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## SENATE BILL NO. 119

Introduced by: Senators Jones (Chuck), Bradford, Brown, Buhl O'Donnell, Frerichs, Holien, Jones (Tom), Lederman, Lucas, Maher, Novstrup (Al), Otten (Ernie), Rave, Tieszen, Welke, and White and Representatives Heinert, Anderson, Feickert, Feinstein, Gibson, Hawks, Hunhoff (Bernie), Killer, Kirschman, Olson (Betty), Parsley, Peterson, Ring, Schrempp, Soli, and Tyler

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to update and revise the statutes relating to the South  
2 Dakota Board on Geographic Names.

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

4 Section 1. That § 1-19C-1 be amended to read as follows:

5 1-19C-1. The Legislature finds that ~~certain~~ all geographic place names containing the term,  
6 squaw, are offensive and insulting to all South Dakota's people, history, and heritage. These  
7 place names ~~should be~~ have been replaced by names that reflect South Dakota's people, history,  
8 and heritage without resorting to harmful or offensive stereotypes, names, words, or phrases.  
9 ~~Sections 1-19C-5 and 1-19C-6 list the currently known geographic names that are harmful or~~  
10 ~~offensive.~~ All state and local government agencies shall make changes to maps and any other  
11 reference materials to reflect the changes provided in this chapter. The use of the term, squaw,  
12 in whole or in part, is prohibited as a name for any geographic feature within this state.

13 Section 2. That § 1-19C-1.1 be repealed.



1 ~~1-19C-1.1. The Legislature finds that Chapter 9 of the 2001 Session Laws, "An Act to~~  
2 ~~replace certain geographic place names that use offensive names, words, or phrases", was~~  
3 ~~enacted by the South Dakota Legislature in 2001. This legislation resulted in action by the~~  
4 ~~United States Board on Geographic Names changing several offensive place names in 2008.~~  
5 ~~However, several offensive place names identified in the 2001 legislation have not yet been~~  
6 ~~changed, and the Legislature urges the United States Board on Geographic Names to proceed~~  
7 ~~with further action on these place names.~~

8 Section 3. That § 1-19C-2 be repealed.

9 ~~1-19C-2. The geographic place names set forth in §§ 1-19C-5 and 1-19C-6 are considered~~  
10 ~~harmful and offensive. The new place names provided in §§ 1-19C-5 and 1-19C-6 shall replace~~  
11 ~~and shall be used by all state and local agencies in South Dakota in all future publications, maps,~~  
12 ~~or other reference materials published after July 1, 2009.~~

13 Section 4. That § 1-19C-2.1 be amended to read as follows:

14 1-19C-2.1. The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names is hereby created. The board  
15 consists of the secretary of tribal relations and one representative each from the Department of  
16 Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Transportation, the State Historical  
17 Society, and the Department of Tourism. The board shall elect a chair and vice chair from  
18 among its membership and shall meet at least once each year to consider issues related to  
19 geographical place names and to make recommendations to the appropriate local, state, and  
20 federal agencies. The board shall investigate any proposed names, solicit public input, and make  
21 a recommendation to the United States Board on Geographic Names as to whether the board  
22 supports a new or replacement name. The board may establish procedures and standards to  
23 recommend, evaluate, and select geographic place names by rules promulgated pursuant to  
24 chapter 1-26. The rules shall be compatible with the standards of the United States Board on

1 Geographic Names as contained in its manual, Principles, Policies and Procedures: Domestic  
2 Names, Reston, Virginia, 1997. (<http://geonames.usgs.gov/docs/pro pol pro.pdf>).

