

State of South Dakota

EIGHTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2005

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SENATE BILL NO. 66

Introduced by: The Committee on Education at the request of the Department of Education

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide certain options to school boards in
2 reorganization.

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

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

5 13-6-10. If the school board or the voters of two or more districts or parts of districts express
6 a desire to consolidate their respective districts to create a new entity; or the school board or the
7 voters of an existing district express a desire to divide the district to create one or more new
8 entities; or the school board or the voters of an existing district express a desire to dissolve and
9 be annexed to an existing district, the school board may by resolution, or shall, if presented by
10 a petition signed by fifteen percent of the registered voters residing in the district, based upon
11 the total number of registered voters at the last preceding general election, develop a plan to
12 accomplish the desire expressed in the resolution or contained in the petition. If more than one
13 district is involved, their respective school boards shall act jointly in the preparation of the plan.
14 Within fifteen days after a petition is filed as provided in this section, the school district shall
15 acknowledge the receipt of the petition in writing to the person who filed the petition. Within
16 one hundred eighty days after the petition was filed, the school board shall develop the plan



1 required in this section and shall file the plan as required in § 13-6-17. The Department of
2 Education may grant two extensions of the filing deadline, not to exceed ninety days each.

3 The school board shall call conferences and hold hearings to develop the plan. The school
4 board may employ a consultant. If the school boards involved in the creation of a plan initiated
5 by a petitioner cannot agree on a single plan, they may by a two-thirds vote of each board
6 determine the option to reorganize null and void and not submit a plan to the secretary of
7 education for consideration.