

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1172

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 for two weeks before the  
11 meeting in a publication of wide circulation in the area in which the meeting is to be held. Joint  
12 county-municipal planning sessions may be held at any suitable location within the county. All  
13 matters pertaining to the interests of the county shall be heard by the board in session only, but  
14 it may continue any business from any regular session to an intermediate day.