3 Section 5. That § 1-19C-3 be repealed.

4 ~~1-19C-3. If no replacement place name for a specific location or feature is provided in § 1-~~  
5 ~~19C-6, a replacement name may be suggested by the county or other local government entity,~~  
6 ~~or by any interested person and may be submitted to the South Dakota Board on Geographic~~  
7 ~~Names. The final decision on any replacement names, not previously approved by the~~  
8 ~~Legislature pursuant to this chapter, shall be made by the board. The board shall make its~~  
9 ~~recommendations to the United States Board on Geographic Names concerning places specified~~  
10 ~~in § 1-19C-6 not later than January 1, 2010. The board shall make any subsequent~~  
11 ~~recommendations in a timely manner. Any place names adopted as provided in this section shall~~  
12 ~~be adopted and used and shall replace the offensive place names listed in §§ 1-19C-5 and 1-~~  
13 ~~19C-6 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.~~

14 Section 6. That § 1-19C-5 be amended to read as follows:

15 1-19C-5. The following offensive place names in South Dakota by county were revised by  
16 the United States Board on Geographic Names as of January 1, ~~2009~~ 2014:

17 County	Current place name	Place name changed to
18 Codington	Squaw Lake	Serenity Lake
19 Custer	Little Squaw Creek	Badger Clark Creek
20 Fall River	Squaw Flat	Hat Creek Flat
21 Gregory	Squaw Creek	Oscar Micheaux Creek
22	Squaw Creek Reservoir	Oscar Micheaux Reservoir
23 Haakon	Squaw Creek	Sarah Larabee Creek
24 Harding	Squaw Creek	Slim Buttes Creek
25	East Squaw Creek	Meat Hook Creek

1		Squaw Tree Spring	Prairie Woman Spring
2		West Squaw Creek	Double X Creek
3	Jones	Squaw Creek	Pitan Creek
4	Lawrence	Squaw Creek	Cleopatra Creek
5		East Branch of Squaw Creek	East Branch Cleopatra Creek
6	Marshall	Squaw Hill	Six Mile Hill
7	Meade	Squaw Butte	Vig Buttes
8		Squaw Creek	Deer Creek
9	<u>Moody</u>	<u>Squaw Creek</u>	<u>Isante' Creek</u>
10	Pennington	Squaw Creek	Cedar Breaks Creek
11	<u>Shannon</u>	<u>Little Squaw Humper Creek</u>	<u>Tahc'a Okute Wakpa C'ikala</u>
12		<u>Little Squaw Humper Table</u>	<u>Tahc'a Okute Aglehan C'ikala</u>
13		<u>Squaw Humper Creek</u>	<u>Tahc'a Okute Wakpa</u>
14		<u>Squaw Humper Dam</u>	<u>Tahc'a Okute Mni Onaktake</u>
15		<u>Squaw Humper Table</u>	<u>Tahc'a Okute Aglehan</u>
16	Stanley	<del>Negro Edge Canyon</del>	<del>Ballard Canyon</del>
17	Ziebach	Squaw Teat Butte	Peaked Butte
18		Squaw Teat Creek	East Rattlesnake Creek

19 Section 7. That § 1-19C-6 be repealed.

20 ~~1-19C-6. The following offensive place names in South Dakota by county have not been~~  
21 ~~revised by the United States Board on Geographic Names as of January 1, 2009:~~

22	County	Current place name	Recommended place name
23	Custer	<del>Negro Canyon</del>	No recommendation
24		<del>Negro Wool Ridge</del>	No recommendation
25	Haakon	<del>Negro Creek</del>	No recommendation
26	Jackson	<del>Big Negro Draw</del>	No recommendation
27		<del>Little Negro Creek</del>	No recommendation
28	Lawrence	<del>Negro Gulch</del>	<del>East Chance Gulch</del>

1		Negro Hill	African Hill
2	Marshall	Squaw Lake	Six Mile Lake
3	Meade	Squaw Butte School	No recommendation
4		Negro Creek School	No recommendation
5	Moody	Squaw Creek	Jack Moore Creek
6	Pennington	Negro Creek	Medicine Mountain Creek
7	Shannon	Little Squaw Humper Creek	Little Red Shirt Creek
8		Little Squaw Humper Table	Little Red Shirt Table
9		Squaw Humper Creek	Two Bulls Creek
10		Squaw Humper Dam	Two Bulls Dam
11		Squaw Humper Table	Two Bulls Table
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