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SENATE ENGROSSED NO. **HJR1009** - 3/5/97

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 an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, authorizing
3 local initiatives to provide for the cooperation and 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 section 2, of this Joint
8 Resolution, and section 2 of this Joint Resolution establishing an effective date of January 1,
9 1999, which are hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state for approval.

10 Section 2. That Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota be amended by
11 adding a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

12 § 4. The voters of any unit of local government shall have the right to initiate proposals for
13 cooperation within or between governmental units, either within or without the state, except as
14 the Legislature shall provide otherwise by law. Such proposals may include combining,
15 eliminating, and joint financing of offices, functions, and governmental units. Such proposals
16 shall be adopted if approved at an election by a majority of the votes cast thereon in each

1 affected unit. A number not less than ten percent of those voting in the last preceding
2 gubernatorial election in an affected jurisdiction may by petition initiate the question of whether
3 to adopt the proposal. The Legislature by law shall provide procedures to ensure the orderly
4 implementation of this section.

5 Section 3. The effective date of § 4 of Article IX of the Constitution is January 1, 1999.

1 **BILL HISTORY**

2 2/4/97 First read in House and referred to State Affairs. H.J. 299

3 2/10/97 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

4 2/10/97 State Affairs Deferred to another day. H.J. 377

5 2/12/97 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

6 2/12/97 State Affairs Do Pass Amended, Passed, AYES 10, NAYS 1.

7 2/14/97 House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Passed, AYES 57, NAYS 12. H.J. 498

8 2/15/97 First read in Senate and referred to State Affairs. S.J. 481

9 2/21/97 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

10 2/21/97 State Affairs Do Pass, Passed, AYES 6, NAYS 0. S.J. 576

11 2/24/97 Senate Deferred to another day. S.J. 614

12 2/26/97 Senate Deferred to another day. S.J. 663

13 2/27/97 Senate Deferred to another day. S.J. 687

14 3/3/97 Motion to Amend, Passed. S.J. 744

15 3/3/97 Senate Deferred to another day. S.J. 745

16 3/4/97 Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, AYES 29, NAYS 6. S.J. 764

17 3/4/97 Senate Title Amended. S.J. 764