northern Sioux Falls, occupies approximately 30 acres. First constructed as a territorial prison in 1881, it became the South Dakota State Penitentiary when South Dakota was granted statehood in 1889. Though much of the original buildings remain, numerous structural changes have occurred over the years.

The Warden of the Penitentiary is Darin Young.



A view of the West Hall cellblock (left) and the

Old Warden's House (right) now used for parole offices.



G. Norton Jameson Annex

Facility

The main penitentiary facility contains three housing units. Inmates were housed at the G. Norton Jameson Annex beginning in February 1993. With a 2005 addition, the Jameson Annex contains three housing units within a secure perimeter and a minimum-security unit located outside the perimeter fence, known as the Sioux Falls Community Work Center.

Mission

The primary mission of the South Dakota State Penitentiary is to protect the citizens of the state by providing a safe and secure environment for prisoners, providing rehabilitation programs, and operating in a professional and business-like manner.

Assignments

Inmates are assigned to units within the Penitentiary and Jameson Annex according to criteria designed to rate the inmate's current needs, past record, present sentence, and institutional behavior. Each housing unit has a team consisting of a manager, case manager, and unit coordinator, who serve as the resource persons for the inmate. The staff is responsible for all casework on each individual inmate, as well as day-to-day management of the unit.

Inmate Employment

Inmate employment within the Penitentiary falls into two basic categories – Institutional Support and Prison Industries. Institutional support includes those employed in the kitchen, as clerks for various departments, cell hall orderlies, and those working in the maintenance department. Prison Industries consists of several different industries–upholstery, printing and book bindery, sign, license plates/decal, braille unit, laser engraving, carpentry, and machine shop. Much of the work is done for government agencies.

Inmates assigned to the Community Work Center work outside the walls for various community organizations and on approved work release assignments.



Programs



Inmates are offered literacy, Adult Basic Education, and General Educational Development (GED) classes, cognitive behavioral, financial, and employment evidence-based programming.

Treatment is offered for chemical dependency, medical, mental health, and for sex offenders.

Population: As of July 1, 2024	
Penitentiary	775
Jameson Annex Units A, B, D	508
SF Community Work Center	188

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General Funds Appropriated (Fiscal Year 1891 - Fiscal Year 1967)

Fiscal Year	Total Appropriation (\$)
1891	438,708
1892-1893	745,059
1894-1895	834,469
1896-1897	744,262
1898-1899	763,882
1900-1901	879,650
1902-1903	1,017,170
1904-1905	1,265,450
1906-1907	1,050,575
1908-1909	1,639,344
1910-1911	1,906,314
1912-1913	2,199,597
1914-1915	2,456,984
1916-1917	2,753,410
1918-1919	3,400,300
1920-1921	5,100,976
1922-1923	6,394,929
1924-1925	7,110,522
1926-1927	7,953,925
1928-1929	6,776,270
1930-1931	7,290,854
1932-1933	6,851,843
1934-1935	5,044,013
1936-1937	5,102,501
1938-1939	5,596,817
1940-1941	5,670,070
1942-1943	6,039,180
1944-1945	7,020,940
1946-1947	7,901,170
1948-1949	10,335,475
1950-1951	14,440,615
1952-1953	17,972,740
1954-1955	21,479,406
1956-1957	24,924,600
1958-1959	33,163,627
1960-1961	33,594,102
1962-1963	40,889,600
1964-1965	49,588,678
1966-1967	108,858,642

General Appropriations Act

General Funds Appropriated (Fiscal Year 1968 - Fiscal Year 2026)

Fiscal Year	General Funds (\$)	Other Funds (\$)*	Federal Funds (\$)	Total Funds (\$)
1968	52,318,612	42,818,964		95,137,576
1969	56,553,197	42,670,524		99,223,721
1970	75,377,063	49,483,418		124,860,481
1971	85,410,636	54,137,622		139,548,258
1972	100,987,933	46,774,067		147,762,000
1973	94,217,112	63,790,619		158,007,731
1974	105,404,780	71,055,716		176,460,496
1975	130,101,700	93,082,400		223,184,100
1976	148,747,700	125,828,300		274,576,000
1977	163,685,800	154,329,400		318,015,200
1978	153,862,799	111,177,955	191,925,281	456,966,035
1979	176,299,795	145,566,581	240,039,748	561,906,124
1980	147,504,470	170,063,909	253,637,640	571,206,019
1981	161,579,669	197,037,538	273,438,254	632,055,461
1982	172,055,756	208,445,374	324,559,669	705,060,799
1983	174,377,043	221,118,937	295,722,215	691,218,195
1984	178,149,248	222,855,037	308,617,414	709,621,699
1985	203,429,282	212,456,096	338,965,476	754,850,854
1986	218,843,480	223,998,297	377,829,496	820,671,273
1987	232,845,386	228,240,097	381,152,332	842,237,815
1988	235,122,964	238,721,107	396,346,231	870,190,302
1989	341,853,799	290,882,333	429,447,816	1,062,183,948
1990	400,539,825	300,891,200	456,939,983	1,158,371,008
1991	436,265,445	308,111,741	495,258,267	1,239,635,453
1992	497,950,803	340,385,723	549,288,025	1,387,624,551
1993	535,080,487	366,261,569	593,375,630	1,494,717,686
1994	573,596,972	367,659,770	636,235,663	1,577,492,405
1995	566,832,635	424,119,492	655,419,172	1,646,371,299
1996	590,335,528	415,122,483	648,381,087	1,653,839,098
1997	634,986,986	476,464,683	603,376,095	1,714,829,764
1998	699,490,467	482,719,004	766,040,610	1,948,250,081
1999	731,018,441	515,827,961	707,629,986	1,954,476,388
2000	764,532,081	556,321,464	819,370,030	2,140,223,575
2001	794,410,705	591,492,873	885,378,868	2,271,282,446
2002	849,398,481	643,238,515	981,973,790	2,474,610,786
2003	875,000,575	622,670,776	1,011,530,371	2,509,201,722
2004	903,261,508	662,816,699	1,122,304,820	2,688,383,027
2005	971,027,618	703,492,440	1,233,166,275	2,907,686,333
2006	1,008,771,731	744,846,650	1,302,300,815	3,055,919,196
2007	1,058,109,322	803,625,757	1,325,134,103	3,186,869,182
2008	1,137,714,874	856,256,052	1,346,113,464	3,340,084,390
2009	1,207,785,260	910,198,322	1,430,724,904	3,548,708,486
2010	1,127,819,469	938,670,146	1,853,072,976	3,919,562,591
2011	1,161,406,651	971,932,589	1,930,734,948	4,064,074,188
2012	1,120,088,080	988,027,568	1,851,059,794	3,959,175,442
2013	1,215,778,778	1,036,629,468	1,754,052,061	4,006,460,307
2014	1,312,583,507	1,086,806,915	1,691,241,801	4,090,632,223

Fiscal Year	General Funds (\$)	Other Funds (\$)*	Federal Funds (\$)	Total Funds (\$)
2015	1,388,956,590	1,183,399,323	1,686,967,782	4,259,323,695
2016	1,429,990,456	1,220,850,946	1,675,861,718	4,326,703,120
2017	1,594,982,921	1,309,939,419	1,661,085,225	4,566,007,565
2018	1,585,113,625	1,333,796,323	1,630,562,445	4,549,472,393
2019	1,633,828,342	1,366,203,561	1,687,947,992	4,687,979,895
2020	1,692,873,912	1,754,020,405	1,414,745,451	4,861,639,768
2021	1,734,513,310	1,769,897,110	1,419,515,498	4,923,925,918
2022	1,809,847,401	1,828,400,340	1,449,728,830	5,087,976,571
2023	1,982,654,247	2,266,142,632	1,526,864,771	5,775,661,650
2024	2,274,470,981	3,469,845,765	1,630,584,143	7,374,900,889
2025	2,409,491,568	3,219,074,113	1,676,160,772	7,304,726,453
2026	2,462,985,115	3,111,568,057	1,725,344,047	7,299,897,219

*Other Funds includes Federal Funds in Fiscal Year 1968 through 1977.

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Origin of County Names

- Aurora (1882):** Roman goddess of dawn
- Beadle (1880):** General W.H.H. Beadle, early president of Normal School at Madison
- Bennett (1912):** John E. Bennett, Judge of the Supreme Court and Granville G. Bennett, Dakota Territory Judge
- Bon Homme (1862):** An island in the Missouri River, literally means "good man" in French
- Brookings (1871):** Judge Wilmot W. Brookings, one of the first Dakota settlers
- Brown (1881):** Alfred Brown of Hutchinson County, 1879 Legislator
- Brule (1875):** Brule band of Sioux Indians who lived in that region
- Buffalo (1871):** The wild bison of the prairies
- Butte (1883):** The many buttes characteristic of the topography of the locality
- Campbell (1883):** Norman B. Campbell, 1873 Legislator, son of General Charles T. Campbell
- Charles Mix (1879):** U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs in 1858; a Civil War government scout with same name
- Clark (1881):** Newton Clark, 1873 Legislator
- Clay (1862):** Named for Henry Clay by Jacob S. Deuel, member of first territorial legislature, 1862 – 1863
- Codington (1878):** Reverend G.S.S. Codington, 1877 Legislator
- Corson (1909):** Dighton Corson, Judge of the Supreme Court, 1889 – 1913
- Custer (1877):** General George Custer
- Davison (1874):** Henry C. Davison, early settler in the county
- Day (1880):** Merritt H. Day, pioneer and 1879 Legislator
- Deuel (1878):** Jacob S. Deuel of Vermillion, member of the first territorial legislature, 1862 – 1863
- Dewey (1909):** W.P. Dewey, pioneer; name changed from Rusk in 1883
- Douglas (1882):** Stephen A. Douglas of Lincoln versus Douglas debate fame
- Edmunds (1883):** Newton Edmunds, second Territorial Governor, 1863 – 1866
- Fall River (1883):** The stream which flows through the county
- Faulk (1883):** Andrew J. Faulk, third Territorial Governor, 1866 – 1869
- Grant (1878):** General Ulysses S. Grant, Civil War General and 18th United States President
- Gregory (1898):** John Shaw Gregory of Ft. Randall, 1862 Legislator
- Haakon (1915):** King Haakon VII of Norway
- Hamlin (1878):** Hannibal Hamlin, United States Vice President during Lincoln's first term
- Hand (1882):** George H. Hand, Secretary of Dakota Territory, 1874 – 1883
- Hanson (1871):** Joseph R. Hanson, pioneer of Yankton County
- Harding (1909):** J.A. Harding, 1881 Legislator
- Hughes (1880):** Alexander Hughes of Elk Point, 1873 Legislator
- Hutchinson (1871):** John Hutchinson, first Secretary of Dakota Territory, 1862 – 1865
- Hyde (1884):** James Hyde of Vermillion, 1873 Legislator
- Jackson (1915):** J.R. Jackson of Minnehaha County, 1883 Legislator
- Jerauld (1883):** H.A. Jerauld of Canton, 1883 Legislator
- Jones (1917):** Named by settlers originally from Jones County, Iowa
- Kingsbury (1879):** Brothers George W. Kingsbury, 1863 Legislator, and T.A. Kingsbury, 1872 Legislator
- Lake (1873):** The lakes which are a prominent feature of the county
- Lawrence (1877):** John Lawrence of Yankton, 1875 Legislator
- Lincoln (1877):** Abraham Lincoln, the 16th United States President
- Lyman (1893):** Major P.W. Lyman, first settler of Yankton County, 1873 Legislator

- Marshall (1885):** Marshall Vincent, homesteader near Andover
- McCook (1878):** Edwin S. McCook, Secretary of Dakota Territory, 1872 – 1873
- McPherson (1885):** General James B. McPherson of Andover, Civil War General
- Meade (1889):** Fort Meade which was named for General George G. Meade, Commander of the Army of the Potomac during battle of Gettysburg
- Mellette (1911):** Arthur C. Mellette, first Governor of South Dakota, 1889 – 1893
- Miner (1880):** Captain Nelson Miner of Vermillion and Ephraim Miner of Yankton, both 1873 Legislators
- Minnehaha (1862, abandoned in 1863 because of hostile Indians, reorganized in 1868):** Sioux word for waterfalls – "where the water laughs" or "laughing water"
- Moody (1873):** Colonel Gideon C. Moody of Deadwood, early territorial judge and first U.S. Senator, 1889 – 1891
- Oglala Lakota:** Following approval by the Shannon County voters in the 2014 General Election, in May 2015 the county's name officially changed to Oglala Lakota County, reflecting the heritage of the county's population and history.
- Pennington (1877):** Honorable John L. Pennington, Territorial Governor, 1874 – 1878
- Perkins (1909):** Henry Perkins, 1908 Sturgis State Senator
- Potter (1883):** Dr. Joel Potter, Yankton Legislator, 1877, and longtime steward at the State Hospital at Yankton; name changed from Ashmore in 1875
- Roberts (1883):** S.G. Roberts of Fargo, North Dakota, or Solomon Robar, early French fur trader
- Sanborn (1883):** George W. Sanborn, Superintendent of the Milwaukee Railroad
- Shannon (1875):** Peter Shannon, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Dakota Territory; renamed Oglala Lakota County in May 2015.
- Spink (1879):** Honorable S.L. Spink of Yankton, territorial delegate in Congress, 1869 – 1871
- Stanley (1890):** General David Stanley, Fort Sully Commandant
- Sully (1883):** General Alfred Sully, builder of Fort Sully
- Todd (1909):** John Blair Smith Todd of Yankton, first territorial delegate, 1862 – 1863; 1864 – 1865
- Tripp (1909):** Honorable Bartlett Tripp, Judge of the territorial court and chairman of the first constitutional convention
- Turner (1871):** J.W. Turner, a pioneer of Union and Clay Counties
- Union (1862):** Civil War sentiment; name changed from Cole in 1864
- Walworth (1883):** Named by settlers originally from Walworth County, Wisconsin
- Yankton (1862):** Yankton Indians; Ihanktonwan, meaning "end village"
- Ziebach (1911):** F.M. Ziebach, noted pioneer editor and 1877 Legislator

The following counties were a part of the state at one time. Boundaries were fluid in the early history of the state, as legislatures acted on the information available and as organizational patterns emerged:

Adair: used to describe other county boundaries but never actually bounded

Adams

Armstrong: Moses K. Armstrong, pioneer politician

Ashmore: Samuel Ashmore, Legislator

Boreman

Bramble: D.T. Bramble, Legislator

Brugier: Theophile Brugier, pioneer trader

Burchard

Burdick

Cheyenne

Choteau: Ashby A. Choteau of Minnesela, a descendent of the Pierre Choteau of early fur trading fame

Cole

Cragin

Delano: Columbus Delano, Secretary of the Interior

Edgerton

Ewing

Forsythe

Greeley

Inman

Jayne: William Jayne, first Territorial Governor

Lugenbeel: Colonel at Fort Randall

Mandan

Martin

McCauley

Mercer

Meyer

Mills: A.J. Mills, Legislator

Nowlin: J.W. Nowlin of Pennington County

Pratt

Rinehart: W.A. Rinehart of Lawrence County

Rusk

Schnasse

Scobey: J.O.B. Scobey of Brookings County

Sterling: George W. Sterling of Huron

Sheyenne

Stone: James M. Stone, Yankton Legislator

Thompson: John Thompson, Legislator

Wagner

Washabaugh: Frank J. Washabaugh, lawyer and jurist

Washington: General George Washington, first U.S. President

Wetmore

White River

Wood: Blight E. Wood, Legislator

County Officials

Aurora County

401 N. Main St.
Plankinton 57368

Population: 2,747

Commissioners: Travis Clark, Clyde Dethlefsen,
Roger Hanten, Randy Niles, John Paul Studeny

Auditor: Susan Urban

Treasurer: Andrea Pryor

Register of Deeds: Arlene Koch

States Attorney: Rachel Mairose

Sheriff: Roman Briggs

Coroner: Diane Spinar

Beadle County

450 3rd St. SW
Huron 57350

Population: 19,149

Commissioners: Denis Drake, Allen Greenfield,
Dennis Meyer, Doug Ramsell, Jared Zerfoss

Auditor: Jill Hanson

Treasurer: Jacque McCaskell

Register of Deeds: Judy Rodacker

States Attorney: Alyssa Horn

Sheriff: Doug Solem

Coroner: Cheri Bjorke

Bennett County

201 State St.
Martin 57551

Population: 3,381

Commissioners: David Bakley, Cole Blu
Donovan, Robert Fogg, Jr., Susan Williams, Jay
Yohner

Auditor: Mary Goss

Treasurer: Jolene Donovan

Register of Deeds: Jaci Clifford

States Attorney: Sarah Harris

Sheriff: Jason Erwin

Coroner: Lindell Adair

Bon Homme County

300 W. 18th Ave.
Tyndall 57066

Population: 7,003

Commissioners: Duane Bachmann, Mary Jo
Bauder, Jason Kokes, Brett Romkema, Edward
VanGerpen

Auditor: Carla Kopp

Treasurer: Kristi Chester

Register of Deeds: Sandra Frasier-Shaffer

States Attorney: Abigail Monger

Sheriff: Mark Maggs

Coroner: Cheyenne Schenkel

Brookings County

520 3rd St.
Brookings 57006

Population: 34,375

Commissioners: Shawn Hostler, Larry Jensen,
Dave Miller, Doug Post, Kelly VanderWal

