

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 169

Introduced by: Senators Heidepriem, Bartling, Dempster, Garnos, Gray, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Hoerth, Hunhoff, Jerstad, Katus, Kloucek, Knudson, McCracken, Nesselhuf, Olson (Ed), Peterson (Jim), Turbak, and Two Bulls and Representatives Hargens, Ahlers, Bradford, Burg, Elliott, Engels, Gassman, Gillespie, Glenski, Halverson, Lucas, Miles, Nygaard, Sigdestad, Street, and Thompson

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the formation of permanent legislative ethics  
2 committees and to provide for the adoption of legislative codes of ethics.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 2-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 An ethics committee is established in the Senate and an ethics committee is established in  
7 the House of Representatives, each consisting of five members. The president pro tempore of  
8 the Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the ethics committee of  
9 their respective houses. Each committee shall be composed of five members, not more than  
10 three of whom may be from the same political party.

11 Section 2. That chapter 2-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
12 follows:

13 Each ethics committee shall propose, and each house of the Legislature shall adopt, not later



1 than thirty days after the beginning of the first regular legislative session, a code of ethics and  
2 conflict of interest requirements as new chapters in the House and Senate rules.

3 Section 3. That chapter 2-6 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
4 follows:

5 On the request of any member of the Legislature or on its own initiative, each ethics  
6 committee may issue advisory opinions interpreting the code of ethics, conflict of interest, and  
7 financial disclosure requirements.