

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 86

Introduced by: Senators Brown, Holien, Soholt, and Tidemann and Representatives Harrison, Cronin, Munsterman, Novstrup (Al), Rounds, and Rozum

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to place a term limit on the office of poet laureate.

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

3 Section 1. That § 1-22-7 be amended to read as follows:

4 1-22-7. There is created the office of poet laureate of South Dakota. The Governor shall  
5 appoint the poet laureate to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. No person is eligible for the  
6 appointment unless the person is a resident of this state. No person may be appointed unless  
7 such person has been recommended to the Governor by the South Dakota State Poetry Society  
8 and has written and published poems of recognized merit prior to the appointment.

9 The term of the poet laureate is four years and begins the first Tuesday, after the first  
10 Monday, in January in years following a gubernatorial election. No poet laureate may serve for  
11 more than one term consecutively, however, this restriction does not apply to a partial term to  
12 which the poet laureate may have been appointed.

13 Poet laureates shall for life have the status of emeritus.