Finance Officer: Lori Schultz

Register of Deeds: Beverly Chapman

States Attorney: Dan Nelson

Sheriff: Martin Stanwick

Coroner: David Erickson

Brown County

25 Market St.
Aberdeen 57401

Population: 38,301

Commissioners: Drew Dennert, Kyler Dinger,
Mike Gage, Duane Sutton, Mike Wiese

Auditor: Lynn Heupel

Treasurer: Patty VanMeter

Register of Deeds: Mariann Malsom

States Attorney: Carly Winter

Sheriff: Dave Lunzman

Coroner: Brian Koens

Brule County

300 S. Courtland St.
Chamberlain 57325

Population: 5,247

Commissioners: Donn DeBoer, Gary Dozark,
Montgomery Leiferman, Greg Mairose, Sharman
Swanson

Auditor: Pamela Petrak

Treasurer: Doreen Priebe

Register of Deeds: Glenda Andera

States Attorney: Theresa Maule

Sheriff: Darrell Miller

Coroner: Darrell Miller

Buffalo County

112 Osman Ave.
Gann Valley 57341

Population: 1,948

Commissioners: Dawn Cable, Donita Loudner,
Rex Zastrow

Auditor: Debra Morrison

Treasurer: Janice VonEye

Register of Deeds: Debra Morrison

States Attorney: David Larson

Sheriff: Wayne Willman

Coroner: Darren Hickey

Butte County

117 Fifth Ave.
Belle Fourche 57717

Population: 10,243**Commissioners:** James Ager, Terry Batterman, Tom Brunner, Chad Erk, Frank Walton**Auditor:** Annie Capp**Treasurer:** Deb Lensegrav**Register of Deeds:** Julie Brunner**States Attorney:** LeEllen McCartney**Sheriff:** Fred Lamphere**Coroner:** Fred Lamphere**Campbell County**

111 2nd St. NE
Mound City 57646

Population: 1,377**Commissioners:** Lynn Deibert, Bryan Fjeldheim, Brent Odde, Scott Rau, Robert Shadwell**Auditor:** Lisa Perman**Treasurer:** Renee Rieker**Register of Deeds:** Mandy Horner**States Attorney:** Mark Kroontje**Sheriff:** Lacey Perman**Coroner:** Robert Huber**Charles Mix County**

400 Main St.
Lake Andes 57356

Population: 9,373**Commissioners:** Colin Soukup, Kory Standy, Nick Stotz**Auditor:** Jason Gant**Treasurer:** Michelle Wentland**Register of Deeds:** Julie Pavel**States Attorney:** Steve Cotton**Sheriff:** Randy Thaler**Coroner:** Chad Peters**Clark County**

200 N. Commercial St.
Clark 57225

Population: 3,837**Commissioners:** Sara Gjerde, Francis Hass, Wallace Knock, Chris Sass, Terry Schlagel**Auditor:** Christine Tarbox**Treasurer:** Carrie Reis**Register of Deeds:** Andrea Helkenn**States Attorney:** Chad Fjelland**Sheriff:** Tad Heaton**Coroner:** Lou Ann Streff**Clay County**

211 W. Main St.
Vermillion 57069

Population: 14,967**Commissioners:** Kevin Brady, Glen Gilbertson, Geoffrey Gray-Lobe, Travis Mockler, David Thiesse**Auditor:** Carri Crum**Treasurer:** Rhonda Howe**Register of Deeds:** Lisa Terwilliger**States Attorney:** Michael Smith**Sheriff:** Andrew Howe**Coroner:** Andrew Howe**Codington County**

14 First Ave. SE
Watertown 57201

Population: 28,325**Commissioners:** Lee Gabel, Myron Johnson, Tyler McElhany, Randall Schweer, Troy VanDusen**Auditor:** Brenda Hanten**Treasurer:** Carol Maloney**Register of Deeds:** Ann Rasmussen**States Attorney:** Allison Bakken**Sheriff:** Brad Howell**Coroner:** Terry Sorensen**Corson County**

108 1st St. E
McIntosh 57641

Population: 3,902**Commissioners:** Benjamin Bieber, Shawn Hinsz, Jacob Nehl, Joshua Schmeichel, Lucas Sutherland**Auditor:** Tammy Bertolotto**Treasurer:** Heather Gall**Register of Deeds:** Marcia Schell**States Attorney:** Shane Penfield**Sheriff:** Alan Dale**Coroner:** Jasper Iron Cloud**Custer County**

420 Mt. Rushmore Rd.
Custer 57730

Population: 8,318**Commissioners:** Michael Busskohl, Mark Hartman, Craig Hindle, Mike Linde, Jim Lintz**Finance Officer:** Dawn McLaughlin**Register of Deeds:** Teri L. Morgan**States Attorney:** Tracy Kelley**Sheriff:** Marty Mechaley**Coroner:** James Sanders

Davison County

200 E. 4th Ave.
Mitchell 57301

Population: 19,956**Commissioners:** Michael Blaalid, John Claggett,
Denny Kiner, Christopher Nebelsick, Randy
Reider**Auditor:** Kathy Wingert**Treasurer:** David Beintema**Register of Deeds:** Danna Kolbeck**States Attorney:** James Miskimins**Sheriff:** Steve Harr**Coroner:** Bart Frederickson**Day County**

711 W. 1st St.
Webster 57274

Population: 5,449**Commissioners:** Roy Aldrich, Daniel Kjos, Sara
McGregor-Okroi, Derek Sinner, Blake Torrence**Auditor:** Kelsey Kading**Treasurer:** Rhonda Zubke**Register of Deeds:** Jodi Berger**States Attorney:** John Knight**Sheriff:** Jerred Schreur**Coroner:** Shauna Kjos-Miokle**Deuel County**

408 4th St. W
Clear Lake 57226

Population: 4,295**Commissioners:** Scott Fieber, Jay Grabow,
Judith Homan, Harry Mewherter, Steven Rhody**Auditor:** Courtney Parker**Treasurer:** Jen Mewherter**Register of Deeds:** Casey Severson**States Attorney:** Craig Evenson**Sheriff:** Cory Borg**Coroner:** Josh Bekaert**Dewey County**

710 C St.
Timber Lake 57656

Population: 5,239**Commissioners:** Robert Berndt, Rod Enright,
Robert Keckler, Dee Ann Lawrence, Mandy
Locken**Auditor:** Jamalia Franzen**Treasurer:** Colleen Meier**Register of Deeds:** Deborah Goldade**States Attorney:** Shane Penfield**Sheriff:** Ashley Arpan**Coroner:** Kyle Nilson**Douglas County**

706 Braddock St.
Armour 57313

Population: 2,835**Commissioners:** Dan Koedam, Marlin Maas,
Lori Sparks, Jerod Star, Jim Werkmeister**Auditor:** Phyllis Barker**Treasurer:** Carolyn Lau**Register of Deeds:** Kim Huebner**States Attorney:** Craig Parkhurst**Sheriff:** Christine Lau**Coroner:** Christine Lau**Edmunds County**

210 2nd Ave.
Ipswich 57451

Population: 3,986**Commissioners:** Michael J. Geditz, Dean
Mehlhoff, Chad Preszler, Timothy Thomas,
William Tweedy**Auditor:** Dionne Olson**Treasurer:** Patricia Nigg**Register of Deeds:** Gwen Geditz**States Attorney:** Vaughn P. Beck**Sheriff:** Jonathan Waldner**Coroner:** Kyle Couchey**Fall River County**

906 N. River St.
Hot Springs 57747

Population: 6,973**Commissioners:** Joe Allen, Les Cope, Joe
Falkenburg, Deborah Russell, Sandra Wahlert**Auditor:** Sue Ganje**Treasurer:** Teresa Pullen**Register of Deeds:** Melody Engebretson**States Attorney:** Lance Russell**Sheriff:** Lyle Norton**Coroner:** Jennifer Mraz**Faulk County**

110 9th Ave S.
Faulkton 57438

Population: 2,125**Commissioners:** Bruce Edgar, Allen Hadrick,
Lee Hansen, Kevin Horning, Dwight Hossle**Auditor:** Aimee Law**Treasurer:** Kris Stoecker**Register of Deeds:** Liz Koens**States Attorney:** Emily Marcotte**Sheriff:** Kurt Hall**Coroner:** Brent Koens

Grant County

210 E. 5th Ave.
Milbank 57252

Population: 7,556

Commissioners: Marty Buttke, Mike Mach, Doug Stengel, William (Bill) Street, William Tostenson

Auditor: Kathy Folk

Treasurer: Karla DeVaal

Register of Deeds: Rebecca Wellnitz

States Attorney: Jackson Schwandt

Sheriff: Kevin Owen

Coroner: Orville Folk

Gregory County

221 E. 8th St.
Burke 57523

Population: 3,994

Commissioners: Jessy Biggins, Byrain Boes, Peg Glover, Doug Janousek, Jeff Johnson

Auditor: Julie Bartling

Treasurer: Kathy Serr

Register of Deeds: Kerri Grim

States Attorney: Amy Bartling-Jacobsen

Sheriff: Tim Drey

Coroner: Katie Vedral

Haakon County

140 S. Howard Ave.
Philip 57567

Population: 1,872

Commissioners: Ryon Berry, Steve Daly, Alan Rislov, Adam Roseth, Carla Smith

Auditor: Stacy Pinney

Treasurer: Harla Schofield

Register of Deeds: Traci Radway

States Attorney: Cassie Wendt

Sheriff: Tim Quinn

Coroner: Daniel Rush

Hamlin County

300 4th St.
Hayti 57241

Population: 6,164

Commissioners: Riley Buck, Scott Popham, Randall Rudebusch, Larry Saathoff, Burton Tulson

Auditor: Dixie Opdahl

Treasurer: Jessica Delzer

Register of Deeds: Amber Raasch

States Attorney: John Delzer

Sheriff: Chad Schlotterbeck

Coroner: Donna Thompson

Hand County

415 W. 1st Ave.
Miller 57362

Population: 3,145

Commissioners: Jim Eschenbaum, Daniel Jensen, Greg Palmer, Richard Strasburg, Luke Wernsmann

Auditor: Doug DeBoer

Treasurer: Kim Fanning

Register of Deeds: Suzy Wernsmann

States Attorney: Elton Anson

Sheriff: Shane Croeni

Coroner: Jon Dunlap

Hanson County

720 5th St.
Alexandria 57311

Population: 3,461

Commissioners: John Bumgardner, Curtis Fox, Bruce Kjetland, Gary Schoenrock, Richard Waldera

Auditor: Lesa Trabing

Treasurer: Sara Kayser

Register of Deeds: Debra Zens

States Attorney: Reid Kiner

Sheriff: Brandon Wingert

Coroner: Matt Huber

Harding County

410 Ramsland St.
Buffalo 57720

Population: 1,311

Commissioners: William "Bill" Clarkson, John Helms, Hunter Kalisiak, Jason Latham, Charles Verhulst

Auditor: Kathy Glines

Treasurer: Melissa Breeding

Register of Deeds: Sue Litzel

States Attorney: Dusty Ginsbach

Sheriff: Wyatt Sabo

Coroner: Crystal Page

Hughes County

104 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre 57501

Population: 17,765

Commissioners: Bill Abernathy, Randy Brown, Robert Fines, Connie Hohn, Tom Rounds

Finance Officer: Thomas Oliva

Treasurer: Ranae Hoffman

Register of Deeds: Patty Williams

States Attorney: Casey Deibert

Sheriff: Patrick Callahan

Coroner: Matt Hardwick

Hutchinson County

201 W. Mentor St.
Olivet 57052

Population: 7,427
Commissioners: Steve Friesen, Bradley Henke,
Larry Mehlhaff, Curtis Ulmer, Mike Wolf
Auditor: Diane Remmers
Treasurer: Melissa Saylor
Register of Deeds: Julie Herrboldt
States Attorney: Robert Konrad
Sheriff: Maurice Waltner
Coroner: John Friman

Hyde County

412 Commercial Ave. SE
Highmore 57345

Population: 1,262
Commissioners: Kevin Baloun, Robert Bawdon,
Randy Hauge, Tod Kroepflin, Dan LaMont
Auditor: Marilyn Ring
Treasurer: Sherri Dittman
Register of Deeds: Pam Hamlin
States Attorney: Shantay Werdel
Sheriff: Kylee Rinehart
Coroner: Tiffany Hofer

Jackson County

700 Main St.
Kadoka 57543

Population: 2,806
Commissioners: Travis DeJong, Jeff Page, Ruby
Sanftner, Jeff Willert, Tom Zickrick
Auditor: Vicki Wilson
Treasurer: Jacqueline Stilwell
Register of Deeds: Mitzi Mitchell
States Attorney: Cassie Wendt
Sheriff: Tucker Amiotte
Coroner: Jon Seidschlaw

Jerauld County

205 S. Wallace St.
Wessington Springs 57382

Population: 1,663
Commissioners: Charles Bergeleen, Walt Hein,
Fred Krohmer, DeVonne Losing, Shane Mentzer
Auditor: Shannon Fagerhaug
Treasurer: Lisa Younie
Register of Deeds: Mette Ness
States Attorney: Dedrich Koch
Sheriff: Jason Weber
Coroner: Deb Fastnacht

Jones County

310 Main St.
Murdo 57559

Population: 917
Commissioners: Steve Iwan, Brandon Kinsley,
Lori Waldron
Auditor: Kerri Venard
Treasurer: Matiah Weber
Register of Deeds: Terri Volmer
States Attorney: Anna Maher
Sheriff: Richard Sylva, Jr.
Coroner: Jennings Newbold

Kingsbury County

202 2nd St. SE
De Smet 57231

Population: 5,187
Commissioners: Kyle Lee, Corey Lundquist,
Troy Nelson, Steve Spilde, Roger Walls
Auditor: Echo Steffenson
Treasurer: Michelle Longville
Register of Deeds: Caryn Hojer
States Attorney: John Delzer
Sheriff: Steve Stande
Coroner: Steve Strande

Lake County

200 E. Center St.
Madison 57042

Population: 11,059
Commissioners: Corey Johnke, Adam Leighton,
Deb Reinicke, Dennis Slaughter, Kelli Wollmann
Auditor: Paula Barrick
Treasurer: Debra Walburg
Register of Deeds: Shirley Ebsen
States Attorney: Aaron McGowan
Sheriff: Sarina Talich
Coroner: Sarina Talich

Lawrence County

90 Sherman St.
Deadwood 57732

Population: 25,768
Commissioners: Robert Ewing, Brandon
Flanagan, Eric Jennings, Richard Sleep, Richard
Tysdal
Auditor: Brenda McGruder
Treasurer: Debora Tridle
Register of Deeds: Davida Hansen
States Attorney: Brenda Harvey
Sheriff: Brian Dean
Coroner: Patrick Fahey

Lincoln County

104 N. Main St.
Canton 57013

Population: 65,161

Commissioners: Joel Arends, Tiffani Landeen,
Betty Otten, Douglas Putnam, James Schmidt

Auditor: Sheri Lund

Treasurer: Francene Hofer

Register of Deeds: Becky Vander Broek

States Attorney: Thomas Wollman

Sheriff: Steve Swenson

Coroner: Kenneth Snell

Lyman County

300 S. Main Ave.
Kennebec 57544

Population: 3,718

Commissioners: Timothy Feliciano, Ryan
Huffman, Beau Johnson, Zane Reis, Lawrence
Thompson

Auditor: Kalli Houchin

Treasurer: Julie Clement

Register of Deeds: Tracy Brakke

States Attorney: Steve Smith

Sheriff: Steve Manger

Coroner: Steve Manger

Marshall County

911 Vander Horck St.
Britton 57430

Population: 4,306

Commissioners: Jason Bender, Andrea Johnson,
Lynda Luttrell, Douglas Medhaug, Matthew
Schuller

Auditor: Megan Biel

Treasurer: Amanda Streier

Register of Deeds: Kalissa Stelzer

States Attorney: Victor Rapkoch

Sheriff: Samuel Swanson

Coroner: Dan Neiber

McCook County

130 W. Essex Ave.
Salem 57058

Population: 5,682

Commissioners: Marc Dick, Steve Gordon, Tom
Heumiller, Charles Liesinger, Chuck Mehlbrech

Auditor: GERALYN SHERMAN

Treasurer: Carol Lauer

Register of Deeds: Laurie Schwans

States Attorney: Mike Fink

Sheriff: Mark Norris

Coroner: Andy Kinzley

McPherson County

706 Main St.
Leola 57456

Population: 2,411

Commissioners: Sid Feickert, Michael Mardian,
Jeff Neuharth, Mark Opp, Neal Woehlhoff

Auditor: Lindley Howard

Treasurer: Tiffany Weiszhaar

Register of Deeds: Vicki Geffre

States Attorney: Austin Hoffman

Sheriff: David Ackerman

Coroner: David Roggenkamp

Meade County

1300 Sherman St.
Sturgis 57785

Population: 29,852

Commissioners: Doreen Allison Creed, Gary
Deering, Richard Liggett, Earl Severn, Talbot
Wieczorek

Auditor: Rhea Crane

Treasurer: Robin Shrake

Register of Deeds: Lana Anderson

States Attorney: Michele Bordewyk

Sheriff: Pat West

Coroner: Pat West

Mellette County

321 E. 4th St.
White River 57579

Population: 1,918

Commissioners: Jr. Brandis, Vernon Brown,
Wesley Schmidt

Auditor: Jenny Galbraith

Treasurer: Hilary Nesheim

Register of Deeds: Stanley Krogman, Sr.

