

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE ENGROSSED NO. **HJR1007** - 2/11/99

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Governor

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election  
2 an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, authorizing  
3 local initiatives to provide for the cooperation and organization of 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 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2, of this Joint  
8 Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state for approval.

9 Section 2. That Article IX of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota be amended by  
10 adding a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

11 § 4. On or after January 1, 2001, the voters of any unit of local government shall have the  
12 right to initiate proposals for cooperation within or between local governmental units, either  
13 within or without the state, except as the Legislature shall provide otherwise by law. Such  
14 proposals may include combining, eliminating, and joint financing of offices, functions, and  
15 governmental units. Such proposals shall be adopted if approved at an election by a majority of  
16 the votes cast thereon in each affected unit. A number not less than fifteen percent of those

- 1 voting in the last preceding gubernatorial election in each affected jurisdiction may by petition
- 2 initiate the question of whether to adopt the proposal at the next general election.

1 **BILL HISTORY**

2 2/1/99 First read in House and referred to State Affairs. H.J. 283

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

4 2/4/99 State Affairs Deferred to another day.

5 2/8/99 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

6 2/8/99 State Affairs Do Pass Amended, Passed, AYES 13, NAYS 0. H.J. 412

7 2/10/99 Motion to Amend, Passed. H.J. 470

8 2/10/99 Motion to Amend, Passed. H.J. 470

9 2/10/99 House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Passed, AYES 39, NAYS 27. H.J. 470