

State of South Dakota

NINETY-FIRST SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2016

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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by: _____

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the Executive Board
2 of the Legislative Research Council.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 2-9-2 be amended to read:

5 2-9-2. The Legislative Research Council shall have an executive board, to be known as the
6 Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council, which shall consist of fifteen members,
7 as follows: four members from the Senate and five members from the House of Representatives,
8 to be elected by a majority vote by their respective legislative bodies in party caucus before each
9 regular session of the Legislature held in odd-numbered years, and ex officio the president pro
10 tempore, majority leader, and minority leader of the Senate and the speaker, majority leader, and
11 minority leader of the House of Representatives elected in such regular session. The number of
12 senate and house members on the executive board shall remain constant, and any vacancy
13 occurring shall be filled by the respective legislative bodies in party caucus. If a vacancy occurs
14 in the ex officio position on the board for the president pro tempore, the vacancy on the board
15 shall be filled by the majority party caucus until the Senate elects a new president pro tempore.
16 If a vacancy occurs in the ex officio position on the board for the speaker, the vacancy on the



1 board shall be filled by the speaker pro tempore until the House of Representatives elects a new
2 speaker. No board member, excepting ex officio, may serve more than three successive terms.

3 Section 2. That § 2-9-3 be amended to read:

4 2-9-3. ~~In each term of the executive board operating in an odd-numbered year, the~~ The
5 speaker of the House of Representatives shall be is the chair of the executive board; and the
6 president pro tempore of the Senate shall be is the vice chair from the first day of the regular
7 session of the Legislature in an odd-numbered year to the day prior to the first day of the regular
8 session of the Legislature in an even-numbered year, inclusive. ~~In each term of the executive~~
9 ~~board operating in an even-numbered year, the~~ The president pro tempore of the Senate ~~shall~~
10 ~~be~~ is the chair of the executive board; and the speaker of the House of Representatives ~~shall be~~
11 is the vice chair from the first day of the regular session of the Legislature in an even-numbered
12 year to the day prior to the first day of the regular session of the Legislature in an odd-numbered
13 year, inclusive. If a vacancy occurs in the position of speaker of the House of Representatives,
14 the speaker pro tempore shall serve as chair or vice chair of the board, as provided by this
15 section, until the House of Representatives elects a new speaker. If a vacancy occurs in the
16 position of president pro tempore, the majority party caucus shall appoint a Senate member of
17 the board to serve as chair or vice chair of the board, as provided by this section, until the Senate
18 elects a new president pro tempore.

19 Section 3. That § 2-9-5 be amended to read:

20 2-9-5. The executive board shall meet as often as may be necessary to perform its duties;
21 ~~provided that in any event, it.~~ The board shall meet at least four times each year. ~~All regular~~
22 ~~meetings shall be held at the state capitol.~~ A majority of the members ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes
23 a quorum, and a majority ~~thereof shall have authority to~~ of the quorum may act on any matter
24 falling within the scope of the executive board's duties, powers, and authority. The board shall

1 make its own rules and regulations, keep complete minutes of its meetings, and prepare an
2 annual report to be placed on file in the Legislative Research Council Office.

3 Section 4. That § 2-9-8 be amended to read:

4 2-9-8. The executive board ~~is hereby authorized and empowered to~~ shall appoint a director
5 of the Legislative Research Council ~~and~~. The director shall employ such clerks, assistants, and
6 ~~other help~~ the members of the Legislative Research Council staff and provide such procure the
7 supplies and equipment as may be necessary to assist the Legislature.