States Attorney: Kirby Krogman

Sheriff: Lafe Gildemaster

Coroner: Karen O'Brien

Miner County

401 N. Main St.
Howard 57349

Population: 2,298

Commissioners: Joe Bechen, Kari Jo Carlson,
Mike Clary, Kathy Faber, Tim Neises

Auditor: Rebecca Mommaerts

Treasurer: Jessica Charles

Register of Deeds: Gibi Page

States Attorney: Kristian Ellendorf

Sheriff: Rob Eggert

Coroner: Josh Hahn

Minnehaha County

415 N. Dakota Ave.
Sioux Falls 57104

Population: 197,214
Commissioners: Gerald Beninga, Jen Bleyenbergh, Cole Heisey, Dean Karsky, Joe Kippley
Auditor: Leah Anderson
Treasurer: Kristen Swanson
Register of Deeds: Amanda Halsey
States Attorney: Daniel Haggard
Sheriff: Mike Milstead
Coroner: Kenneth Snell

Moody County

101 E. Pipestone Ave.
Flandreau 57028

Population: 6,336
Commissioners: Carla Bruning, Jerry Doyle, Randy Hemmer, Dan Miles, Dave Reker
Auditor: Tawny Heinemann
Treasurer: Linette Christensen
Register of Deeds: Brittany Bennett
States Attorney: Paul Lewis
Sheriff: Troy Wellman
Coroner: Troy Wellman

Oglala Lakota County

906 N. River St.
Hot Springs 57747

Population: 13,672
Commissioners: Ramon Bear Runner, Allyssa Comer, Art Hopkins, Anna Takes The Shield, Wendell Yellow Bull
Auditor: Sue Ganje
Treasurer: Teresa Pullen
Register of Deeds: Melody Engebretson
States Attorney: Lance Russell
Sheriff: Daylon Black Bull
Coroner: Audrey Martinez
(Oglala Lakota County contracts with Fall River County for services and courthouse use.)

Pennington County

130 Kansas City St.
Rapid City 57701

Population: 109,222
Commissioners: Jerr Derr, Gary Drewes, Deb Hadcock, Ron Rossknecht, Ronald Weifenbach
Auditor: Cindy Mohler
Treasurer: Annette Brant
Register of Deeds: Audra Casteel
States Attorney: Lara Roetzel
Sheriff: Brian Mueller
Coroner: Brian Mueller

Perkins County

100 E. Main St.
Bison 57620

Population: 2,835
Commissioners: Todd Campbell, Kyle Carmichael, Rusty Foster, Wayne Henderson, Mike Schweitzer
Finance Officer: Sara Stadler
Register of Deeds: Heidi Stevens
States Attorney: Shane C. Penfield
Sheriff: Kelly Serr
Coroner: Mattjew Barnes

Potter County

201 S. Exene St.
Gettysburg 57442

Population: 2,472
Commissioners: Patrick Everson, William Frost, Sandra Hagny, Tonya Tanner, Jesse Zweber
Auditor: Tyler VanderVorst
Treasurer: Jeanie Lagan
Register of Deeds: Jamie Hageman
States Attorney: Katie Thompson
Sheriff: Curtis Hamburger
Coroner: Mandy Luikens

Roberts County

411 2nd Ave. E
Sisseton 57262

Population: 10,280
Commissioners: John Dabek, Jr.
Auditor: Kristi Fritz
Treasurer: Mark Moen
Register of Deeds: Jay Tasa
States Attorney: Dylan Kirchmeier
Sheriff: Tyler Appel
Coroner: Terry Sorenson

Sanborn County

604 W 6th St.
Woonsocket 57385

Population: 2,330
Commissioners: Gary Blindauer, Jeff Ebersdofer, Earl Hinricher, Steve Larson, Duane Peterson
Auditor: Kami Moody
Treasurer: Karen Krueger
Register of Deeds: Lynn Brueske
States Attorney: Aaron Pilcher
Sheriff: Thomas Fridley
Coroner: Thomas Fridley

Spink County

210 E. 7th Ave.
Redfield 57469

Population: 6,361**Commissioners:** Dave Albrecht, Brian Johnson, Brett Knox, Kevin Siebrecht, Suzanne Smith**Auditor:** Theresa Hodges**Treasurer:** Amy Michlitsch**Register of Deeds:** Sonja Muellenberg**States Attorney:** Victor Fischbach**Sheriff:** Jenna Appel**Coroner:** Kelly Hyke**Stanley County**

8 E 2nd Ave.
Fort Pierre 57532

Population: 2,980**Commissioners:** Gary Grittner, Sonny Harrowa, Craig Heller, Dana Iversen, Mike Kenzy**Auditor:** Philena (Phil) Burtch**Treasurer:** Bill Konst**Register of Deeds:** Patti Duffy**States Attorney:** Tom Maher**Sheriff:** Brad Rathbun**Coroner:** Gary Grittner**Sully County**

700 Ash Ave.
Onida 57564

Population: 1,446**Commissioners:** Joe Fanger, Jr., William Floyd, Jerry Richards, Caleb Shepherd, Greg Yackley**Auditor:** Susan Lamb**Treasurer:** Helen Jane Paxton**Register of Deeds:** Lynette Murphy**States Attorney:** Emily Sovell**Sheriff:** Bill Stahl**Coroner:** Jane Pitlick**Todd County**

200 E 3rd St.
Winner 57580

Population: 9,319**Commissioners:** Gregg Grimshaw, Stephanie Night Pipe, Trent Poignee, Marshall Tinant, Patsy Valandra**Auditor:** Barbara DeSersa**Treasurer:** Candace Biggins**Register of Deeds:** Kristin Assman**States Attorney:** Alvin Pahlke**Sheriff:** Robert Sedlmajer**Coroner:** Robert Sedlmajer

(Todd County contracts with Tripp County for services and courthouse use.)

Tripp County

201 E. 3rd St.
Winner 57580

Population: 5,624**Commissioners:** Dan Forgey, Cody Jorgensen, Joyce Kartak, Mike Novotny, Larry Wilcox**Auditor:** Barbara DeSersa**Treasurer:** Candace Biggins**Register of Deeds:** Kristin Assman**States Attorney:** Zachary Pahlke**Sheriff:** Shawn Pettit**Coroner:** Rick Wagner**Turner County**

400 S Main St.
Parker 57053

Population: 8,673**Commissioners:** Greg Benson, Tony Ciampa, Sheila Hagemann, Jared Hybertson, Mark Kaufman**Auditor:** Misty Dahl**Treasurer:** Julie Hartmann**Register of Deeds:** Amanda Rand**States Attorney:** Katelynn Hoffman**Sheriff:** Daniel Glover**Coroner:** Ryan Penning**Union County**

209 E. Main St.
Elk Point 57025

Population: 16,811**Commissioners:** Bob Ballard, Michael Dailey, Kevin Joffer, Tom Kimmel, Peggy Ustad**Auditor:** Katie Winquist**Treasurer:** Myron Hertel**Register of Deeds:** Debra Severson**States Attorney:** Kathy Zenner**Sheriff:** Jim Prouty**Coroner:** Jim Christenson**Walworth County**

4304 4th Ave.
Selby 57472

Population: 5,315**Commissioners:** Randy Carlson, Jim Houck, Justin Jungwirth, Duane Mohr, Scott Schilling**Auditor:** Kimberly Dills**Treasurer:** Leah Holder**Register of Deeds:** Brenda DeToy**States Attorney:** Sarah Malsom**Sheriff:** Josh Boll**Coroner:** Eric Schley

Yankton County

321 W. 3rd St.
Yankton 57078

Population: 23,310

Commissioners: Ryan Heine, Wanda Howey-Fox, Don Kettering, Dan Klimisch, John Marquardt

Auditor: Patty Hojem

Treasurer: Patty Vavra

Register of Deeds: Brian Hunhoff

States Attorney: Tyler Larsen

Sheriff: Preston Crissey

Coroner: Arica Nickles

Ziebach County

215 Main St.
Dupree 57623

Population: 2,413

Commissioners: Shane Farlee, Rick Farlee, Bill Henderson, David Pesicka, Tucker Stocklin

Auditor: Olivia Dosch

Treasurer: Jessica Donovan

Register of Deeds: Nannette Farlee

States Attorney: Shane Penfield

Sheriff: Gary Cudmore

Coroner: James Brooks

*Population Estimates from: 2023 Federal Census:
Annual Estimates as of July 1, 2024
U.S. Census Bureau, State Data Center*

Municipalities - Population and Post Office Zip Codes

Population estimates are from the 2023 U.S. Census and reflect changes annual estimates of resident population, effective July 1, 2024, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau.

Municipalities with no population listed are unincorporated communities.

Municipality	County	Municipal Population: <i>Census April 2023</i>	Municipal Population: <i>Census Estimate July 2024</i>	Post Office Zip Code
Aberdeen	Brown	28,110	27,919	57401 57402
Academy	Charles Mix			57369
Agar	Sully	71	68	57520
Agency Village	Roberts	911		57262
Akaska	Walworth	80	82	57420
Albee	Grant	9	8	57259
Alcester	Union	781	772	57001
Alexandria	Hanson	654	657	57311
Allen	Bennett	860		57714
Alpena	Jerauld	212	217	57312
Altamont	Deuel	31	33	57226
Amherst	Marshall			57421
Andover	Day	68	68	57422
Ardmore	Fall River	0		57735
Arlington	Kingsbury	928	926	57212
Armour	Douglas	703	712	57313
Artas	Campbell	8	7	57437
Artesian	Sanborn	135	135	57314
Ashton	Spink	106	105	57424
Astoria	Deuel	132	130	57213
Athboy	Corson			57644
Athol	Spink			57424
Aurora	Brookings	1,148	1,159	57002
Avon	Bon Homme	595	606	57315
Badger	Kingsbury	134	135	57214
Baltic	Minnehaha	1,325	1,331	57003
Bancroft	Kingsbury	11	13	57353
Barnard	Brown			57426
Batesland	Oglala Lakota	73	74	57716
Bath	Brown	116		57427
Belle Fourche	Butte	5,873	5,855	57717
Belvidere	Jackson	42	43	57521
Bemis	Deuel			57238
Beresford	Union	2,103	2,087	57004
Bethlehem	Meade			57769
Big Stone City	Grant	410	413	57216
Bison	Perkins	304	302	57620
Black Hawk	Meade	2,805		57718
Blunt	Hughes	338	334	57522
Bonesteel	Gregory	257	259	57317

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Bowdle	Edmunds	476	472	57428
Box Elder	Pennington	13,868	13,887	57719
Bradley	Clark	65	66	57217
Brandon	Minnehaha	10,958	10,837	57005
Brandt	Deuel	118	119	57218
Brant Lake	Lake	56	56	57016
Brentford	Spink	84	86	57429
Bridgewater	McCook	507	505	57319
Bristol	Day	282	275	57219
Britton	Marshall	1,209	1,199	57430
Broadland	Beadle	27	28	57350
Brookings	Brookings	24,312	24,555	57006 57007
Bruce	Brookings	215	216	57220
Bryant	Hamlin	470	479	57221
Buffalo	Harding	356	353	57720
Buffalo Gap	Custer	149	154	57722
Buffalo Ridge	Minnehaha			57107 57115
Bullhead	Corson	285		57621
Burbank	Clay	159		57010
Burke	Gregory	577	590	57523
Bushnell	Brookings	73	74	57276
Butler	Day	6	6	57219
Camp Crook	Harding	64	68	57724
Canistota	McCook	642	643	57012
Canova	Miner	91	94	57321
Canton	Lincoln	3,001	2,974	57013
Capa	Jones			57552
Caputa	Pennington	29		57725
Carpenter	Clark			57322
Carter	Tripp			57580
Carthage	Miner	127	128	57323
Castlewood	Hamlin	706	716	57223
Cavour	Beadle	133	129	57324
Cedar Butte	Mellette			57579
Centerville	Turner	957	958	57014
Central City	Lawrence	104	108	57754
Chamberlain	Brule	2,491	2,453	57325 57326
Chancellor	Turner	316	312	57015
Chelsea	Faulk	19	19	57465
Claire City	Roberts	81	82	57224
Claremont	Brown	106	106	57432
Clark	Clark	1,159	1,167	57225
Clear Lake	Deuel	1,216	1,201	57226
Clearfield	Tripp	70		57580
Colman	Moody	654	674	57017
Colome	Tripp	330	337	57528
Colton	Minnehaha	700	688	57018
Columbia	Brown	156	157	57433

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Conde	Spink	140	139	57434
Corona	Roberts	67	70	57227
Corsica	Douglas	556	556	57328
Corson	Minnehaha			57005
Cottonwood	Jackson	11	10	57775
Crazy Horse	Custer			57730
Creighton	Pennington			57790
Cresbard	Faulk	103	101	57435
Crocker	Clark	24		57217
Crooks	Minnehaha	1,371	1,369	57020 57055
Custer	Custer	1,844	1,829	57730
Dakota Dunes	Union	4,129		57049
Dallas	Gregory	85	86	57529
Dante	Charles Mix	68	72	57329
Davis	Turner	56	55	57021
Deadwood	Lawrence	1,343	1,347	57732
Dell Rapids	Minnehaha	3,868	3,825	57022
Delmont	Douglas	153	154	57330
Dempster	Hamlin			57234
Denby	Oglala Lakota			57716
De Smet	Kingsbury	1,046	1,037	57231
Dimock	Hutchinson	153	154	57331
Dixon	Gregory			57529 57533
Doland	Spink	189	195	57436
Dolton	McCook/Turner	36	36	57319
Draper	Jones	42	42	57531
Dry Wood Lake	Roberts			57262
Dupree	Ziebach	476	496	57623
Eagle Butte	Dewey	1,228	1,270	57625
Eden	Marshall	91	91	57232
Edgemont	Fall River	767	759	57735
Egan	Moody	246	247	57024
Elk Point	Union	2,075	2,074	57025
Elkton	Brookings	776	778	57026
Ellis	Minnehaha			57107
Ellsworth Air Force Base	Meade			57706
Elm Springs	Meade			57791
Emery	Hanson	478	473	57332
Emmet	Union			57004
Enning	Meade			57737
Erwin	Kingsbury	40	39	57233
Esmond	Kingsbury			57353
Estelline	Hamlin	768	768	57234
Ethan	Davison	361	358	57334
Eureka	McPherson	773	759	57437
Fairburn	Custer	64	68	57738
Fairfax	Gregory	101	103	57335
Fairpoint	Meade			57785
Fairview	Lincoln	63	66	57027

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Faith	Meade	356	354	57626
Farmer	Hanson	16	15	57311
Farmingdale	Pennington			57725
Faulkton	Faulk	823	818	57438
Fedora	Miner	21		57337
Ferney	Brown	1		57439
Firesteel	Dewey			57633
Flandreau	Moody	2,358	2,372	57028
Florence	Codington	334	333	57235
Folsom	Custer			57744
Forest City	Potter			57442
Forestburg	Sanborn	40		57314
Fort Meade	Meade			57741
Fort Pierre	Stanley	2,175	2,158	57532
Fort Thompson	Buffalo	1,134		57339
Frankfort	Spink	130	131	57440
Frederick	Brown	206	209	57441
Freeman	Hutchinson	1,311	1,308	57029
Fruitdale	Butte	80	80	57717
Fulton	Hanson	86	84	57340
Gann Valley	Buffalo	5		57341
Garden City	Clark	36	36	57236
Garretson	Minnehaha	1,175	1,169	57030
Gary	Deuel	238	233	57237
Gayville	Yankton	378	379	57031
Geddes	Charles Mix	152	152	57342
Gettysburg	Potter	1,072	1,062	57442
Glad Valley	Ziebach			57644
Glencross	Dewey			57630
Glendo	Perkins			57649
Glenham	Walworth	108	107	57631
Goodwin	Deuel	149	150	57238
Gorman	Potter			57442
Greenway	McPherson			57437
Gregory	Gregory	1,222	1,270	57533
Grenville	Day	46	45	57239
Gretna	Edmunds			57471
Groton	Brown	1,355	1,343	57445
Gustave	Harding			57724
Hamill	Tripp	0		57534
Hammer	Roberts			57255
Harrington	Bennett			57751
Harrisburg	Lincoln	9,435	10,203	57032
Harrison	Douglas	6		57344
Harrold	Hughes	100	98	57536
Hartford	Minnehaha	3,614	3,600	57033
Hayes	Stanley			57537
Hayti	Hamlin	414	434	57241
Hayward	Pennington			57744
Hazel	Hamlin	102	98	57242

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Hecla	Brown	189	185	57446
Henry	Codington	263	266	57243
Heppner	Fall River			57747
Hereford	Meade			57785
Hermosa	Custer	373	381	57744
Herreid	Campbell	405	405	57632
Herrick	Gregory	76	77	57538
Hetland	Kingsbury	18	18	57212
Hidden Timber	Todd			57555
Highmore	Hyde	636	647	57345
Hill City	Pennington	953	937	57745
Hillhead	Marshall			57270
Hillsview	McPherson	0	3	57437
Hisle	Jackson			57577
Hitchcock	Beadle	109	106	57348
Holabird	Hyde			57540
Holmquist	Day			57274
Hooker	Turner			57070
Hoover	Butte			57760
Hosmer	Edmunds	164	159	57448
Hot Springs	Fall River	3,609	3,608	57747
Houghton	Brown			57449
Hoven	Potter	366	360	57450
Howard	Miner	833	841	57349
Howes	Meade			57748
Hub City	Clay			57069
Hudson	Lincoln	323	325	57034
Humboldt	Minnehaha	579	572	57035
Huntimer	Minnehaha			57018
Hurley	Turner	385	385	57036
Huron	Beadle	14,618	14,515	57350 57399
Huron Colony	Beadle	0		57350
Ideal	Tripp	39		57541
Imlay	Pennington			57780
Imogene	Perkins			57649
Inland	Meade			57758
Interior	Jackson	66	65	57750
Iona	Lyman			57533
Ipswich	Edmunds	947	931	57451
Irene	Yankton/Turner/Clay	435	431	57037
Iron Mountain	Lyman			57544
Iroquois	Beadle/Kingsbury	295	296	57353
Isabel	Dewey	145	155	57633
Java	Walworth	121	120	57452
Jefferson	Union	448	449	57038
Kadoka	Jackson	539	530	57543
Kaylor	Hutchinson	68		57354
Keldron	Corson			57634
Kennebec	Lyman	284	285	57544
Keyapaha	Tripp			57580

