

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1009

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Governor

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election  
2 amendments to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, relating to the  
3 organization of local government.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 SOUTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state the following amendments to  
7 Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in sections 2 and 3,  
8 inclusive, of this Joint Resolution, and section 4 of this Joint Resolution establishing an effective  
9 date of January 1, 1999, which are hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the  
10 state for approval.

11 Section 2. That Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota be amended by  
12 adding a new section to read as follows:

13 § 8. Questions as to the adoption, elimination, consolidation, or reinstatement of elective  
14 county offices may be placed upon the ballot by a petition of electors in the county equal in  
15 number to ten percent of the votes cast in the county for the Office of Governor at the preceding  
16 gubernatorial election.

1       Section 3. That Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota be amended by  
2 adding a new section to read as follows:

3       § 9. Agreements, including those for cooperative or joint administration of any powers or  
4 functions, may be made by any political subdivision with any other political subdivision, with the  
5 state or with the United States, unless otherwise provided by law. A political subdivision may  
6 by mutual agreement, transfer to the county in which it is located any of its powers or functions  
7 as provided by law or home rule charter, and may in a like manner revoke the transfer.

8       Section 4. The effective date of sections 8 and 9 of Article IX of the Constitution is  
9 January 1, 1999.