

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to provide certain options to school boards in reorganization and to declare an emergency.

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

Section 1. That § 13-6-10 be amended to read as follows:

13-6-10. If the school board or the voters of two or more districts or parts of districts express a desire to consolidate their respective districts to create a new entity; or the school board or the voters of an existing district express a desire to divide the district to create one or more new entities; or the school board or the voters of an existing district express a desire to dissolve and be annexed to an existing district, the school board may by resolution, or shall, if presented by a petition signed by fifteen percent of the registered voters residing in the district, based upon the total number of registered voters at the last preceding general election, develop a plan to accomplish the desire expressed in the resolution or contained in the petition. If more than one district is involved, their respective school boards shall act jointly in the preparation of the plan. Within fifteen days after a petition is filed as provided in this section, the school district shall acknowledge the receipt of the petition in writing to the person who filed the petition. Within one hundred eighty days after the petition was filed, the school board shall develop the plan required in this section and shall file the plan as required in § 13-6-17. The Department of Education may grant two extensions of the filing deadline, not to exceed ninety days each.

The school board shall call conferences and hold hearings to develop the plan. The school board may employ a consultant. If the school boards involved in the creation of a plan initiated by a petitioner cannot agree on a single plan within the time allowed in this section, the Secretary of Education shall submit a plan to the voters of each affected school board within ninety days.

Section 2. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,

health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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I certify that the attached Act  
originated in the

SENATE as Bill No. 66

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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

Senate Bill No. 66

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Received at this Executive Office  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,

20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor

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The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 20\_\_\_\_

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Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
ss.  
Office of the Secretary of State

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
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Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State