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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. **1007**

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 governmental units, either within
13 or without the state, except as the Legislature shall provide otherwise by law. Such proposals
14 may include combining, eliminating, and joint financing of offices, functions, and governmental
15 units. Such proposals shall be adopted if approved at an election by a majority of the votes cast
16 thereon in each affected unit. A number not less than ten percent of those voting in the last
17 preceding gubernatorial election in an affected jurisdiction may by petition initiate the question

- 1 of whether to adopt the proposal. The Legislature by law shall provide procedures to ensure the
- 2 orderly implementation of this section.