

State of South Dakota

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Introduced by: Senators Jones (Chuck), Bradford, Kirkeby, Lederman, and Tieszen and
Representatives Craig, Rozum, Soli, Steele, and Tyler

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Making formal application to Congress to lawfully recognize the
2 ratification of the 26th amendment of the United States Constitution, which ensures the right
3 to vote to all citizens over the age of eighteen.

4 WHEREAS, on March 10, 1971, the Senate voted 94-0 in favor of proposing a
5 Constitutional amendment to guarantee that the voting age could not be higher than eighteen;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, on March 23, 1971, the House of Representatives voted 401-19 in favor of the
8 proposed Constitutional amendment; and

9 WHEREAS, forty-two of the fifty states have ratified the 26th amendment to the United
10 States Constitution; and

11 WHEREAS, both Houses of the Ninety-Second Congress of the United States of America
12 by a constitutional majority of two-thirds of each House thereof, made the following proposal
13 to amend the Constitution of the United States of America as follows:

14 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right to vote
15 to citizens eighteen years of age or older.



1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in
2 Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article
3 is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to
4 all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-
5 fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

6 "ARTICLE

7 Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older,
8 to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

9 Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-Ninth Legislature
11 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the 26th
12 Amendment of the United States is hereby ratified by the Legislature of the State of South
13 Dakota; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Joint Resolution be forwarded
15 by the Secretary of State, to the Secretary of State of the United States, to the presiding officers
16 of both Houses of the Congress of the United States, and to the Archivist of the United States.