

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1004

Introduced by: Representative Peterson (Bill)

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election  
2 an amendment to Article IX, section 1, of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota,  
3 relating to the authority and responsibility of the Legislature to reorganize 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 amendment to  
7 Article IX, section 1 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2  
8 of this Joint Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state  
9 for approval.

10 Section 2. That Article IX, section 1 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 § 1. The Legislature shall have plenary powers to organize and classify units of local  
13 government, ~~except that any proposed change in county boundaries shall be submitted to the~~  
14 ~~voters of each affected county at an election and be approved by a majority of those voting~~  
15 ~~thereon in each county. No township heretofore organized may be abolished unless the question~~  
16 ~~is submitted to the voters of the township and approved by a majority of those voting thereon~~

1 ~~in each township.~~ However, the Legislature shall reorganize the state into not less than fifteen  
2 nor more than thirty counties no later than January 1, 2005. The Legislature may implement such  
3 reorganization through appropriate legislation.