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Keystone	Pennington	241	261	57751
Kidder	Marshall			57430
Kimball	Brule	581	573	57355
Kranzburg	Codington	165	166	57245
Kyle	Oglala Lakota	1,495		57752
La Bolt	Grant	69	62	57246
La Plant	Dewey	266		57652
Ladner	Harding			57753
Lake Andes	Charles Mix	685	692	57356
Lake City	Marshall	43	45	57247
Lake Norden	Hamlin	598	625	57248
Lake Preston	Kingsbury	613	605	57249
Lane	Jerauld	49	47	57358
Langford	Marshall	281	278	57454
Lantry	Dewey	3		57636
Lead	Lawrence	3,035	3,038	57754
Lebanon	Potter	32	31	57455
Lemmon	Perkins	1,156	1,141	57638
Lennox	Lincoln	2,493	2,539	57039
Leola	McPherson	416	406	57456
Lesterville	Yankton	115	114	57040
Letcher	Sanborn	159	159	57359
Little Eagle	Corson	362		57639
Lodgepole	Perkins			57640
Long Lake	McPherson	27	26	57457
Long Valley	Jackson			57547
Loomis	Davison	5		57301
Lower Brule	Lyman	777		57548
Lowry	Walworth	5	6	57472
Lucas	Gregory			57523
Ludlow	Harding			57755
Lyons	Minnehaha	94		57041
Madison	Lake	6,091	6,086	57042
Mahto	Corson			57643
Manderson	Oglala Lakota	723		57756
Mansfield	Brown	29		57460
Marcus	Meade			57785
Marion	Turner	874	880	57043
Martin	Bennett	926	923	57551
Marty	Charles Mix	257		57361
Marvin	Grant	20	19	57251
McCook Lake	Union			57049
McIntosh	Corson	110	108	57641
McLaughlin	Corson	549	541	57642
Meadow	Perkins	880		57644
Meckling	Clay	64		57069
Mellette	Spink	195	193	57461
Menno	Hutchinson	619	618	57045
Midland	Haakon	109	109	57552
Milbank	Grant	3,512	3,545	57252 57253

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Milesville	Haakon			57553
Millboro	Tripp			57580
Miller	Hand	1,326	1,307	57362
Mina	Edmunds	888		57451
Miranda	Faulk			57438
Mission	Todd	1,142	1,135	57555
Mission Hill	Yankton	189	182	57046
Mission Ridge	Stanley			57532
Mitchell	Davison	15,621	15,621	57301
Mobridge	Walworth	3,224	3,219	57601
Monroe	Turner	160	163	57047
Montrose	McCook	466	461	57048
Morristown	Corson	45	44	57645
Mosher	Mellette			57580
Mound City	Campbell	65	66	57646
Mount Vernon	Davison	459	457	57363
Mud Butte	Meade			57758
Murdo	Jones	448	464	57559
Naples	Clark	41	41	57271
Nemo	Lawrence			57759
New Effington	Roberts	226	228	57255
New Holland	Douglas	4		57364
New Underwood	Pennington	610	610	57761
New Witten	Hutchinson	54	54	57584
Newell	Butte	597	585	57760
Nisland	Butte	213	211	57762
Norbeck	Faulk			57438
Norris	Mellette	116		57560
North Sioux City	Union	3,048	3,059	57049
Northville	Spink	136	134	57465
Nunda	Lake	47	49	57050
Oacoma	Lyman	390	392	57365
Oelrichs	Fall River	126	126	57763
Oglala	Oglala Lakota	1,601		57764
Okaton	Jones	41		57562
Okreek	Todd	157		57563
Oldham	Kingsbury	119	118	57051
Olivet	Hutchinson	64	63	57052
Onaka	Faulk	15	14	57466
Onida	Sully	658	644	57564
Opal	Meade			57758
Oral	Fall River	12		57766
Orient	Hand	52	51	57467
Ortley	Roberts	48	50	57256
Ottumwa	Haakon			57552
Owanka	Pennington			57767
Parade	Dewey			57625
Parker	Turner	1,271	1,306	57053
Parkston	Hutchinson	1,544	1,542	57366
Parmelee	Todd	637		57566

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Peever	Roberts	173	174	57257
Philip	Haakon	758	752	57567
Pickstown	Charles Mix	228	230	57367
Piedmont	Meade	1,015	1,002	57769
Pierpont	Day	124	121	57468
Pierre	Hughes	13,880	13,788	57501
Pine Ridge	Oglala Lakota	2,480		57770
Plainview	Meade	0		57748
Plankinton	Aurora	782	763	57368
Platte	Charles Mix	1,242	1,249	57369
Pollock	Campbell	222	222	57648
Porcupine	Oglala Lakota	549		57772
Prairie City	Perkins	18		57649
Presho	Lyman	464	467	57568
Pringle	Custer	111	107	57773
Provo	Fall River	0		57735
Pukwana	Brule	238	236	57370
Quinn	Pennington	64	61	57775
Ralph	Harding			57650
Ramona	Lake	163	161	57054
Rapid City	Pennington/Meade	79,404	79,894	57701 57702 57703 57709
Ravinia	Charles Mix	69	71	57356
Raymond	Clark	58	56	57258
Red Owl	Meade			57787
Redfield	Spink	2,131	2,101	57469
Redig	Harding			57776
Ree Heights	Hand	56	55	57371
Reliance	Lyman	127	127	57569
Renner	Minnehaha	249		57020, 57055
Reva	Harding			57651
Reville	Grant	98	98	57259
Ridgeview	Dewey			57652
Rochford	Pennington			57745
Rockerville	Pennington			57701, 57702
Rockham	Faulk	21	18	57470
Roscoe	Edmunds	281	279	57471
Rosebud	Todd	1,710		57570
Rosholt	Roberts	368	372	57260
Roslyn	Day	181	180	57261
Roswell	Miner	0		57349
Rowena	Minnehaha	137		57005
Running Water	Bon Homme	80		57062
Rutland	Lake			57057
Saint Charles	Gregory	11		57571
Saint Francis	Todd	467	468	57572
Saint Lawrence	Hand	163	161	57373

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Saint Onge	Lawrence	46		57779
Salem	McCook	1,335	1,315	57058
Scenic	Pennington			57780
Scotland	Bon Homme	784	786	57059
Selby	Walworth	607	606	57472
Seneca	Faulk	23	23	57473
Shadehill	Perkins			57638
Sherman	Minnehaha	75	76	57030
Shindler	Lincoln	651		57106
Silver City	Pennington			57702
Silver Lake	Kingsbury	0		57319
Sinai	Brookings	101	100	57061
Sioux Falls	Lincoln	<i>Included Below</i>	<i>Included Below</i>	57108
Sioux Falls	Minnehaha	206,410	209,289	57101 57103 57104 57105 57106 57107 57109 57110 57117 57118 57186 57188 57189 57192 57193 57194 57195 57196 57197 57198
Sisseton	Roberts	2,418	2,432	57262
Sky Ranch	Harding			57724
Smithwick	Fall River	22		57782
Sorum	Perkins			57654
South Dupree	Ziebach			57623
South Shore	Codington	189	190	57263
Spearfish	Lawrence	13,282	13,803	57799
Spearfish Canyon	Lawrence			57754
Spencer	McCook	137	136	57374
Springfield	Bon Homme	1,913	1,912	57062
Stephan	Hyde	7		57346
Stickney	Aurora	318	313	57375
Stockholm	Grant	106	106	57264
Stoneville	Meade			57787
Strandburg	Grant	67	66	57265
Stratford	Brown	58	59	57474
Sturgis	Meade	7,067	7,014	57785
Summerset	Meade	3,000	3,013	57718 57769

Municipality	County	Municipal Population: <i>Census April 2023</i>	Municipal Population: <i>Census Estimate July 2024</i>	Post Office Zip Code
Summit	Roberts	277	278	57266
Tabor	Bon Homme	403	400	57063
Tea	Lincoln	7,381	7,699	57064
Thunder Hawk	Perkins			57638
Timber Lake	Dewey	516	537	57656
Tolstoy	Potter	37	37	57475
Toronto	Deuel	196	195	57268
Trail City	Corson			57657
Trent	Moody	235	237	57065
Tripp	Hutchinson	564	563	57376
Tulare	Spink	205	204	57476
Turton	Spink	54	52	57477
Tuthill	Bennett			57574
Twin Brooks	Grant	45	47	57269
Tyndall	Bon Homme	1,075	1,082	57066
Union Center	Meade			57787
Utica	Yankton	71	70	57067
Vale	Butte	90		57788
Valley Springs	Minnehaha	878	872	57068
Veblen	Marshall	314	313	57270
Verdon	Brown	7	6	57434
Vermillion	Clay	12,011	11,877	57069
Vetal	Bennett			57551
Viborg	Turner	834	834	57070
Vienna	Clark	54	53	57271
Vilas	Miner	25	24	57349
Virgil	Beadle	26	24	57379
Vivian	Lyman	39		57576
Volga	Brookings	2,340	2,380	57071
Volin	Yankton	157	159	57072
Wagner	Charles Mix	1,426	1,429	57380
Wakonda	Clay	350	343	57073
Wakpala	Corson	159		57658
Walker	Corson			57659
Wall	Pennington	688	672	57790
Wallace	Codington	94	94	57272
Wanblee	Jackson	744		57577
Ward	Brookings/Moody	43	42	57026
Warner	Brown	463	450	57479
Wasta	Pennington	62	63	57791
Watauga	Corson			57660
Watertown	Codington	23,230	23,492	57201
Waubay	Day	475	474	57273
Waverly	Codington	21		57201
Webster	Day	1,687	1,666	57274
Wecota	Faulk			57438
Wentworth	Lake	174	169	57075
Wessington	Beadle/Hand	202	199	57381
Wessington Springs	Jerauld	761	773	57382
Westport	Brown	86	83	57481
Wetonka	Brown	13	13	57481

Municipality	County	Municipal Population: <i>Census April 2023</i>	Municipal Population: <i>Census Estimate July 2024</i>	Post Office Zip Code
Wewela	Tripp			57580
White	Brookings	542	554	57276
White Lake	Aurora	406	396	57383
White Owl	Meade			57792
White River	Mellette	519	512	57579
White Rock	Roberts	7	7	57260
Whitehorse	Dewey	127		57661
Whitewood	Lawrence	943	965	57793
Willow Lake	Clark	261	268	57278
Wilmot	Roberts	424	426	57279
Winfred	Lake	29		57076
Winner	Tripp	2,912	2,962	57580
Witten	Tripp			57584
Wolsey	Beadle	465	461	57384
Wood	Mellette	41	42	57585
Woonsocket	Sanborn	648	646	57385
Worthing	Lincoln	918	914	57077
Wounded Knee	Oglala Lakota	484		57794
Yale	Beadle	111	110	57386
Yankton	Yankton	15,630	15,670	57078 57079
Zell	Faulk			57469
Zeona	Perkins			57758

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Voter Registration by County as of June 4, 2024

County	DEM	REP	OTH	NPA/IND	LIB	No Labels	Inactive	Total Active
Aurora	530	958	2	317	2		111	1,809
Beadle	2,557	4,933	39	2,475	27	1	710	10,032
Bennett	730	729	2	418	6		122	1,885
Bon Homme	902	2,299		687	10		300	3,898
Brookings	4,970	9,502	21	6,102	101		1,632	20,696
Brown	7,293	12,434	11	5,319	94	1	1,156	25,152
Brule	909	1,686	4	649	14		178	3,262
Buffalo	530	151	3	147	2		123	833
Butte	778	4,455	18	1,493	56		1,361	6,800
Campbell	103	907		110	1		78	1,121
Charles Mix	1,741	2,650		899	9		471	5,299
Clark	554	1,585		414	3		146	2,556
Clay	2,819	2,876	10	2,385	38	1	1,254	8,129
Codington	3,871	9,960	27	4,181	62		1,689	18,101
Corson	971	729	2	528	6		234	2,236
Custer	1,063	4,978	24	1,723	34		954	7,822
Davison	2,742	6,606	37	3,204	29	3	1,329	12,621
Day	1,282	1,848		717	11		236	3,281
Deuel	617	1,693		741	10		130	3,061
Dewey	1,783	749		746	3		263	3,281
Douglas	206	1,637		227			123	2,070
Edmunds	533	1,735	1	418	7		137	2,694
Fall River	892	3,813	1	1,502	42	1	416	6,251
Faulk	198	1,110		244			61	1,552
Grant	1,072	2,641	12	1,018	17		348	4,760
Gregory	637	1,784		400	4		160	2,825
Haakon	123	1,149	2	110	2		61	1,386
Hamlin	541	2,966		603	8		227	4,118
Hand	417	1,618	4	230	7		1025	2,276
Hanson	616	1,801	5	849	5		491	3,276
Harding	65	822	1	110	6		53	1,004
Hughes	2,101	7,183	18	2,161	45	1	1,086	11,509
Hutchinson	725	3,388	5	814	14		222	4,946
Hyde	158	645		117	1		45	921
Jackson	583	893	2	324	9		138	1,811
Jerauld	344	679	1	184	5		74	1,213
Jones	64	505		90	1	1	54	661
Kingsbury	684	2,280	3	684	9		303	3,660
Lake	1,929	4,173	6	1,518	26	1	2,083	7,653
Lawrence	3,781	11,634	46	5,439	170	2	2,446	21,072
Lincoln	9,856	24,088	77	12,207	226		4,933	46,454
Lyman	675	1,144	1	363	5		101	2,188
Marshall	972	1,248	2	543	2		170	2,767
McCook	791	2,270		770	9		160	3,840
McPherson	201	1,297		200	8		183	1,706
Meade	2,821	12,390	17	4,791	164		1,471	20,183
Mellette	395	500		232	3		67	1,130
Miner	433	821		331	3		84	1,588
Minnehaha	35,251	56,123	262	39,111	716	3	18,442	131,466
Moody	1,327	1,864	4	1,055	15	1	226	4,266

County	DEM	REP	OTH	NPA/IND	LIB	No Labels	Inactive	Total Active
Oglala Lakota	5,174	579	1	2,127	19		664	7,900
Pennington	17,487	44,842	206	24,023	666	4	9,839	87,228
Perkins	269	1,537	5	352	4		171	2,167
Potter	181	1,343	5	151	1	1	152	1,682
Roberts	2,395	2,164	20	1,496	9		478	6,084
Sanborn	355	960		286	7	1	69	1,609
Spink	997	2,487	2	640	11		216	4,137
Stanley	334	1,529		283	7		206	2,153
Sully	165	811		147	5		67	1,128
Todd	2,676	662	5	1,086	7		788	4,436
Tripp	594	2,383	7	543	6		407	3,533
Turner	1,146	3,533		1,228	13		250	5,920
Union	2,296	6,304	7	3,588	44	1	2,188	12,240
Walworth	590	2,441	10	564	8		442	3,613
Yankton	3,453	7,237	15	3,717	62		1,631	14,484
Ziebach	745	420		405	5		98	1,575
Total	143,993	305,616	953	150,536	2,921	23	64,610	603,587

Number of Election Precincts Per County

County	Precincts
Aurora	5
Beadle	9
Bennett	4
Bon Homme	5
Brookings*	10
Brown*	12
Brule	4
Buffalo	3
Butte	18
Campbell	5
Charles Mix	13
Clark	12
Clay	8
Codington	15
Corson	9
Custer	10
Davison	19
Day	11
Deuel	10
Dewey	11
Douglas	6
Edmunds	6
Fall River	9
Faulk	7
Grant	18
Gregory	3
Haakon	5
Hamlin	7
Hand	5
Hanson	5
Harding	8
Hughes*	6
Hutchinson	6

*County uses Vote Centers.

County	Precincts
Hyde*	1
Jackson	8
Jerauld	5
Jones	2
Kingsbury	6
Lake	10
Lawrence	11
Lincoln	32
Lyman	7
Marshall	6
McCook	6
McPherson	4
Meade	41
Mellette	4
Miner	8
Minnehaha	81
Moody	6
Oglala Lakota	9
Pennington	46
Perkins	10
Potter*	3
Roberts	14
Sanborn	4
Spink	9
Stanley	3
Sully*	4
Todd	10
Tripp	13
Turner	8
Union	12
Walworth	10
Yankton*	7
Ziebach	6
Total	690

Voter Turnout by County

County	Registered Voters	Votes Cast	Percent Turnout
Aurora	1,809	310	17.14%
Beadle	10,032	1,320	13.16%
Bennett	1,885	338	17.93%
Bon Homme	3,898	870	22.32%
Brookings	20,696	2,608	12.60%
Brown	25,152	4,464	17.75%
Brule	3,262	491	15.05%
Buffalo	833	36	4.32%
Butte	6,800	1,751	25.75%
Campbell	1,121	312	27.83%
Charles Mix	5,299	1,087	20.51%
Clark	2,556	578	22.61%
Clay	8,129	1,865	22.94%
Codington	18,101	3,419	18.89%
Corson	2,236	280	12.52%
Custer	7,822	2,329	29.77%
Davison	12,621	4,422	35.04%
Day	3,858	651	16.87%
Deuel	3,061	549	17.94%
Dewey	3,281	476	14.51%
Douglas	2,070	653	31.55%
Edmunds	2,694	673	24.98%
Fall River	6,251	1,722	27.55%
Faulk	1,552	628	40.46%
Grant	4,760	1,318	27.69%
Gregory	2,825	1,117	39.54%
Haakon	1,386	475	34.27%
Hamlin	4,118	1,205	29.26%
Hand	2,276	593	26.05%
Hanson	3,276	628	19.17%
Harding	1,004	413	41.14%
Hughes	11,509	303	2.63%
Hutchinson	4,946	1,046	21.15%

*Percentage includes Inactive Voters.

