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### Initiative and Referendum Task Force to Meet

**PIERRE** – The Initiative and Referendum Task Force will hold its final meeting on Friday, October 6, 2017, starting at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held via teleconference; however, members of the public may listen in room 412 of the State Capitol in Pierre or streamed live via The South Dakota Network.

Created by HB1141 during the 2017 Legislative Session, the task force has worked during the 2017 Interim to consider certain legislation proposed to revise provisions regarding the initiated measure, initiated constitutional amendment, and referred law process in South Dakota.

The agenda for the final meeting includes consideration of a proposed bill draft regarding the creation of a citizen initiative review commission in South Dakota for purposes of informing voters about any initiated measure or initiated constitutional amendment to appear on an upcoming ballot. The bill draft is the work product assigned to a subcommittee of the task force members during the August meeting. A copy of the bill draft will be available on the LRC website prior to the October 6 meeting.

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

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