

# State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1999

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1118

Introduced by: Representative Volesky

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the participation of independent voters in  
2 primary elections.

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

4 Section 1. That § 12-6-26 be amended to read as follows:

5 12-6-26. ~~No person may vote a party ballot at any primary election unless the person is~~  
6 ~~registered as a member of that political party in the precinct in which the person seeks to vote.~~  
7 ~~Any political party in its constitution or bylaws as filed pursuant to § 12-5-1.1 may allow for~~  
8 ~~participation in the party's primary elections by any person who is registered to vote with no~~  
9 ~~party affiliation.~~ If a person is registered as a member of a political party in the precinct in which  
10 the person seeks to vote, the person may vote that party's ballot at any primary election. If a  
11 person is registered to vote with no party affiliation in the precinct in which that person seeks  
12 to vote, the person may vote a party ballot of that person's choice at any primary election.