County	Registered Voters	Votes Cast	Percent Turnout
Hyde	921	68	7.38%
Jackson	1,811	332	18.33%
Jerauld	1,213	217	17.89%
Jones	661	265	40.09%
Kingsbury	3,660	713	19.48%
Lake	7,653	1,568	20.49%
Lawrence	21,072	3,951	18.75%
Lincoln	46,454	5,461	11.76%
Lyman	2,188	67	3.06%
Marshall	2,767	444	16.05%
McCook	3,840	736	19.17%
McPherson	1,706	687	40.27%
Meade	20,183	4,747	23.52%
Mellette	1,130	152	13.45%
Miner	1,588	354	22.29%
Minnehaha	131,466	13,189	10.03%
Moody	4,266	589	13.81%
Oglala Lakota	7,900	401	5.08%
Pennington	87,228	14,642	16.79%
Perkins	2,167	512	23.63%
Potter	1,682	564	33.53%
Roberts	6,084	1,050	17.26%
Sanborn	1,609	31	1.93%
Spink	4,137	688	16.63%
Stanley	2,153	467	21.69%
Sully	1,128	453	40.16%
Todd	4,436	463	10.44%
Tripp	3,533	1,324	37.48%
Turner	5,920	1,417	23.94%
Union	12,240	2,157	17.62%
Walworth	3,613	915	25.33%
Yankton	14,484	2,756	19.03%
Ziebach	1,575	195	12.38%
Total	603,587	100,505	17.00%

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Presidential Delegates - Democratic Party

County	Marianne Williamson	Joseph R. Biden Jr.	Dean Phillips	Armando Perez-Serrato
Aurora	16	21	16	3
Beadle	33	154	36	11
Bennett	11	35	8	4
Bon Homme	28	98	26	2
Brookings	54	446	38	13
Brown	105	524	111	38
Brule	28	95	24	8
Buffalo	6	20	4	6
Butte	41	106	28	18
Campbell	4	17	2	2
Charles Mix	29	103	30	10
Clark	15	44	15	6
Clay	44	790	32	13
Codington	72	278	73	12
Corson	22	54	10	9
Custer	25	218	20	6
Davison	112	796	92	39
Day	17	119	21	4
Deuel	8	41	11	5
Dewey	38	112	23	13
Douglas	3	25	3	0
Edmunds	18	46	23	8
Fall River	14	140	29	9
Faulk	13	30	12	4
Grant	25	152	27	9
Gregory	18	130	29	6
Haakon	5	15	3	2
Hamlin	12	40	6	4
Hand	7	33	6	3
Hanson	16	61	32	10
Harding	4	12	3	4
Hughes	16	125	9	8
Hutchinson	13	59	15	3
Hyde	10	12	1	0
Jackson	5	38	5	2
Jerauld	8	33	3	2
Jones	5	11	2	5
Kingsbury	10	80	6	3
Lake	26	152	33	6
Lawrence	69	542	39	21
Lincoln	85	605	72	21
Lyman	11	42	8	5
Marshall	14	97	19	6
McCook	9	65	16	4
McPherson	5	25	5	3
Meade	72	353	51	21
Mellette	7	41	8	2
Miner	9	53	16	7
Minnehaha	269	2,276	214	108
Moody	15	76	15	3

County	Marianne Williamson	Joseph R. Biden Jr.	Dean Phillips	Armando Perez-Serrato
Oglala Lakota	41	244	6	43
Pennington	267	2,266	165	101
Perkins	8	16	6	5
Potter	3	21	6	2
Roberts	19	184	38	15
Sanborn	3	24	3	1
Spink	17	75	15	1
Stanley	4	48	7	0
Sully	8	44	6	3
Todd	38	234	10	20
Tripp	17	80	13	6
Turner	42	121	40	16
Union	41	213	37	11
Walworth	10	27	8	2
Yankton	41	294	31	23
Ziebach	13	41	2	3
Total	2,073	13,372	1,723	763

State Legislature - Democratic Primaries

State Senator District 27		
County	Gerald M. Cournoyer Jr.	Red Dawn Foster
Bennett	22	40
Jackson	12	40
Oglala Lakota	83	272
Pennington	32	49
Total	149	401

State Legislature - Republican Primaries

State Representative District 1			
County	Logan Manhart	Tamara St. John	Christopher Reder
Brown	655	349	576
Day	257	250	221
Marshall	171	152	166
Roberts	230	185	201
Total	1,313	936	1,164

State Representative District 2			
County	Jake Schoenbeck	John Sjaarda	David Kull
Minnehaha	475	1,410	1,168
Total	475	1,410	1,168

State Senator District 3		
County	Katherine "Katie" Washnok	Carl Perry
Brown	1,201	1,313
Total	1,201	1,313

State Senator District 4		
County	Fred Deutsch	Stephanie Sauder
Clark	189	253
Codington	242	200
Deuel	294	178
Grant	564	368
Hamlin	387	746
Roberts	128	123
Total	1,804	1,868

State Representative District 4				
County	Dylan C. Jordan	Vanessa Namken	Barbara Guenette	Kent Roe
Clark	175	181	151	259
Codington	189	154	146	253
Deuel	263	223	129	217
Grant	477	375	311	390
Hamlin	345	416	457	748
Roberts	136	78	70	129
Total	1,585	1,427	1,264	1,996

State Representative District 5			
County	Byron I. Callies	Josephine Garcia	Matt Roby
Codington	1,077	1,098	1,838
Total	1,077	1,098	1,838

State Representative District 6			
County	Wendi Hogan	Herman Otten	Aaron Aylward
Lincoln	463	566	687
Total	463	566	687

State Representative District 7			
County	Roger DeGroot	Jeffrey A. Struwe	Melissa Heermann
Brookings	712	539	781
Total	712	539	781

State Senator District 8		
County	Casey Crabtree	Rick Weible
Brookings	426	292
Kingsbury	435	149
Lake	1,028	287
Miner	168	71
Total	2,057	799

State Representative District 8			
County	Matt Wagner	Tim Walburg	Tim Reisch
Brookings	619	239	299
Kingsbury	319	291	368
Lake	446	1,064	883
Miner	116	87	178
Total	1,500	1,681	1,728

State Senator District 9		
County	Joy Hohn	Mark K. Willadsen
Minnehaha	1,118	385
Total	1,118	385

State Representative District 9				
County	Bethany Soye	Kristi Golden	Daryl Christensen	Tesa Schwans
Minnehaha	978	563	450	764
Total	978	563	450	764

District 11				
County	Bill Linsenmeyer	Brian K. Mulder	Keri K. Weems	John C. Kunnari
Minnehaha	255	627	627	617
Total	255	627	627	617

State Representative District 12			
County	Amber Arlint	Greg Jamison	Manny Steele
Lincoln	482	355	317
Minnehaha	398	369	280
Total	880	724	597

State Representative District 13				
County	John Hughes	Brad Jankord	Penny BayBridge	Tony Venhuizen
Lincoln	925	704	128	917
Minnehaha	272	218	55	275
Total	1,197	922	183	1,192

State Representative District 14			
County	Tony Kayser	Taylor Rae Rehfeldt	Tyler Tordsen
Minnehaha	1,091	1,205	805
Total	1,091	1,205	805

State Senator District 16		
County	Kevin D. Jensen	Eric Hohman
Lincoln	837	512
Turner	742	312
Union	276	155
Total	1,855	979

State Representative District 16			
County	Karla J. Lems	Richard Vasgaard	Brian J. Burge
Lincoln	1,106	632	312
Turner	719	693	290
Union	308	245	118
Total	2,133	1,570	720

State Senator District 17		
County	Sydney Davis	Jeffrey Church
Clay	486	250
Union	830	399
Total	1,316	649

State Representative District 17			
County	William "Bill" Shorma	Chris Kassin	Robin J. Schiro
Clay	467	626	99
Union	875	964	147
Total	1,342	1,590	246

State Senator District 18		
County	Lauren Nelson	Jean M. Hunhoff
Clay	35	16
Yankton	1,200	1,123
Total	1,235	1,139

State Representative District 18			
County	Mike Stevens	Julie Auch	John R. Marquardt
Clay	24	38	14
Yankton	1,249	1,466	1,109
Total	1,273	1,504	1,123

State Representative District 19			
County	Drew Peterson	Steven Mettler	Jessica Bahmuller
Bon Homme	374	300	500
Hanson	217	148	444
Hutchinson	451	509	708
McCook	367	252	478
Turner	26	34	35
Total	1,435	1,243	2,165

State Senator District 21		
County	Erin Tobin	Mykala Voita
Aurora	118	115
Charles Mix	418	460
Douglas	231	354
Gregory	365	456
Tripp	662	457
Total	1,794	1,842

State Representative District 21			
County	Lee Qualm	Marty Overweg	Jim Halverson
Aurora	169	196	54
Charles Mix	450	728	337
Douglas	284	554	154
Gregory	455	434	451
Tripp	407	482	838
Total	1,765	2,394	1,834

State Representative District 22			
County	Kevin Van Diepen	Terry Nebelsick	Lana Greenfield
Beadle	738	574	532
Clark	20	20	22
Spink	164	197	465
Total	922	791	1,019

State Senator District 23		
County	Steven Ray Roseland	Mark Lapka
Brown	78	106
Campbell	63	210
Edmunds	193	356
Faulk	393	155
Hand	271	243
McPherson	84	553
Potter	372	143
Walworth	302	513
Total	1,756	2,279

State Representative District 23			
County	Spencer Gosch	Scott Moore	James D. Wangness
Brown	115	121	64
Campbell	220	172	62
Edmunds	315	465	195
Faulk	251	391	236
Hand	289	411	235
McPherson	500	538	110
Potter	247	313	271
Walworth	652	478	254
Total	2,589	2,889	1,427

State Representative District 28A		
County	Ryan Maher	Jana Hunt
Corson	71	104
Dewey	173	97
Perkins	89	191
Ziebach	42	84
Total	375	476

State Representative District 28B		
County	Travis Ismay	Travis W. Martin
Butte	797	728
Harding	218	134
Perkins	116	70
Total	1,131	932

State Senator District 29		
County	Kirk Chaffee	John Carley
Meade	1,362	1,985
Total	1,362	1,985

State Representative District 29			
County	Gary L. Cammack	Terri Jorgenson	Kathy Rice
Meade	1,454	1,734	1,938
Total	1,454	1,734	1,938

State Senator District 30			
County	Amber Hulse	Forrest Foster	Julie Frye-Mueller
Custer	930	201	788
Fall River	687	182	636
Pennington	599	177	624
Total	2,216	560	2,048

State Representative District 30						
County	Pat Baumann	Matt Smith	Trish Ladner	Stephen Saint	Tim Goodwin	Matthew Monfore
Custer	845	663	756	235	761	104
Fall River	527	532	713	101	527	136
Pennington	505	550	540	87	669	124
Total	1,877	1,745	2,009	423	1,957	364

State Senator District 31		
County	Randy Deibert	Kate Crowley-Johnson
Lawrence	1,824	1,248
Total	1,824	1,248

State Representative District 31			
County	Mark Mowry	Mary J. Fitzgerald	Scott Odenbach
Lawrence	1,406	1,559	2,321
Total	1,406	1,559	2,321

State Representative District 32			
County	Steve Duffy	John Robert James	Brook Kaufman
Pennington	870	596	699
Total	870	596	699

State Senator District 33		
County	David Johnson	Curt Voight
Meade	287	307
Pennington	1,132	1,487
Total	1,419	1,794

State Senator District 34		
County	Jason Green	Taffy Howard
Pennington	1,564	1,598
Total	1,564	1,598

State Representative District 34			
County	Heather Baxter	Mike Derby	Becky J. Drury
Pennington	1,766	1,864	1,415
Total	1,766	1,864	1,415

State Senator District 35			
County	Greg Blanc	Curtis Nupen	Michael A. Walsh
Pennington	973	112	692
Total	973	112	692

Recounts

RECOUNT State Senator District 4		
County	Fred Deutsch	Stephanie Sauder
Clark	190	253
Codington	242	200
Deuel	294	178
Grant	565	368
Hamlin	387	747
Roberts	128	123
Total	1,806	1,869

RECOUNT State Representative District 5			
County	Byron I. Callies	Josephine Garcia	Matt Roby
Codington	1,077	1,098	1,838
Total	1,077	1,098	1,838

RECOUNT State Representative District 11				
County	Bill Linsenmeyer	Brian K. Mulder	Keri K. Weems	John C. Kunnari
Minnehaha	255	627	627	617
Total	255	627	627	617

RECOUNT State Senator District 21		
County	Erin Tobin	Mykala Voita
Aurora	118	115
Charles Mix	418	460
Douglas	231	354
Gregory	367	457
Tripp	662	457
Total	1,796	1,843

RECOUNT State Representative District 21			
County	Lee Qualm	Marty Overweg	Jim Halverson
Aurora	169	196	54
Charles Mix	450	728	337
Douglas	284	554	154
Gregory	455	435	453
Tripp	407	482	838
Total	1,765	2,395	1,836

RECOUNT State Senator District 34		
County	Jason Green	Taffy Howard
Pennington	1,564	1,597
Total	1,564	1,597

2024 General Election Statistics

Voter Registration Totals as of November 5, 2024

County	DEM	REP	OTH	NPA/IND	LIB	No Labels	Inactive	Total Active
Aurora	518	982	2	330	2		107	1,834
Beadle	2,501	5,113	41	2,506	26	1	787	10,188
Bennett	685	727	2	404	6		190	1,824
Bon Homme	888	2,369		710	13		291	3,980
Brookings	5,103	9,938	21	6,418	106	1	1,594	21,587
Brown	7,278	12,860	10	5,532	99	2	1,132	25,781
Brule	903	1,746	4	679	15		173	3,347
Buffalo	533	151	4	167	2		120	857
Butte	777	4,572	19	1,518	56		1,365	6,942
Campbell	104	909		116	1		73	1,130
Charles Mix	1,786	2,713		931	9		446	5,439
Clark	543	1,641		417	4		142	2,605
Clay	2,894	3,037	11	2,572	37	5	1,231	8,556
Codington	3,894	10,431	28	4,437	63		1,625	18,853
Corson	969	742	2	566	5		234	2,284
Custer	1,055	5,110	23	1,769	36	1	992	7,994
Davison	2,785	6,857	36	3,376	33	3	1,275	13,090
Day	1,269	1,910		752	11		228	3,942
Deuel	592	1,762		761	10		122	3,125
Dewey	1,774	765		809	3		241	3,351
Douglas	205	1,665		237	1		114	2,108
Edmunds	519	1,777	2	424	7		143	2,729
Fall River	893	3,950	2	1,545	41	1	398	6,432
Faulk	195	1,127		256	1		60	1,579
Grant	1,058	2,724	11	1,048	18		341	4,859
Gregory	617	1,853		428	4		155	2,902
Haakon	117	1,168	2	115	2		62	1,404
Hamlin	543	3,066		625	7		224	4,241
Hand	402	1,649	4	238	7		97	2,300
Hanson	599	1,882	6	862	6		487	3,355
Harding	63	835	1	117	6		51	1,022
Hughes	2,146	7,345	18	2,337	46		1,046	11,892
Hutchinson	719	3,427	8	848	14		214	5,016
Hyde	150	657		124	1		43	932
Jackson	583	916	1	330	6		131	1,836
Jerauld	330	721	1	200	6		70	1,258
Jones	62	525		88	1	1	53	677
Kingsbury	672	2,297	2	705	7		282	3,683
Lake	1,903	4,327	5	1,566	25	2	2,140	7,828
Lawrence	3,938	12,171	41	5,889	173	4	2,396	22,216
Lincoln	10,127	25,302	80	13,005	231	10	5,025	48,755
Lyman	658	1,160	1	369	4		108	2,192
Marshall	966	1,305	2	551	2		165	2,826
McCook	793	2,389	3	794	8		150	3,987
McPherson	191	1,331		200	8		163	1,730
Meade	2,818	12,840	20	4,936	155	2	1,637	20,771
Mellette	411	502		245	1		64	1,159
Miner	433	846		343	5		81	1,627
Minnehaha	36,159	58,652	253	40,996	740	16	17,710	136,816
Moody	1,307	1,945	4	1,114	15	1	210	4,386

County	DEM	REP	OTH	NPA/IND	LIB	No Labels	Inactive	Total Active
Oglala Lakota	5,256	587	1	2,197	19		637	8,060
Pennington	18,026	46,455	211	25,191	679	24	9,965	90,586
Perkins	259	1,565	4	351	4		178	2,183
Potter	181	1,346	6	149	1	1	145	1,684
Roberts	2,382	2,240	19	1,545	10		495	6,196
Sanborn	358	988		291	7	1	62	1,645
Spink	1,006	2,549	3	678	10		207	4,246
Stanley	335	1,568		302	7		203	2,212
Sully	162	822		145	5		68	1,134
Todd	2,745	662	5	1,138	7		764	4,557
Tripp	568	2,438	7	571	7		381	3,591
Turner	1,132	3,643		1,268	15		240	6,058
Union	2,318	6,576	9	3,668	45	1	2,203	12,617
Walworth	580	2,473	11	590	8		472	3,662
Yankton	3,497	7,460	14	3,875	62		1,597	14,908
Ziebach	751	435		418	5		96	1,609
Total	145,984	316,496	960	157,682	2,976	77	63,901	624,175

Number of Election Precincts Per County

County	Precincts
Aurora	5
Beadle	9
Bennett	4
Bon Homme	5
Brookings*	10
Brown*	12
Brule	4
Buffalo	3
Butte	18
Campbell	5
Charles Mix	13
Clark	12
Clay	11
Codington	23
Corson	9
Custer	10
Davison	8
Day	11
Deuel	10
Dewey	11
Douglas	6
Edmunds	6
Fall River	9
Faulk	7
Grant	18
Gregory	3
Haakon	5
Hamlin	7
Hand	5
Hanson	5
Harding	8
Hughes*	6
Hutchinson	6

*County uses Vote Centers.

