

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions concerning the organization of civil townships.

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

Section 1. That chapter 8-1 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

Any township may be reestablished pursuant to this Act if such township contains at least five resident voters. For the purposes of this Act, the term, reestablishment, means organizing a township that has been dissolved.

Section 2. That chapter 8-1 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

Any township may be reestablished subject to approval by the voters in any unorganized congressional township as provided in this Act, if:

- (1) The board of county commissioners proposes that the township be reestablished; or
- (2) Fifteen percent of the registered voters residing in the affected township petition the board of county commissioners proposing that the township be reestablished.

Section 3. That chapter 8-1 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

If one of the conditions of section 2 of this Act is met, the board of county commissioners shall hold a public hearing to consider the proposed reestablishment. The hearing may be conducted in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting of the board. At least twenty days before the hearing, the board shall publish notice of the hearing in the official newspapers of the county.

Section 4. That chapter 8-4 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

Following the hearing required in section 3 of this Act, the proposed reestablishment shall be decided by the voters of the affected civil townships on the date set for the township election by the board of county commissioners. Any registered voter residing in the affected portion of an unorganized congressional township shall be afforded the opportunity to vote. If a majority of the votes cast in the township are in favor of the proposed reestablishment, the proposal shall be

implemented as provided in this chapter.

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I certify that the attached Act
originated in the
SENATE as Bill No. 171

Secretary of the Senate
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President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

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Chapter No. _____

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Received at this Executive Office
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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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Office of the Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

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