FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to create a citizen initiative review commission to review
initiated measures and initiated amendments to the Constitution and to prescribe the
commission's powers and duties.

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

Section 1. That chapter 12-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

The Citizen Initiative Review Commission shall be composed of eleven members appointed
by the State Board of Elections. At least two members but no more than four members of the
commission shall be current or former members of the Legislature. No current or former
member of the Legislature is qualified for appointment to the commission unless the member
has served at least two full terms in the Legislature. The members appointed to the commission
shall choose the chair of the commission who may not also be a current member of the
Legislature. Each appointment to the commission shall be for a period of four years except for
five of the initial members, who shall be appointed for two years. Not more than six of the
members may be from the same political party. No member of the commission may be affiliated
with any ballot measure to be considered by the commission under this Act. Any vacancy on the
commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. All members of the
Section 2. That chapter 12-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

The Office of the Secretary of State shall serve as the secretariat of the commission and shall assist the commission as may be requested by the commission.

Section 3. That chapter 12-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

The commission shall conduct at least one hearing to be held in Pierre for any initiated measure and initiated amendment to the Constitution that is certified for placement on the next general election ballot pursuant to § 2-1-17. During each hearing under this section the commission shall take testimony from the petition sponsor regarding the purpose of the initiated measure or initiated amendment and shall take public testimony. The commission may request testimony from the director of the Legislative Research Council regarding any questions from the members of the commission about the review and comment issued pursuant to § 12-13-25. After any hearing conducted under this section, the commission shall provide an objective written summary not to exceed three hundred words for each initiated measure or initiated amendment to the Constitution for purposes of being published on the website maintained by the Office of the Secretary of State.