County	Precincts
Hyde*	1
Jackson	8
Jerauld	5
Jones	2
Kingsbury	6
Lake	10
Lawrence	11
Lincoln	32
Lyman	7
Marshall	9
McCook	6
McPherson	4
Meade	41
Mellette	4
Miner	8
Minnehaha	81
Moody	6
Oglala Lakota	9
Pennington	46
Perkins	10
Potter*	3
Roberts	12
Sanborn	4
Spink	9
Stanley	3
Sully*	4
Todd	10
Tripp	13
Turner	8
Union	12
Walworth	10
Yankton*	7
Ziebach	6
Total	691

Voter Turnout

County	Registered Voters	Votes Cast	Percent Turnout
Aurora	1,834	1,416	77.21%
Beadle	10,188	7,163	70.31%
Bennett	1,824	1,102	60.42%
Bon Homme	3,980	3,058	76.83%
Brookings	21,587	15,255	70.67%
Brown	25,781	17,353	67.31%
Brule	3,347	2,472	73.86%
Buffalo	857	475	55.43%
Butte	6,942	5,137	74.00%
Campbell	1,130	847	74.96%
Charles Mix	5,439	3,672	67.51%
Clark	2,605	1,883	72.28%
Clay	8,556	5,777	67.52%
Codington	18,853	13,767	73.02%
Corson	2,284	1,157	50.66%
Custer	7,994	6,074	75.98%
Davison	13,090	9,335	71.31%
Day	3,942	2,989	75.82%
Deuel	3,125	2,329	74.53%
Dewey	3,351	1,909	56.97%
Douglas	2,108	1,680	79.70%
Edmunds	2,729	2,078	76.15%
Fall River	6,432	4,351	67.65%
Faulk	1,579	1,153	73.02%
Grant	4,859	3,694	76.02%
Gregory	2,902	2,309	79.57%
Haakon	1,404	1,141	81.27%
Hamlin	4,241	3,273	77.18%
Hand	2,300	1,796	78.09%
Hanson	3,355	2,089	62.27%
Harding	1,022	831	81.31%
Hughes	11,892	8,616	72.45%
Hutchinson	5,016	3,790	75.56%

County	Registered Voters	Votes Cast	Percent Turnout
Hyde	932	707	75.86%
Jackson	1,836	1,151	62.69%
Jerauld	1,258	1,011	80.37%
Jones	677	557	82.27%
Kingsbury	3,683	2,858	77.60%
Lake	7,828	6,024	76.95%
Lawrence	22,216	15,672	70.54%
Lincoln	48,755	37,039	75.97%
Lyman	2,192	1,470	67.06%
Marshall	2,826	2,156	76.29%
McCook	3,987	3,100	77.75%
McPherson	1,730	1,332	76.99%
Meade	20,771	14,899	71.73%
Mellette	1,159	753	64.97%
Miner	1,627	1,194	73.39%
Minnehaha	136,816	95,648	69.91%
Moody	4,386	3,258	74.28%
Oglala Lakota	8,060	3,128	38.81%
Pennington	90,586	57,555	63.54%
Perkins	2,183	1,619	74.16%
Potter	1,684	1,322	78.50%
Roberts	6,196	4,215	68.03%
Sanborn	1,645	1,232	74.89%
Spink	4,246	3,197	75.29%
Stanley	2,212	1,758	79.48%
Sully	1,134	913	80.51%
Todd	4,557	2,170	47.62%
Tripp	3,591	2,710	75.47%
Turner	6,058	4,632	76.46%
Union	12,617	8,895	70.50%
Walworth	3,662	2,489	67.97%
Yankton	14,908	11,046	74.09%
Ziebach	1,609	797	49.53%
Total	624,175	436,478	69.93%

*Percentage includes Inactive Voters.

2024 General Election Results

United States President

County	Kamala Harris Tim Walz (D)	Chase Oliver Mike ter Maat (L)	Donald J. Trump JD Vance (R)	Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Nicole Shanahan (IND)
Aurora	302	5	1,056	30
Beadle	2,017	33	4,826	134
Bennett	389	4	676	19
Bon Homme	697	16	2,236	43
Brookings	5,978	112	8,575	274
Brown	6,075	72	10,645	251
Brule	666	17	1,694	46
Buffalo	291	2	164	9
Butte	942	37	4,024	79
Campbell	120	5	706	5
Charles Mix	1,000	13	2,551	51
Clark	415	11	1,382	34
Clay	2,944	42	2,574	97
Codington	3,840	88	9,349	233
Corson	495	9	631	8
Custer	1,567	36	4,313	85
Davison	2,743	53	6,208	173
Day	1,000	20	1,876	36
Deuel	528	13	1,717	40
Dewey	1,032	3	793	43
Douglas	219	3	1,419	17
Edmunds	384	3	1,618	26
Fall River	1,030	32	3,135	77
Faulk	183	6	920	21
Grant	946	18	2,594	72
Gregory	426	15	1,790	36
Haakon	105	4	1,004	12
Hamlin	610	19	2,560	37
Hand	365	7	1,376	16
Hanson	399	8	1,611	28
Harding	48	5	754	13
Hughes	2,838	59	5,379	159
Hutchinson	755	17	2,918	46
Hyde	148	4	530	13
Jackson	357	3	753	16
Jerauld	276	1	708	14
Jones	60	3	477	10
Kingsbury	760	13	1,989	39
Lake	1,978	22	3,819	87
Lawrence	5,074	121	9,904	310
Lincoln	12,981	227	22,621	564
Lyman	422	7	993	25
Marshall	782	11	1,288	28
McCook	733	10	2,227	61
McPherson	188	5	1,087	19
Meade	3,421	106	10,887	258
Mellette	285	3	434	18
Miner	293	5	841	28
Minnehaha	39,923	673	51,842	1,548
Moody	1,052	14	2,068	55

County	Kamala Harris Tim Walz (D)	Chase Oliver Mike ter Maat (L)	Donald J. Trump JD Vance (R)	Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Nicole Shanahan (IND)
Oglala Lakota	2,567	17	406	72
Pennington	20,051	483	35,009	1,037
Perkins	228	4	1,342	17
Potter	214	8	1,059	17
Roberts	1,560	12	2,514	63
Sanborn	259	3	929	21
Spink	921	13	2,145	60
Stanley	447	5	1,260	23
Sully	168	4	716	13
Todd	1,570	17	497	42
Tripp	470	7	2,150	27
Turner	1,044	35	3,374	85
Union	2,548	56	6,160	112
Walworth	481	16	1,940	29
Yankton	3,883	79	6,650	220
Ziebach	366	4	388	23
Total	146,859	2,778	272,081	7,204

United States Representative

County	Sheryl Johnson (D)	Dusty Johnson (R)
Aurora	222	1,146
Beadle	1,465	5,505
Bennett	334	730
Bon Homme	564	2,373
Brookings	4,644	10,133
Brown	4,753	11,974
Brule	526	1,881
Buffalo	240	217
Butte	838	4,066
Campbell	105	704
Charles Mix	866	2,738
Clark	304	1,513
Clay	2,371	3,209
Codington	2,880	10,406
Corson	457	665
Custer	1,334	4,536
Davison	1,934	7,131
Day	787	2,118
Deuel	404	1,856
Dewey	894	944
Douglas	157	1,462
Edmunds	302	1,701
Fall River	889	3,272
Faulk	168	928
Grant	705	2,876
Gregory	340	1,880
Haakon	112	991
Hamlin	434	2,730
Hand	269	1,470
Hanson	353	1,665
Harding	45	752
Hughes	2,019	6,342
Hutchinson	534	3,166
Hyde	103	580
Jackson	329	783
Jerauld	184	816
Jones	62	477
Kingsbury	571	2,209
Lake	1,456	4,406
Lawrence	4,288	10,757
Lincoln	9,954	25,901
Lyman	318	1,099
Marshall	609	1,489
McCook	554	2,460
McPherson	160	1,077
Meade	2,855	11,439
Mellette	253	370
Miner	209	934
Minnehaha	32,303	60,016
Moody	889	2,268
Oglala Lakota	2,313	720
Pennington	16,727	38,628
Perkins	182	1,395

County	Sheryl Johnson (D)	Dusty Johnson (R)
Potter	173	1,109
Roberts	1,272	2,827
Sanborn	188	1,023
Spink	685	2,430
Stanley	335	1,355
Sully	147	719
Todd	1,407	690
Tripp	379	2,232
Turner	813	3,688
Union	2,057	6,650
Walworth	401	2,005
Yankton	3,046	7,564
Ziebach	347	434
Total	117,818	303,630

Public Utilities Commissioner

County	Forrest Wilson (D)	A. Gideon Oakes (L)	Kristie Fiegen (R)
Aurora	239	38	1,034
Beadle	1,448	249	4,955
Bennett	347	48	588
Bon Homme	546	118	2,147
Brookings	4,126	659	9,191
Brown	4,567	698	10,628
Brule	481	88	1,719
Buffalo	261	19	166
Butte	735	326	3,719
Campbell	80	26	666
Charles Mix	846	109	2,511
Clark	313	60	1,324
Clay	2,272	241	2,743
Codington	2,672	511	9,220
Corson	437	56	595
Custer	1,163	578	3,971
Davison	1,850	343	6,283
Day	750	103	1,813
Deuel	389	122	1,645
Dewey	929	90	721
Douglas	143	24	1,417
Edmunds	304	56	1,544
Fall River	837	325	2,898
Faulk	149	32	869
Grant	667	141	2,537
Gregory	347	70	1,698
Haakon	73	33	963
Hamlin	431	111	2,511
Hand	264	52	1,347
Hanson	328	50	1,536
Harding	36	30	714
Hughes	1,837	408	5,803
Hutchinson	444	117	3,013
Hyde	99	23	541
Jackson	322	43	703
Jerauld	201	15	716
Jones	41	21	465
Kingsbury	510	102	2,031
Lake	1,205	231	4,151
Lawrence	3,927	1,003	9,460
Lincoln	8,796	1,505	23,931
Lyman	342	69	968
Marshall	612	71	1,259
McCook	506	108	2,258
McPherson	131	49	1,053
Meade	2,554	1,080	9,928
Mellette	244	44	402
Miner	192	33	844
Minnehaha	28,587	4,346	54,700
Moody	821	115	2,142
Oglala Lakota	2,379	156	357
Pennington	15,384	4,324	33,056
Perkins	184	71	1,234

County	Forrest Wilson (D)	A. Gideon Oakes (L)	Kristie Fiegen (R)
Potter	153	37	1,038
Roberts	1,327	155	2,348
Sanborn	182	39	928
Spink	665	113	2,208
Stanley	298	84	1,258
Sully	110	39	699
Todd	1,458	113	475
Tripp	357	77	2,119
Turner	691	200	3,473
Union	1,918	380	6,021
Walworth	366	83	1,888
Yankton	2,828	468	6,593
Ziebach	328	48	363
Total	108,029	21,176	272,099

State Legislature

State Senator District 1	
County	Michael H. Rohl (R)
Brown	3,229
Day	1,976
Marshall	1,401
Roberts	1,843
Total	8,449

State Representative District 1						
County	Steven D. McCleerey (D)	Mark Sumption (D)	Josh Dennert (L)	Tamara Lesnar (L)	Logan Manhart (R)	Christopher Reder (R)
Brown	983	1,563	668	148	2,427	2,219
Day	983	848	101	187	1,378	1,229
Marshall	793	768	116	85	922	859
Roberts	1,415	1,051	65	158	1,219	1,239
Total	4,174	4,230	950	578	5,946	5,546

State Senator District 2	
County	Steve Kolbeck (R)
Minnehaha	10,337
Total	10,337

State Representative District 2		
County	David Kull (R)	John Sjaarda (R)
Minnehaha	8,239	8,392
Total	8,239	8,392

State Senator District 3	
County	Carl Perry (R)
Brown	6,900
Total	6,900

State Representative District 3			
County	Erin R. Rudner (D)	Brandei Schaeftbauer (R)	Al Novstrup (R)
Brown	4,515	6,049	5,738
Total	4,515	6,049	5,738

State Senator District 4	
County	Stephanie Sauder (R)
Clark	1,254
Codington	1,346
Deuel	1,748
Grant	2,676
Hamlin	2,577
Roberts	774
Total	10,375

State Representative District 4		
County	Kent Roe (R)	Dylan C. Jordan (R)
Clark	937	824
Codington	1,083	870
Deuel	1,297	1,322
Grant	1,992	2,048
Hamlin	2,070	1,639
Roberts	580	605
Total	7,959	7,308

State Senator District 5		
County	Dennis Solberg (D)	Glen A. Vilhauer (R)
Codington	3,203	7,889
Total	3,203	7,889

State Representative District 5				
County	Diane M. Drake (D)	Amy D. Rambow (D)	Josephine Garcia (R)	Matt Roby (R)
Codington	2,308	1,953	5,892	8,314
Total	2,308	1,953	5,892	8,314

State Senator District 6	
County	Ernie Otten (R)
Lincoln	8,961
Total	8,961

State Representative District 6			
County	Garret M. Campbell (D)	Herman Otten (R)	Aaron Aylward (R)
Lincoln	3,546	7,216	6,534
Total	3,546	7,216	6,534

State Senator District 7	
County	Tim Reed (R)
Brookings	7,597
Total	7,597

State Representative District 7				
County	Blake Stevens (D)	Fedora Sutton-Butler (D)	Mellissa Heermann (R)	Roger DeGroot (R)
Brookings	3,189	3,533	5,666	6,045
Total	3,189	3,533	5,666	6,045

State Senator District 8	
County	Casey Crabtree (R)
Brookings	2,949
Kingsbury	2,086
Lake	4,238
Miner	760
Total	10,033

State Representative District 8			
County	Greg Zimmerman (L)	Tim Reisch (R)	Tim Walburg (R)
Brookings	626	2,587	2,565
Kingsbury	395	1,849	1,679
Lake	818	3,666	4,425
Miner	119	851	613
Total	1,958	8,953	9,282

State Senator District 9	
County	Joy Hohn (R)
Minnehaha	8,137
Total	8,137

State Representative District 9			
County	Beverly Froslic Johnson (D)	Bethany Soye (R)	Tesa Schwans (R)
Minnehaha	4,003	6,473	6,560
Total	4,003	6,473	6,560

State Senator District 10	
County	Liz Larson (D)
Minnehaha	5,606
Total	5,606

State Representative District 10			
County	Kameron Nelson (D)	Erin Healy (D)	Bobbi L. Andera (R)
Minnehaha	4,045	5,138	4,234
Total	4,045	5,138	4,234

State Senator District 11		
County	Steve Natz (D)	Chris Karr (R)
Minnehaha	4,747	6,796
Total	4,747	6,796

State Representative District 11				
County	Aaron Matson (D)	Sonja Mentzer (D)	Keri K. Weems (R)	Brian K. Mulder (R)
Minnehaha	4,261	4,599	5,926	6,235
Total	4,261	4,599	5,926	6,235

State Senator District 12		
County	Clay Hoffman (D)	Arch Beal (R)
Lincoln	2,049	3,443
Minnehaha	2,859	2,724
Total	4,908	6,167

State Representative District 12				
County	Erin Royer (D)	JR Anderson (D)	Amber Arlint (R)	Greg Jamison (R)
Lincoln	1,804	1,387	3,527	3,271
Minnehaha	2,610	2,148	2,730	2,690
Total	4,414	3,535	6,257	5,961

State Senator District 13		
County	Ali Rae Horsted (D)	Sue Peterson (R)
Lincoln	4,279	6,749
Minnehaha	1,669	1,635
Total	5,948	8,384

State Representative District 13		
County	Tony Venhuizen (R)	John Hughes (R)
Lincoln	5,727	6,076
Minnehaha	1,543	1,659
Total	7,270	7,735

State Senator District 14		
County	Sandra Henry (D)	Larry P. Zikmund (R)
Minnehaha	5,936	7,127
Total	5,936	7,127

State Representative District 14				
County	Keith Block (D)	B.J. Motley (D)	Taylor Rae Rehfeldt (R)	Tony Kayser (R)
Minnehaha	4,991	4,253	7,833	6,389
Total	4,991	4,235	7,833	6,389

State Senator District 15		
County	Jamie Smith (D)	Brenda Lawrence (R)
Minnehaha	5,052	4,582
Total	5,052	4,582

State Representative District 15				
County	Erik Muckey (D)	Kadyn Wittman (D)	Joni Tschetter (R)	Brad Lindwurm (R)
Minnehaha	4,364	4,551	4,357	3,918
Total	4,364	4,551	4,357	3,918

State Senator District 16	
County	Kevin D. Jensen (R)
Lincoln	4,518
Turner	3,135
Union	1,715
Total	9,368

State Representative District 16			
County	Matthew Carl Ness (D)	Karla J. Lems (R)	Richard Vasgaard (R)
Lincoln	1,419	4,110	3,285
Turner	870	2,471	2,734
Union	629	1,379	1,388
Total	2,918	7,960	7,407

State Senator District 17	
County	Sydney Davis (R)
Clay	2,498
Union	3,499
Total	5,997

