

Initiative and Referendum Task Force - 2017 Interim

HB1141 (2017) To provide for a legislative task force to consider certain legislation proposed to revise provisions regarding the constitutional amendment, initiative and referendum process in South Dakota.

Section 1. There is hereby established an Initiative and Referendum Task Force comprised of fifteen members to study possible changes to the process regarding constitutional amendments, initiated measures and referred laws. The task force shall consist of the following members:

- (1) Three members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the House, two of whom to be members of the Republican party and one of whom to be a member of the Democrat party;
- (2) Three members of the Senate to be appointed by the president pro tempore, two of whom to be members of the Republican party and one of whom to be a member of the Democrat party;
- (3) The secretary of state, serving ex officio and without a vote;
- (4) The attorney general, serving ex officio and without a vote;
- (5) Two members to be appointed by the Governor. One member shall have a business background and one member shall have an agricultural background and no more than one member may be from the same political party;
- (6) Two members of the Board of Elections to be appointed by the board and no more than one member may be from the same political party;
- (7) One member to be appointed by the speaker of the House who is a faculty member of a political science department of a college or university in the state and is either registered as an independent or a member of a minority party;
- (8) One member who is a representative of and to be appointed by the South Dakota Municipal League; and
- (9) One member who is a representative of and to be appointed by the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners.

If there is a vacancy on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment under this Act.

Section 2. The task force established pursuant to this Act shall study and evaluate the voter constitutional amendment, initiative and referendum process, legislation proposed during the Ninety-second Legislative Session of the South Dakota Legislature relating to the voter constitutional amendment, initiative and referendum process, and other proposals as they relate to the voter constitutional amendment, initiative and referendum process in South Dakota.

Section 3. The task force shall report to the Legislature and the Governor before the beginning of the Ninety-third Legislative Session. The task force may present draft legislation and policy recommendations.

Section 4. The task force shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council and staffed and funded as an interim legislative committee, not to exceed twenty-one thousand dollars.

Appointing Authority	Criteria	Appointee/Member	Chair/VC
Speaker	Representative	Representative Kent Peterson (R)	
Speaker	Representative	Representative Tim Reed (R)	
Speaker	Representative	Representative Karen Soli (D)	
Speaker	Political science faculty member of in state college or	Emily Wanless (L)	Chair
President Pro Tempore	Senator	Senator Ernie Otten (R)	
President Pro Tempore	Senator	Senator Jim Bolin (R)	Acting Vice Chair
President Pro Tempore	Senator	Senator Reynold Nesiba (D)	
ex officio/non voting	Secretary of State	Ms. Shantel Krebs	
ex officio/non voting	Attorney General	Mr. Marty Jackley	
Governor	Business background*	Mr. James W. Abbott (D)	
Governor	Agricultural background*	Mr. Will Mortenson (R)	
Board of Elections	Member of Board of Elections**	Ms. Linda Lea Viken (D)	
Board of Elections	Member of Board of Elections**	Ms. Pam Lynde (R)	
SD Municipal League	Member of SDML	Ms. Yvonne Taylor	
SD Association of County Commissioners	Member of SDACC	Mr. Duane Sutton	

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