

THE 2002 LEGISLATURE

The South Dakota Legislature is established by Article III of the Constitution of South Dakota as a bicameral legislative body.

SESSIONS

Regular Sessions:

Odd-numbered years: Begin on the second Tuesday in January for 40 legislative days.

Even-numbered years: Begin on the second Tuesday in January for 35 legislative days.

Special Sessions: May be called by the Governor or two-thirds of both houses of the Legislature. (The last special session was held in October 2001.)

MEMBERSHIP

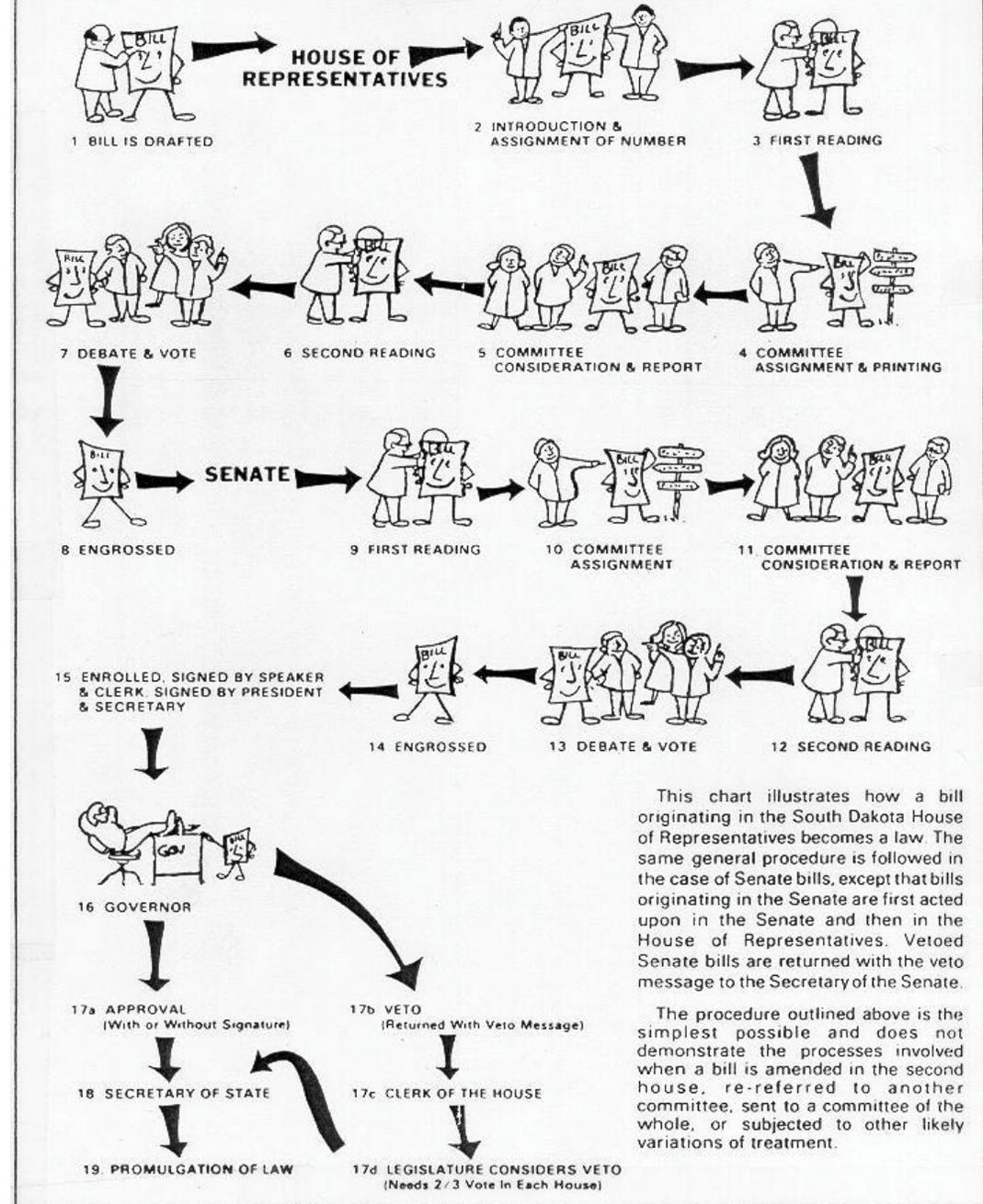
The **Senate:** 35 Senators (24R and 11D) elected from 35 districts. The Constitution provides for not fewer than 25 or more than 35 members.

