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Initiative and Referendum Task Force to Meet

PIERRE – The Initiative and Referendum Task Force will hold its first meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 20 and 21, 2017, starting at 9:00 A.M. on both days in Room 413 of the Capitol Building in Pierre.

Created by HB1141 during the 2017 Legislative Session, the task force will consider certain legislation proposed to revise provisions regarding the constitutional amendment, initiative and referendum process in South Dakota.

The agenda for the first day of the meeting includes a presentation on the history of the initiative and referendum process in South Dakota, a question and answer period with representatives of the Legislative Research Council, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Office of the Secretary of State, and a presentation on South Dakota's initiative and referendum process as compared to other states. The agenda for the second day of the meeting is devoted to taking public comment and testimony on the initiative and referendum process, concluding with discussion among task force members regarding proposals for consideration.

The Task Force Members include James Abbott (Vermillion), Senator Jim Bolin (Canton), Representative Don Haggar (Sioux Falls), Pam Lynde (Clear Lake), Will Mortenson (Fort Pierre), Senator Reynold Nesiba (Sioux Falls), Senator Ernie Otten (Tea), Representative Tim Reed (Brookings), Representative Karen Soli (Sioux Falls), Duane Sutton (Aberdeen), Yvonne Taylor (Fort Pierre), Linda Lea Viken (Rapid City), Dr. Emily Wanless (Sioux Falls), Attorney General Marty Jackley (Ex-Officio), and Secretary of State Shantel Krebs (Ex-Officio).

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