

# State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1998

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## SENATE BILL NO. 179

Introduced by: Senators Everist and Whiting by request

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to define those persons qualified to sign petitions for  
2 initiation or referendum of legislation.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 12-1 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 Any person who is a qualified elector may sign a petition to propose a measure or submit a  
7 law. Whoever signs a petition for initiation or referendum of legislation, if that person is not a  
8 qualified elector of the state, or signs a name other than that person's own, is guilty of a Class  
9 1 misdemeanor.

10 Section 2. That § 2-1-6 be repealed.

11 ~~2-1-6. Every person who is a qualified voter may sign a petition to propose a measure or~~  
12 ~~submit a law. Whoever signs a petition for initiation or referendum of legislation, when he is not~~  
13 ~~a qualified voter of the state, or signs a name other than his own, is guilty of a Class 1~~  
14 ~~misdemeanor.~~