

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions concerning the return and canvass of votes.

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

Section 1. That § 12-20-13 be amended to read as follows:

12-20-13. Except as provided in § 12-20-17, the county auditor shall tabulate election returns as rapidly as received and make the result available for the information of the public, but such returns are not the official returns. The county auditor shall enter the information into the central election reporting system by using any computer located in a county office which is properly configured and linked to the central state computer immediately following the tabulation of each precinct.

Section 2. That § 12-20-37 be amended to read as follows:

12-20-37. The secretary of state shall, at least thirty days before each primary and general election, transmit to each county auditor envelopes for all returns of votes required to be made to the secretary of state's office. Printed directions shall accompany the envelope for the guidance and direction of the auditor in making the returns according to law.

Section 3. That § 12-20-38.1 be amended to read as follows:

12-20-38.1. The county auditor shall immediately transmit by mail, fax, or electronic means to the secretary of state a certified copy of the official county canvass of votes prepared pursuant to § 12-20-38 which shall be used for the official state canvass. The certified copy shall bear a visible county seal. If the copy is faxed or sent by electronic means, the original certified copy shall also be mailed or hand delivered to the secretary of state. The certified copies shall be microfilmed to become permanent records of the State of South Dakota and be kept by the secretary of state.

Section 4. That § 13-7-18 be amended to read as follows:

13-7-18. The pollbooks shall be opened and the election results shall be canvassed by the school board at the next meeting and certificates of election shall be issued by the business manager of the

district to each successful candidate and election results shall be certified to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located.

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I certify that the attached Act
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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

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Chief Clerk

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
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The attached Act is hereby
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