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HOUSE BILL NO. 1167

Introduced by: Representatives Cutler, Haley, Pederson (Gordon), Richter, Schaunaman, Sperry, and Wetz and Senators Halverson, Dennert, Drake, Lange, Morford-Burg, Olson, and Thompson

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the purposes for which rural electric cooperatives
2 may be organized.

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

4 Section 1. That § 47-21-2 be amended to read as follows:

5 47-21-2. ~~Cooperative, nonprofit membership corporations may be organized under this~~
6 ~~chapter for the purpose of supplying energy derived from any source whatsoever including but~~
7 ~~not limited to fossil fuel, sun, wind, water, and biomass fuels except solid waste and to promote~~
8 ~~and extend the use thereof in rural areas. Cooperatives may provide television service which~~
9 ~~includes multi-channel multi-point distribution systems, including those which utilize coaxial~~
10 ~~cable, and direct broadcast satellite service, and may provide programming to customers via a~~
11 ~~CATV system, as defined in § 9-35-16, in any municipality which does not have an operating~~
12 ~~CATV system. Cooperatives organized under this chapter may also provide and engage in~~
13 ~~activities such as rural, residential, commercial and industrial development, sewer service, water~~
14 ~~and waste water service, and housing development, and may engage in any lawful purpose in~~
15 ~~regard to such activities except banking and insurance. Cooperatives may be organized under this~~

1 chapter for any lawful purpose except banking and insurance.

2 Section 2. That § 47-21-62 be amended to read as follows:

3 47-21-62. A cooperative ~~shall have power to~~ may generate, manufacture, purchase, acquire,
4 accumulate, and transmit electric energy, and ~~to~~ may distribute, sell, supply, and dispose of
5 electric energy to its members, to governmental agencies and political subdivisions, and to other
6 persons ~~not in excess of ten percentum of the number of its members, and, provided, further, that~~
7 ~~a cooperative which acquires existing electric facilities may continue service to persons, not in~~
8 ~~excess of forty percentum of the number of its members, who are already receiving service from~~
9 ~~such facilities without requiring such persons to become members but such persons shall have~~
10 ~~the right to become members upon such terms as may be prescribed in the bylaws.~~