

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1222

Introduced by: Representatives Engels, Bradford, Valandra, and Van Norman and Senators Kloucek and Koetzle

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to permit voters to register on election day at the polling  
2 place.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 12-4 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 Any applicant who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at  
7 the polling place for the precinct in which the applicant maintains residence. The applicant shall  
8 provide such proof of residence, answer such questions, and sign such oath as may be required  
9 by the State Board of Elections pursuant to § 12-4-6. If the applicant has registered to vote  
10 pursuant to this section and signed such oath as may be required, the applicant may vote.

11 Section 2. That chapter 12-4 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
12 follows:

13 A precinct deputy shall conduct voter registration at the polling place on election day. The  
14 precinct deputy who registers an applicant at the polling place on election day may not handle  
15 that applicant's ballot at any time prior to the opening of the ballot box. Registration cards and



1 forms for oaths shall be available at each polling place.

2 Section 3. That chapter 12-4 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
3 follows:

4 Each registration card completed on election day shall be forwarded to the county auditor.

5 The county auditor shall add the name of each applicant to the registration system unless the

6 information forwarded is substantially deficient. A county auditor who finds an election day

7 registration substantially deficient shall give written notice to the applicant whose registration

8 is found deficient.