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HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

ENGROSSED NO. **HB1172** - 2/8/99

Introduced by: Representatives Slaughter, Diedrich (Larry), Duenwald, Engbrecht, McNenny, Smidt, and Weber and Senators Brown (Arnold) and Halverson

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize boards of county commissioners to hold certain  
2 meetings at locations outside of the county seat.

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

4 Section 1. That § 7-8-16 be amended to read as follows:

5 7-8-16. The board of county commissioners shall hold its sessions as an open meeting and  
6 transact all business in a public manner ~~and if the county has no courthouse or the courthouse~~  
7 ~~is unfit or inconvenient, it may.~~ Meetings shall normally be held at the court house or at the usual  
8 place of holding court; however the board may occasionally hold its sessions at any other suitable  
9 place at the county seat or at other locations within the geographic county area if the meetings  
10 are held in a public place and if notice of the meeting is published once a week for at least two  
11 successive weeks before the meeting in the legal newspaper or newspapers of the county in  
12 which the meeting is to be held. Joint county-municipal planning sessions may be held at any  
13 suitable location within the county. All matters pertaining to the interests of the county shall be  
14 heard by the board in session only, but it may continue any business from any regular session to  
15 an intermediate day.

1 **BILL HISTORY**

2 1/26/99 First read in House and referred to Local Government. H.J. 192

3 2/4/99 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

4 2/4/99 Local Government Do Pass Amended, Passed, AYES 13, NAYS 0. H.J. 388