State Representative District 17			
County	Ray Ring (D)	William "Bill" Shorma (R)	Chris Kassin (R)
Clay	2,716	1,837	2,784
Union	1,529	3,660	3,915
Total	4,245	5,497	6,699

State Senator District 18		
County	Sarah Carda (D)	Lauren Nelson (D)
Clay	110	244
Yankton	4,519	5,945
Total	4,629	6,189

State Representative District 18				
County	Paul Harens (D)	Sarah Mechtenberg (D)	Mike Stevens (R)	Julie Auch (R)
Clay	94	78	215	235
Yankton	4,000	2,155	6,657	5,881
Total	4,094	2,233	6,872	6,116

State Senator District 19		
County	Kyle Schoenfish (R)	Michael J. Miller (IND)
Bon Homme	2,183	620
Hanson	1,455	388
Hutchinson	2,756	829
McCook	2,135	644
Turner	209	102
Total	8,738	2,583

State Representative District 19		
County	Drew Peterson (R)	Jessica Bahmuller (R)
Bon Homme	1,769	1,791
Hanson	972	1,489
Hutchinson	2,144	2,461
McCook	1,893	1,801
Turner	194	176
Total	6,972	7,718

State Senator District 20	
County	Paul Miskimins (R)
Davison	6,551
Jerauld	694
Miner	52
Sanborn	887
Total	8,184

State Representative District 20		
County	Jeff Bathke (R)	Kaley Nolz (R)
Davison	5,590	4,785
Jerauld	611	522
Miner	43	55
Sanborn	709	651
Total	6,953	6,013

State Senator District 21		
County	Dan Andersson (D)	Mykala Voita (R)
Aurora	356	921
Charles Mix	1,045	2,395
Douglas	197	1,348
Gregory	444	1,706
Tripp	476	2,082
Total	2,518	8,452

State Representative District 21		
County	Jim Halverson (R)	Marty Overweg (R)
Aurora	610	956
Charles Mix	1,624	2,495
Douglas	781	1,335
Gregory	1,545	1,201
Tripp	2,126	1,214
Total	6,686	7,201

State Senator District 22		
County	Jim A. Schmidt (D)	David Wheeler (R)
Beadle	1,654	5,151
Clark	52	122
Spink	960	1,998
Total	2,666	7,271

State Representative District 22		
County	Kevin Van Diepen (R)	Lana Greenfield (R)
Beadle	4,584	3,660
Clark	92	112
Spink	1,345	2,125
Total	6,021	5,897

State Senator District 23	
County	Mark Lapka (R)
Brown	802
Campbell	676
Edmunds	1,584
Faulk	848
Hand	1,325
McPherson	1,101
Potter	1,004
Walworth	1,843
Total	9,183

State Representative District 23		
County	Scott Moore (R)	Spencer Gosch (R)
Brown	635	655
Campbell	460	666
Edmunds	1,417	1,266
Faulk	760	695
Hand	1,203	1,085
McPherson	952	922
Potter	777	864
Walworth	1,216	1,820
Total	7,420	7,973

State Senator District 24	
County	Jim Mehlhaff (R)
Haakon	925
Hughes	6,102
Hyde	530
Stanley	1,305
Sully	693
Total	9,555

State Representative District 24		
County	Will D. Mortenson (R)	Mike Weisgram (R)
Haakon	844	672
Hughes	5,711	5,520
Hyde	482	399
Stanley	1,260	1,164
Sully	598	541
Total	8,895	8,296

State Senator District 25		
County	Brian Wirth (D)	Tom Pischke (R)
Minnehaha	2,672	7,584
Moody	962	2,083
Total	3,634	9,667

State Representative District 25		
County	Les Heinemann (R)	Jon Hansen (R)
Minnehaha	5,581	6,662
Moody	1,898	1,619
Total	7,479	8,281

State Senator District 26		
County	Shawn Bordeaux (D)	Tamara Grove (R)
Brule	682	1,644
Buffalo	304	153
Hughes	24	16
Hyde	15	3
Jones	72	462
Lyman	432	955
Mellette	228	464
Todd	1,464	631
Total	3,221	4,328

State Representative District 26A			
County	Eric E. Emery (D)	Ron Frederick (R)	William Craig Lafferty (IND)
Jones	13	129	10
Mellette	231	364	131
Todd	1,287	411	418
Total	1,531	904	559

State Representative District 26B		
County	Rebecca Reimer (R)	David Reis (IND)
Brule	1,452	891
Buffalo	147	259
Hughes	16	16
Hyde	2	12
Jones	312	62
Lyman	817	591
Total	2,746	1,831

State Senator District 27		
County	Red Dawn Foster (D)	Anthony G. Kathol (R)
Bennett	319	674
Jackson	370	731
Oglala Lakota	2,717	348
Pennington	329	1,765
Total	3,807	3,518

State Representative District 27			
County	Peri Pourier (D)	Elsie Meeks (D)	Liz May (R)
Bennett	359	448	710
Jackson	307	437	753
Oglala Lakota	2,488	1,654	475
Pennington	297	380	1,779
Total	3,451	2,919	3,717

State Senator District 28			
County	Dean Schrempp (D)	Sam Marty (R)	Shane C. Farlee (IND)
Butte	745	3,720	370
Corson	439	508	139
Dewey	771	512	542
Harding	41	725	40
Perkins	186	1,260	98
Ziebach	293	244	247
Total	2,475	6,969	1,436

State Representative District 28A		
County	Carl J. Petersen (D)	Jana Hunt (R)
Corson	462	643
Dewey	996	873
Perkins	78	622
Ziebach	356	425
Total	1,892	2,563

State Representative District 28B	
County	Travis Ismay (R)
Butte	3,646
Harding	693
Perkins	701
Total	5,040

State Senator District 29	
County	John Carley (R)
Meade	8,634
Total	8,634

State Representative District 29		
County	Kathy Rice (R)	Terri Jorgenson (R)
Meade	6,615	6,966
Total	6,615	6,966

State Senator District 30		
County	Bret Swanson (D)	Amber Hulse (R)
Custer	1,442	4,307
Fall River	957	2,967
Pennington	1,469	3,942
Total	3,868	11,216

State Representative District 30			
County	Susan Scheirbeck (D)	Trish Ladner (R)	Tim Goodwin (R)
Custer	1,481	3,760	3,854
Fall River	991	2,760	2,609
Pennington	1,400	3,188	3,631
Total	3,872	9,708	10,094

State Senator District 31	
County	Randy Deibert (R)
Lawrence	10,294
Total	10,294

State Representative District 31				
County	Scott Odenbach (R)	Mary J. Fitzgerald (R)	Victoria Greenlee (IND)	Shana McVickers (IND)
Lawrence	9,100	7,768	3,986	3,049
Total	9,100	7,768	3,986	3,049

State Senator District 32		
County	Helene Duhamel (R)	Karen M. McNeal (IND)
Pennington	5,189	3,463
Total	5,189	3,463

State Representative District 32			
County	Nicole Uhre-Balk (D)	Steve Duffy (R)	Brook Kaufman (R)
Pennington	4,133	4,111	3,548
Total	4,133	4,111	3,548

State Senator District 33	
County	Curt Voight (R)
Meade	1,709
Pennington	7,538
Total	9,247

State Representative District 33		
County	Curt Massie (R)	Phil Jensen (R)
Meade	1,288	1,311
Pennington	6,067	6,014
Total	7,355	7,325

State Senator District 34		
County	Kehala Two Bulls (D)	Taffy Howard (R)
Pennington	5,016	7,568
Total	5,016	7,586

State Senator District 34		
County	Mike Derby (R)	Heather Baxter (R)
Pennington	7,108	6,381
Total	7,108	6,381

State Senator District 35	
County	Greg Blanc (R)
Pennington	9,851
Total	9,851

State Representative District 35				
County	Pat Cromwell (D)	Jason Lind (D)	Tina L. Mulally (R)	Tony Randolph (R)
Pennington	4,004	3,772	8,586	8,778
Total	4,004	3,772	8,586	8,778

Recounts

RECOUNT State Representative District 15				
County	Erik Muckey (D)	Kadyn Wittman (D)	Joni Tschetter (R)	Brad Lindwurm (R)
Minnehaha	4,365	4,552	4,356	3,917
Total	4,365	4,552	4,356	3,917

Water Development Districts

East Dakota Water Development District Director East Dakota WDD 4		
County	Richard Bonander (NON)	Bonnie Dybedahl (NON)
Minnehaha	5,461	5,164
Total	5,461	5,165

Supreme Court Justice Retention

Shall Justice Scott P. Myren representing the Fifth Supreme Court District, whose term expires January 1, 2025, be retained in office?

County	Yes	No
Aurora	868	228
Beadle	4,812	1,057
Bennett	629	257
Bon Homme	2,001	524
Brookings	9,497	2,272
Brown	12,367	2,380
Brule	1,646	439
Buffalo	242	151
Butte	3,413	764
Campbell	651	89
Charles Mix	2,373	727
Clark	1,225	265
Clay	3,650	992
Codington	8,689	1,950
Corson	655	344
Custer	3,893	1,036
Davison	6,278	1,370
Day	1,982	449
Deuel	1,609	319
Dewey	1,013	636
Douglas	1,123	273
Edmunds	1,480	281
Fall River	2,699	857
Faulk	802	140
Grant	2,444	461
Gregory	1,552	383
Haakon	787	156
Hamlin	2,166	395
Hand	1,256	221
Hanson	1,368	312
Harding	550	99
Hughes	6,353	1,129
Hutchinson	2,607	544

County	Yes	No
Hyde	509	87
Jackson	671	270
Jerauld	686	161
Jones	372	103
Kingsbury	2,007	354
Lake	4,134	813
Lawrence	9,713	2,632
Lincoln	23,834	5,626
Lyman	914	337
Marshall	1,492	292
McCook	2,108	436
McPherson	959	146
Meade	9,413	2,479
Mellette	439	200
Miner	770	165
Minnehaha	58,811	17,092
Moody	2,084	591
Oglala Lakota	1,315	1,377
Pennington	35,479	10,233
Perkins	1,049	210
Potter	949	166
Roberts	2,728	782
Sanborn	835	183
Spink	2,277	453
Stanley	1,297	208
Sully	662	126
Todd	943	908
Tripp	1,847	435
Turner	3,070	679
Union	5,855	1,373
Walworth	1,891	307
Yankton	6,869	1,930
Ziebach	545	254
Total	279,216	72,908

Constitutional Amendment E

Title: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Updating Gender References for Certain Officeholders and Persons.

Attorney General Explanation: The South Dakota Constitution became effective upon the State joining the United States in 1889. The generic male pronouns he, his, and him are used in the text of the State Constitution to reference certain officeholders or individuals.

This amendment changes the text of the State Constitution to remove the use of generic male pronouns when referencing certain officeholders or individuals. For example, when referencing the Governor, instead of saying "he shall be commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the state," the text will be changed to read "the Governor shall be commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the state." The amendment makes similar changes to other references to the Governor, as well as to references to other officeholders including Lieutenant Governor, Supreme Court Justices, and Circuit Court Judges. The amendment also makes similar changes to references in the Constitution to general classes of people such as persons, electors, and public officers.

Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.

Vote "No" to leave the Constitution as it is.

The text of this amendment is 11 pages long with 25 sections.

Constitutional Amendment E

County	Yes	No
Aurora	342	1,040
Beadle	2,624	4,326
Bennett	368	687
Bon Homme	924	2,052
Brookings	7,085	7,749
Brown	7,061	9,728
Brule	765	1,650
Buffalo	162	287
Butte	1,487	3,525
Campbell	260	559
Charles Mix	1,142	2,445
Clark	576	1,220
Clay	3,042	2,586
Codington	5,064	8,110
Corson	430	694
Custer	2,162	3,767
Davison	3,545	5,499
Day	1,101	1,772
Deuel	751	1,514
Dewey	834	1,017
Douglas	316	1,320
Edmunds	568	1,451
Fall River	1,448	2,782
Faulk	317	789
Grant	1,190	2,384
Gregory	546	1,702
Haakon	231	882
Hamlin	940	2,240
Hand	543	1,203
Hanson	663	1,343
Harding	109	702
Hughes	3,882	4,573
Hutchinson	1,231	2,452

County	Yes	No
Hyde	215	480
Jackson	323	802
Jerauld	305	674
Jones	122	426
Kingsbury	954	1,827
Lake	2,427	3,428
Lawrence	6,445	8,790
Lincoln	16,977	18,970
Lyman	477	963
Marshall	818	1,283
McCook	1,073	1,947
McPherson	369	910
Meade	5,091	9,459
Mellette	260	470
Miner	347	795
Minnehaha	46,231	46,156
Moody	1,183	1,992
Oglala Lakota	1,764	1,222
Pennington	25,391	30,434
Perkins	427	1,155
Potter	406	878
Roberts	1,735	2,350
Sanborn	374	820
Spink	1,046	2,066
Stanley	642	1,069
Sully	274	627
Todd	1,187	917
Tripp	718	1,932
Turner	1,443	3,071
Union	3,773	4,917
Walworth	793	1,602
Yankton	4,740	5,929
Ziebach	326	455
Total	180,365	242,866

Constitutional Amendment F

Title: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Authorizing the State to Impose a Work Requirement on Individuals Eligible for Expanded Medicaid Benefits.

Attorney General Explanation: The Medicaid program is funded by the State and the federal government to provide medical coverage for certain low-income people who qualify for the program. In 2022, the voters approved a Constitutional provision that expanded Medicaid eligibility for any person over age 18 and under 65 whose income is at or below 133% of the federal poverty level, plus 5% of the federal poverty level for the applicable family size.

This constitutional amendment authorizes the State to impose work requirements on any person eligible to receive benefits under the expanded Medicaid program, except for those persons who are physically or mentally disabled. The amendment does not identify any specific work requirement that may be imposed on those receiving expanded Medicaid benefits. Any work requirement proposed by the State must be approved by the federal government prior to implementation.

Vote “Yes” to adopt the amendment.

Vote “No” to leave the Constitution as it is.

The text of this amendment is 2 pages long with 2 sections.

Constitutional Amendment F

County	Yes	No
Aurora	698	680
Beadle	3,759	3,170
Bennett	540	519
Bon Homme	1,518	1,443
Brookings	7,787	6,883
Brown	9,646	7,105
Brule	1,264	1,153
Buffalo	205	249
Butte	3,050	1,953
Campbell	499	313
Charles Mix	1,504	2,082
Clark	973	836
Clay	2,709	2,868
Codington	7,873	5,214
Corson	626	490
Custer	3,686	2,202
Davison	5,106	3,932
Day	1,567	1,302
Deuel	1,303	957
Dewey	830	1,029
Douglas	715	925
Edmunds	1,149	865
Fall River	2,427	1,794
Faulk	570	532
Grant	1,991	1,573
Gregory	1,199	1,036
Haakon	607	506
Hamlin	1,818	1,338
Hand	967	778
Hanson	1,201	788
Harding	478	326
Hughes	4,715	3,740
Hutchinson	1,928	1,761

County	Yes	No
Hyde	324	364
Jackson	556	565
Jerauld	460	520
Jones	284	264
Kingsbury	1,454	1,304
Lake	3,173	2,624
Lawrence	9,095	6,091
Lincoln	20,703	14,939
Lyman	688	744
Marshall	1,053	1,035
McCook	1,652	1,350
McPherson	714	573
Meade	8,978	5,539
Mellette	279	386
Miner	600	528
Minnehaha	49,529	42,308
Moody	1,651	1,514
Oglala Lakota	1,193	1,816
Pennington	33,445	22,050
Perkins	955	621
Potter	690	596
Roberts	2,106	1,973
Sanborn	607	582
Spink	1,574	1,530
Stanley	968	754
Sully	525	374
Todd	797	1,322
Tripp	1,449	1,204
Turner	2,551	1,971
Union	5,582	3,083
Walworth	1,457	955
Yankton	6,015	4,626
Ziebach	395	382
Total	236,410	184,829

Constitutional Amendment G

Title: An Initiated Amendment Establishing a Right to Abortion in the State Constitution.

Attorney General Explanation: This initiated amendment establishes a constitutional right to an abortion and provides a legal framework for the regulation of abortion. This framework would override existing laws and regulations concerning abortion.

The amendment establishes that during the first trimester a pregnant woman's decision to obtain an abortion may not be regulated nor may regulations be imposed on the carrying out of an abortion.

In the second trimester, the amendment allows the regulation of a pregnant woman's abortion decision, and the regulation of carrying out an abortion. Any regulation of a pregnant woman's abortion decision, or of an abortion, during the second trimester must be reasonably related to the physical health of the pregnant woman.

In the third trimester, the amendment allows the regulation or prohibition of abortion except in those cases where the abortion is necessary to preserve the life or health of the pregnant woman. Whether an abortion is necessary during the third trimester must be determined by the pregnant woman's physician according to the physician's medical judgment.

Judicial clarification of the amendment may be necessary. The Legislature cannot alter the provisions of a constitutional amendment

Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.

Vote "No" to leave the Constitution as it is.

The text of this amendment is 2 pages long with 1 section.

