

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the county renaming process.

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

Section 1. That § 7-1-70 be amended to read as follows:

7-1-70. If a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at an election held pursuant to § 7-1-69 are in favor of changing the name of the county, the county auditor shall within ten days after the canvass of the vote, certify under the seal of the county auditor's office to the secretary of state, the result of the canvass of the votes cast at the election, and the new name of the county.

Section 2. That § 7-1-71 be repealed.

Section 3. That § 7-1-72 be amended to read as follows:

7-1-72. Upon the certification made by the county auditor pursuant to § 7-1-70, the secretary of state shall publicly proclaim the result of the election held pursuant to § 7-1-69 and the new name of the county. The new name of the county shall be in full force and effect on the first day of July in the year following the election held pursuant to § 7-1-70.

Section 4. That § 7-1-69 be amended to read as follows:

7-1-69. Whenever not less than fifteen percent of the registered voters of any organized county in this state, based upon the total number of registered voters at the last preceding general election, shall on or before the first day of July in any general election year, file in the office of county auditor a petition requesting that the name of the county be changed and authorizing the county to appropriate and pay for all local government and state government costs associated with changing the name of the county, the county auditor shall at the next regular election, submit to the legal voters of the county on a separate printed ballot the following question:

Shall the name of this county be changed to _____ and county funds be appropriated to pay for all local government and state government costs associated with the name change?

Yes

No

All voters in favor of changing the name of the county and paying for all the local government and state government costs associated with the name change shall place either a cross or check mark in the square before the word Yes on the ballot. All voters who do not favor changing the name of such county and paying for all the local government and state government costs associated with the name change shall place either a cross or check mark in the square before the word No on the ballot. All local government and state government costs associated with changing the name of the county shall be paid by the county from county funds appropriated for that purpose before the change of the name of the county shall be effective.

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I certify that the attached Act
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SENATE as Bill No. 66

Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

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By _____
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The attached Act is hereby
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Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____, 20____
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Secretary of State

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