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SENATE BILL NO. 13

Introduced by: The Committee on Local Government at the request of the Office of the
Secretary of State

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions concerning the publication of
2 facsimile ballots.

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

4 Section 1. That § 12-16-16 be amended to read as follows:

5 12-16-16. The county auditor shall publish, in each official newspaper of the county,
6 facsimiles of the official ballots of each election in which the voters of the entire county
7 participate. The facsimile shall be published once in each legal newspaper in the calendar week
8 prior to each election. ~~The newspaper shall receive for the publications, compensation at the~~
9 ~~same rate as the general display rate for the newspaper. The published facsimile may be reduced~~
10 ~~in size proportionately up to fifty percent but in no case may the ballot wording be in a type less~~
11 ~~than eight point. If a portion of a candidate ballot is not voted on in the entire county, a facsimile~~
12 ~~of that portion of the ballot may be published simultaneously but separate from the candidate~~
13 ~~ballot and shall contain a description of who will vote on that portion of the ballot. If at least~~
14 ~~fifty percent of a ballot is blank, the blank portion does not need to be printed.~~

15 Section 2. That chapter 12-16 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as



1 follows:

2 This section applies when a facsimile ballot is published. The newspaper shall be
3 compensated for publication of the facsimile ballot at the same rate as the general display rate
4 or the qualifying contract rate, whichever is less, for the newspaper. The published facsimile
5 may be reduced in size proportionately up to fifty percent but in no case may the ballot wording
6 be in a type less than eight point. If a portion of a candidate ballot is not voted on in the entire
7 county, a facsimile of that portion of the ballot may be published simultaneously but separate
8 from the candidate ballot and shall contain a description of who will vote on that portion of the
9 ballot. If at least fifty percent of a ballot is blank, the blank portion does not need to be printed.