The **House:** 70 Representatives (50R and 20D) elected from 35 districts. The Constitution provides for not fewer than 50 or more than 75 members. District 28 has been subdivided into two House districts to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

Term of Office: Two Years.
Elected: November of even-numbered years.

COMMITTEE	Senate Chair	House Chair
Agriculture & Natural Resources	Larry Diedrich	Jay Duenwald
Appropriations	Bob Drake	Mitch Richter
Commerce	David Munson	Claire Konold
Education	Don Brosz	Scott Eccarius
Government Operations & Audit	Marguerite Kleven	Gordon Pederson
Health & Human Services	Kenneth Albers	Phyllis Heineman
Judiciary	Fred Whiting	Jarvis Brown
Legislative Procedure	Arnold Brown	Scott Eccarius
Local Government	Arlene Ham	J.P. Duniphan
Retirement Laws	Kenneth Albers	Matthew Michels
State Affairs	Barbara Everist	Bill Peterson
Taxation	Eric Bogue	Richard Brown
Transportation	Drue Vitter	B. Michael Broderick

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW IN SOUTH DAKOTA



THE SENATE

OFFICERS

President:
Carole Hillard (R)
By virtue of the office as Lieutenant Governor, presides over Senate; announces Senate Chairs and members of committees; refers bills to appropriate committees.

President Pro Tempore:
Arnold M. Brown (R)
Elected by Senate; presides over Senate in absence of President. Appoints Senate Chairs and committee members.

THE HOUSE

Speaker:
Scott Eccarius (R)
Elected by House of Representatives; presides over House; appoints House Chairs and members of committees; refers bills to appropriate committees.

Speaker Pro Tempore:
Matthew Michels (R)
Elected by House of Representatives; presides over House in absence of Speaker.

MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Preside over party caucuses, direct party strategy, assemble party members for important votes, serve as liaisons for party caucuses in dealing with the Governor and press. Minority members of committees are appointed on nomination of minority leadership. The leaders are elected by their respective party membership.

Majority Leader:
Barbara Everist (R)

Majority Leader:
Bill Peterson (R)

Ass't Majority Leader:
Eric Bogue (R)

Ass't Majority Leader:
William Napoli (R)

Majority Whips:
Larry Diedrich (R)
Royal "Mac"
McCracken (R)

Majority Whips:
Jay Duenwald (R)
J.P. Duniphan (R)
Mike Jaspers (R)
Kent Juhnke (R)

Minority Leader:
Jim Hutmacher (D)

Minority Leader:
Mel Olson (D)

Ass't Minority Leader:
Garry Moore (D)

Ass't Minority Leader:
Quinten Burg (D)

Minority Whips:
John McIntyre (D)
Dan Sutton (D)

Minority Whips:
Charles Flowers (D)
Sam Nachtigal (D)

EMPLOYEES

Responsible for the administrative details of the two chambers and calling the roll for votes.

Secretary
Patricia Adam

Clerk
Karen Gerdes

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COUNCIL

Prepares legislative drafts and provides professional staff to standing committees and individual legislators for technical advice and research.

Director: James Fry

2002 LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

January 8	First day of Session.
January 22	Last day to introduce individual bills.
January 23	Last day to introduce committee bills.
February 5	Last day to use rule 5-17.
February 6	Last day for required bill delivery (smoke-out) in house of origin.
February 7	Last day for a bill to pass the house of origin.
February 19	Last day for required bill delivery (smoke-out) in second house.
February 20	Last day for a bill to pass both houses.
February 23	34 th Legislative Day
March 12	35 th Legislative Day.
July 1	Effective date of enacted legislation (except emergency measures).

VISITOR INFORMATION

Legislative sessions and committee hearings are held in the Capitol at Pierre and are open to the public.

Committee hearings are conducted in the morning of each legislative day. Notice of time and location of each hearing is posted in front of each chamber on the third floor.

Legislative session convenes daily at 2:00 p.m. The public galleries are located on the fourth floor. Additionally, live audio webcasts of all committee meetings and floor sessions can be heard by accessing the Legislature's Web site and clicking on the committee or chamber you wish to monitor.

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