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SENATE BILL NO. 26

Introduced by: The Committee on Local Government at the request of the State Board of
Elections

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the requirements for the type of facilities that may
2 be provided assistance concerning absentee ballots during a general election.

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

4 Section 1. That § 12-19-9.1 be amended to read as follows:

5 12-19-9.1. If there is any ~~health care facility~~ nursing home as defined in § 34-12-1.1 within
6 any county from which there might reasonably be expected to be five or more absentee
7 applications, the county auditor shall notify the person in charge of that facility and the chairman
8 of the county central committee of each party and any other person who has filed a request to
9 be notified of the date and time at which representatives of the auditor's office will be present to
10 assist the residents of that facility to vote, utilizing the absentee procedure. Any political party,
11 independent candidate and nonpolitical candidate may assign a person to accompany the auditor's
12 representatives. At the date and time announced, the auditor's representative and the
13 representatives of the parties, independent candidates, and nonpolitical candidates, ~~if such there~~
14 ~~be,~~ shall deliver ballots to and assist all persons at that facility who desire such assistance and
15 who have applied for absentee ballots. This section applies only to a general election.