Constitutional Amendment G

County	Yes	No
Aurora	308	1,091
Beadle	2,454	4,543
Bennett	405	660
Bon Homme	789	2,203
Brookings	6,927	8,040
Brown	6,990	9,990
Brule	753	1,681
Buffalo	225	231
Butte	1,654	3,378
Campbell	193	633
Charles Mix	992	2,621
Clark	486	1,329
Clay	3,201	2,453
Codington	4,927	8,451
Corson	396	726
Custer	2,289	3,658
Davison	3,197	5,934
Day	1,098	1,813
Deuel	669	1,611
Dewey	930	913
Douglas	210	1,442
Edmunds	456	1,581
Fall River	1,500	2,744
Faulk	219	914
Grant	1,053	2,563
Gregory	520	1,728
Haakon	172	950
Hamlin	749	2,474
Hand	423	1,338
Hanson	507	1,514
Harding	143	666
Hughes	3,593	4,912
Hutchinson	792	2,937

County	Yes	No
Hyde	175	522
Jackson	351	766
Jerauld	315	678
Jones	121	432
Kingsbury	896	1,906
Lake	2,253	3,644
Lawrence	7,100	8,187
Lincoln	15,823	20,549
Lyman	480	962
Marshall	838	1,278
McCook	847	2,207
McPherson	254	1,034
Meade	5,430	9,192
Mellette	295	443
Miner	321	827
Minnehaha	45,627	47,920
Moody	1,192	2,015
Oglala Lakota	2,020	980
Pennington	26,400	29,696
Perkins	348	1,240
Potter	318	973
Roberts	1,669	2,431
Sanborn	350	860
Spink	1,037	2,081
Stanley	642	1,090
Sully	231	674
Todd	1,300	810
Tripp	644	2,024
Turner	1,331	3,210
Union	3,619	5,158
Walworth	637	1,787
Yankton	4,364	6,415
Ziebach	361	423
Total	176,809	250,136

Constitutional Amendment H

Title: An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution Establishing Top-Two Primary Elections.

Attorney General Explanation: Currently, to appear on the general election ballot, major party candidates for the following offices must participate in a partisan primary election: Governor, State Legislature, U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and elected county offices. Only members of the candidate's party may vote for that candidate unless that party has opened the primary to voters not affiliated with the party.

Minor party candidates may be chosen by primary or party convention.

Unaffiliated candidates (independents) are only required to file nominating petitions to appear on the general election ballot.

For the listed offices, this amendment requires one primary election wherein all candidates run against each other in their respective races, including major and minor party and unaffiliated candidates. A candidate may list any party next to their name on the ballot regardless of party affiliation or registration. All voters may vote for any candidate. The two candidates receiving the most votes advance to the general election. If there is more than one candidate to be elected to an office, the number of candidates advancing to the general election is twice the number to be elected.

Primary elections may be held for other offices.

The amendment may be challenged on constitutional grounds.

Fiscal Note: Open primaries would require printing additional ballots at a cost of \$0.47 per ballot. The additional cost statewide to counties would currently be approximately \$23,667 for each primary election. The share of the total cost for each county will vary. There is no expected cost to state government.

Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment.

Vote "No" to leave the Constitution as it is.

The text of this amendment is 2 pages long with 1 section.

Constitutional Amendment H

County	Yes	No
Aurora	294	1,081
Beadle	2,257	4,531
Bennett	278	754
Bon Homme	826	2,098
Brookings	5,404	8,977
Brown	5,616	10,898
Brule	662	1,720
Buffalo	162	277
Butte	1,467	3,402
Campbell	151	654
Charles Mix	822	2,714
Clark	445	1,329
Clay	2,351	3,094
Codington	4,591	8,086
Corson	300	802
Custer	1,936	3,881
Davison	2,686	6,162
Day	912	1,899
Deuel	643	1,593
Dewey	670	1,134
Douglas	251	1,374
Edmunds	467	1,528
Fall River	1,357	2,684
Faulk	294	811
Grant	1,106	2,400
Gregory	443	1,773
Haakon	166	927
Hamlin	761	2,350
Hand	426	1,296
Hanson	460	1,460
Harding	114	678
Hughes	2,956	5,406
Hutchinson	886	2,746

County	Yes	No
Hyde	162	525
Jackson	262	839
Jerauld	262	703
Jones	108	433
Kingsbury	803	1,925
Lake	1,948	3,797
Lawrence	5,482	9,356
Lincoln	12,003	22,775
Lyman	385	1,026
Marshall	630	1,437
McCook	777	2,177
McPherson	300	975
Meade	4,765	9,424
Mellette	215	513
Miner	327	796
Minnehaha	33,463	55,723
Moody	1,021	2,093
Oglala Lakota	1,465	1,440
Pennington	20,484	33,428
Perkins	337	1,223
Potter	313	955
Roberts	1,342	2,655
Sanborn	299	871
Spink	917	2,168
Stanley	556	1,148
Sully	206	686
Todd	949	1,113
Tripp	544	2,102
Turner	1,208	3,244
Union	2,962	5,343
Walworth	633	1,753
Yankton	4,020	6,373
Ziebach	263	510
Total	141,570	270,048

Initiated Measure 28

Title: An Initiated Measure Prohibiting Taxes on Anything Sold for Human Consumption.

Attorney General Explanation: Currently, the State collects tax on the sale or use of certain goods, including foods and drinks. Many municipalities also collect these taxes.

This initiated measure prohibits the State from collecting sales or use tax on anything sold for human consumption. The measure eliminates these sources of revenue for the State.

Human consumption is not defined by state law. However, its common definition includes more than foods and drinks.

The measure does not prohibit the collection of sales or use tax on alcoholic beverages or prepared food. Prepared food is defined by law to include food that is sold heated or with utensils.

The measure may affect the State's obligations under the tobacco master settlement agreement and the streamlined sales tax agreement. The master settlement agreement resulted from multi-state lawsuits against cigarette manufacturers for the public health effects of smoking. South Dakota's annual share of the master settlement agreement is approximately \$20 million. The streamlined sales tax agreement is a multistate program designed to simplify the collection of sales and use tax for companies selling in multiple jurisdictions.

Judicial or legislative clarification of the measure will be necessary.

Fiscal Note: Beginning July 1, 2025, the State could see a reduction in sales tax revenues of \$123.9 million annually from no longer taxing the sale of anything sold for human consumption, except alcoholic beverages and prepared food. Municipalities could continue to tax anything sold for human consumption.

Vote "Yes" to adopt the initiated measure.

Vote "No" to leave South Dakota law as it is.

The text of this initiated measure is 2 pages long with 1 section.

Initiated Measure 28

County	Yes	No
Aurora	220	1,163
Beadle	1,766	5,161
Bennett	346	704
Bon Homme	638	2,309
Brookings	4,807	9,865
Brown	4,847	11,909
Brule	464	1,957
Buffalo	170	272
Butte	1,468	3,502
Campbell	157	667
Charles Mix	746	2,842
Clark	397	1,403
Clay	1,949	3,625
Codington	3,763	9,315
Corson	404	708
Custer	2,023	3,878
Davison	2,004	7,056
Day	825	2,043
Deuel	545	1,712
Dewey	719	1,111
Douglas	193	1,443
Edmunds	418	1,595
Fall River	1,584	2,639
Faulk	204	911
Grant	932	2,608
Gregory	364	1,873
Haakon	155	951
Hamlin	801	2,354
Hand	304	1,437
Hanson	416	1,556
Harding	155	648
Hughes	1,866	6,575
Hutchinson	731	2,947

County	Yes	No
Hyde	116	575
Jackson	301	810
Jerauld	212	767
Jones	82	464
Kingsbury	852	2,187
Lake	1,643	4,202
Lawrence	5,112	10,004
Lincoln	10,867	24,840
Lyman	284	1,144
Marshall	514	1,575
McCook	673	2,337
McPherson	291	981
Meade	4,549	9,912
Mellette	206	429
Miner	222	907
Minnehaha	31,691	59,918
Moody	958	2,214
Oglala Lakota	1,812	1,150
Pennington	19,799	35,335
Perkins	321	1,246
Potter	198	1,085
Roberts	1,240	2,828
Sanborn	251	930
Spink	721	2,382
Stanley	351	1,376
Sully	138	759
Todd	946	1,132
Tripp	435	2,207
Turner	975	3,526
Union	3,280	5,298
Walworth	545	1,864
Yankton	3,277	7,362
Ziebach	288	484
Total	129,261	290,969

Initiated Measure 29

Title: An Initiated Measure Legalizing the Recreational Use, Possession, and Distribution of Marijuana.

Attorney General Explanation: This initiated measure allows individuals 21 years of age or older to possess, grow, ingest, and distribute marijuana or marijuana paraphernalia. Individuals may possess up to two ounces of marijuana in a form other than marijuana concentrate or other marijuana products. Individuals may possess up to six marijuana plants with no more than twelve plants per household. The measure also places limits on the possession of other forms of marijuana and marijuana products.

Under the measure, the possession, ingestion, and distribution of marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia remains illegal for individuals under the age of 21. Driving under the influence of marijuana remains illegal.

The measure restricts where individuals may possess or consume marijuana, such as schools or where tobacco is prohibited.

The measure allows employers to restrict an employee's use of marijuana. Property owners may also regulate the use of marijuana on their property.

The measure does not affect State laws dealing with hemp. It also does not change laws concerning the State's medical marijuana program.

The measure legalizes marijuana-derived substances considered felony controlled substances under State law. Marijuana remains illegal under federal law.

Judicial or legislative clarification of this measure may be necessary

Fiscal Note: The state and municipalities would collect minimal additional sales tax revenue, as the measure would not decriminalize the sale of cannabis but would decriminalize the sale of cannabis accessories. Counties could see incarceration expenses reduced by \$581,556 every year.

Vote “Yes” to adopt the initiated measure.

Vote “No” to leave South Dakota law as it is.

The text of this initiated measure is 2 pages long with 4 sections.

Initiated Measure 29

County	Yes	No
Aurora	385	1,009
Beadle	2,845	4,175
Bennett	452	621
Bon Homme	907	2,080
Brookings	6,978	7,969
Brown	7,618	9,368
Brule	814	1,619
Buffalo	254	201
Butte	1,802	3,243
Campbell	242	585
Charles Mix	1,148	2,466
Clark	567	1,262
Clay	3,306	2,361
Codington	5,635	7,767
Corson	512	616
Custer	2,279	3,688
Davison	3,573	5,580
Day	1,174	1,732
Deuel	742	1,544
Dewey	1,054	805
Douglas	298	1,348
Edmunds	620	1,416
Fall River	1,712	2,548
Faulk	281	839
Grant	1,285	2,318
Gregory	628	1,621
Haakon	194	926
Hamlin	863	2,338
Hand	429	1,329
Hanson	582	1,414
Harding	142	665
Hughes	3,615	4,898
Hutchinson	966	2,748

County	Yes	No
Hyde	203	495
Jackson	402	719
Jerauld	264	728
Jones	151	400
Kingsbury	911	1,891
Lake	2,470	3,429
Lawrence	7,215	8,154
Lincoln	16,774	19,583
Lyman	565	875
Marshall	890	1,217
McCook	1,046	2,000
McPherson	334	948
Meade	6,229	8,415
Mellette	327	409
Miner	380	777
Minnehaha	48,055	45,439
Moody	1,327	1,886
Oglala Lakota	2,177	809
Pennington	27,386	28,863
Perkins	382	1,199
Potter	392	895
Roberts	1,714	2,381
Sanborn	398	803
Spink	1,096	2,030
Stanley	678	1,058
Sully	295	611
Todd	1,462	662
Tripp	649	2,014
Turner	1,570	2,980
Union	4,324	4,442
Walworth	807	1,613
Yankton	4,746	6,017
Ziebach	395	387
Total	189,916	237,228

Referred Law 21

Title: A Referred 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.

Attorney General Explanation: The Act authorizes counties to impose, for any tax year in which the pipeline operator receives a tax credit, a \$1.00 per foot surcharge on carbon dioxide pipelines. Revenue from the surcharge must be distributed as tax relief to each property owner in the county where the pipeline is installed. Any remaining revenue can be allocated at each county's discretion. No other fee may be imposed except property taxes, or fees associated with road agreements.

The Act also imposes certain requirements on carbon dioxide pipelines: pipelines must be installed to a minimum depth; each pipeline operator is responsible for damages to drain tile, and to the surface owner, caused by the pipeline; each operator is also responsible for leaks or failures of the pipeline; and any land agent acting on behalf of the pipeline must be a pipeline employee, State resident, or State licensed real estate agent. The Act also includes requirements that carbon pipeline easements be in writing, and only enforceable for a specified period of time; pipeline operators must initiate business operations within five years of the easement; and each easement is void after five years of nonuse.

Vote “Yes” to allow the Act of the Legislature to become law.

Vote “No” to reject the Act of the Legislature.

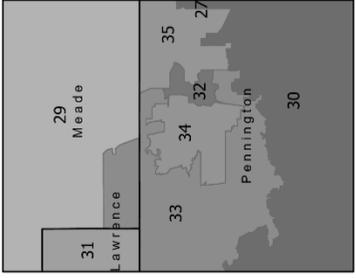
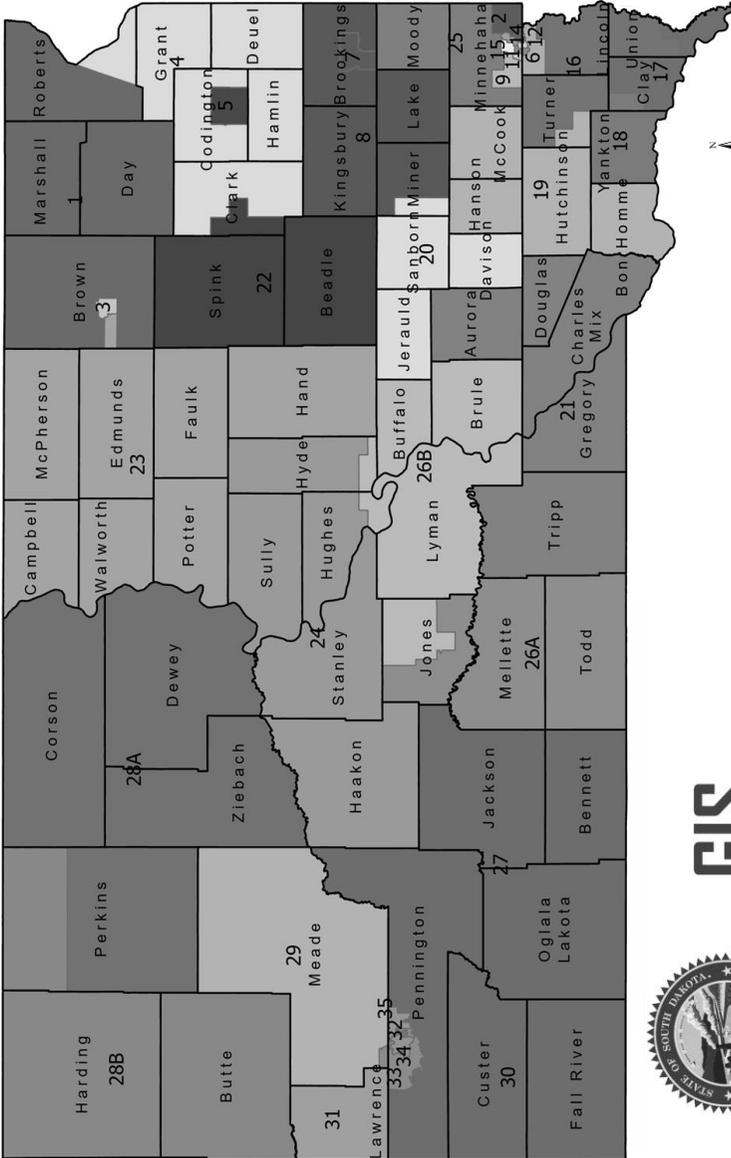
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Referred Law 21

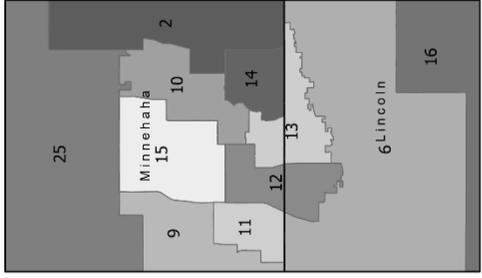
County	Yes	No
Aurora	379	994
Beadle	2,875	3,891
Bennett	365	668
Bon Homme	890	2,028
Brookings	5,846	8,394
Brown	6,127	10,264
Brule	716	1,656
Buffalo	143	301
Butte	1,823	3,058
Campbell	231	578
Charles Mix	948	2,588
Clark	670	1,119
Clay	2,520	2,852
Codington	5,455	7,073
Corson	414	688
Custer	2,414	3,319
Davison	3,309	5,459
Day	1,098	1,675
Deuel	794	1,442
Dewey	671	1,145
Douglas	384	1,223
Edmunds	535	1,469
Fall River	1,709	2,365
Faulk	332	773
Grant	1,431	2,041
Gregory	556	1,654
Haakon	267	834
Hamlin	1,317	1,798
Hand	459	1,272
Hanson	624	1,307
Harding	199	584
Hughes	3,562	4,678
Hutchinson	1,249	2,369

County	Yes	No
Hyde	186	498
Jackson	306	793
Jerauld	315	661
Jones	143	392
Kingsbury	998	1,750
Lake	2,048	3,697
Lawrence	6,246	8,338
Lincoln	13,962	20,541
Lyman	463	935
Marshall	825	1,234
McCook	971	1,973
McPherson	349	925
Meade	5,625	8,402
Mellette	195	535
Miner	339	787
Minnehaha	38,113	50,136
Moody	811	2,341
Oglala Lakota	1,467	1,473
Pennington	24,433	28,535
Perkins	435	1,114
Potter	405	859
Roberts	1,666	2,337
Sanborn	314	880
Spink	1,011	2,077
Stanley	679	997
Sully	225	668
Todd	715	1,368
Tripp	640	1,981
Turner	1,362	3,068
Union	4,440	3,901
Walworth	719	1,659
Yankton	4,702	5,536
Ziebach	262	509
Total	165,682	242,459

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