

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to create a task force to study state and local government.

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

Section 1. There is hereby created a task force to study the roles of state and local government in the state. The task force shall review the responsibilities assigned by the Constitution and state law to state, county, and municipal governments and to school districts. The task force shall review the functions that have been implemented by these entities of government to fulfill their assigned responsibilities. The task force shall review the funding sources that are available to each of these entities to perform their assigned responsibilities. The task force shall identify any unfunded mandates that have been place on any of these entities and shall explore options to provide for the funding of the mandates or for the elimination of the mandates. The task force shall explore areas where intergovernmental cooperation may be fostered in the future. The task force shall explore areas where governmental responsibilities may be revised to improve the services provided by state and local governments to the citizens of the state.

Section 2. The state and local government task force shall consist of twenty-two members. The Governor shall appoint the following members:

- (1) Three representing county government, no more than two of whom may be from one political party;
- (2) Three representing municipal government, no more than two of whom may be from one political party;
- (3) Three representing school districts, no more than two of whom may be from one political party;
- (4) Three faculty members of a university or college political science department, no more than two of whom may be from one political party; and

- (5) Six members of the general public, no more than four of whom may be from one political party.

In addition, the president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint two members of the Senate, one from each party; and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members of the House of Representatives, one from each party. The Governor shall select the chair of the task force.

Section 3. The task force shall meet in 2004 and 2005. The task force may hold meetings and hearings at times and places as it may designate. The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature at its regular session in 2006.

Section 4. The Legislative Research Council shall serve as staff to the task force.

Section 5. The members of the task force shall be compensated in the same manner as members of an interim committee.

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I certify that the attached Act
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Chief Clerk
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Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

House Bill No. 1202
File No. _____
Chapter No. _____

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By _____
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The attached Act is hereby
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Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Secretary of State

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