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SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

ENGROSSED NO. **SB 114** - 01/30/2002

Introduced by: Senators Greenfield, Apa, de Hueck, and Kleven and Representatives Van Gerpen and Klautt

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions relating to township meetings.

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

3 Section 1. That § 8-3-1.4 be amended to read as follows:

4 8-3-1.4. No township with a population of ~~six~~ twenty or ~~less~~ fewer resident voters is required  
5 to publish a notice of the time and place of an annual meeting more than once in any publication.

6 Section 2. That § 8-3-3 be amended to read as follows:

7 8-3-3. Special meetings of the township electors may be held for the purpose of electing  
8 township officers to fill vacancies that occur, or for the purpose of transacting any lawful  
9 business ~~whenever the supervisors, township clerk, or any two of them~~ if the entire board of  
10 supervisors files or if two members of the board of supervisors, together with at least twelve  
11 other ~~freeholders~~ resident voters of the township, file in the office of the township clerk a written  
12 statement that a special meeting is necessary for the interests of the township. However, special  
13 meetings may be called in a township with a population of twenty or less resident voters by the  
14 entire board of supervisors or by two members of the board of supervisors and four resident



1 voters of the township.

2 Section 3. That § 8-3-4 be amended to read as follows:

3 8-3-4. Every township clerk with whom such statement is filed as required in § 8-3-3 shall  
4 record the same and immediately cause notice to be published in the same manner as provided  
5 for the publication of notice of the annual township meeting. However, in a township with a  
6 population of twenty or fewer resident voters, the notice of the time and place of any special  
7 meeting need not be published more than once in any publication, shall be provided not less than  
8 three days before the special meeting, and may be provided by first class mail in lieu of  
9 publication.

10 Section 4. That § 8-3-19 be amended to read as follows:

11 8-3-19. ~~In case~~ If any township refuses or neglects to organize and elect officers at the time  
12 fixed by law for holding the annual meeting, twelve ~~freeholders~~ resident voters of the township  
13 may call a meeting for such purpose by notice published in the same manner as provided for the  
14 publication of notice of the annual township meeting, ~~which.~~ The notice shall set forth the time,  
15 place, and object of ~~such the~~ the meeting; and the voters, when assembled by virtue of such notice,  
16 shall possess all the powers conferred upon them at the annual township meeting.

17 Section 5. That § 8-3-20 be amended to read as follows:

18 8-3-20. ~~In case~~ If no such notice is given as provided in § 8-3-19 within thirty days after the  
19 time for holding the annual meeting, the board of county commissioners shall, on the affidavit  
20 of any ~~freeholder~~ resident voter of ~~such the~~ the township, filed in the office of the county auditor  
21 setting forth the facts, proceed at any regular or special meeting of the board to appoint the  
22 necessary township officers, ~~and the.~~ The persons so appointed shall hold their respective offices  
23 until others are elected and qualified in their places, and shall have the powers and be subject to  
24 the same duties as if they had been duly elected.