FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the extent of comments required by the director
of the Legislative Research Council regarding certain ballot measures and the period of time
in which those comments are to be made.

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

Section 1. That § 12-13-25 be amended to read:

12-13-25. The sponsors of each initiative initiated measure or initiated amendment to the
Constitution shall submit a copy of the initiative initiated measure or initiated amendment to the
Constitution to the director of the Legislative Research Council for review and comment before
it may be circulated for signatures. The director shall review each submitted initiative initiated
measure or initiated amendment to the Constitution to determine if the requirements of § 12-13-
24 are satisfied and if the initiative initiated measure or initiated amendment to the Constitution
may have any impact on revenues, expenditures, or fiscal liability of the state or its agencies and
subdivisions. Within Unless as otherwise provided under section 2 of this Act, not more than
fifteen days of work days following receipt of an initiative initiated measure or initiated
amendment to the Constitution, the director shall provide written comments on the initiative
initiated measure or initiated amendment to the Constitution to the sponsors of the initiative
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initiated measure or initiated amendment, the attorney general, and the secretary of state for the purpose of assisting the sponsors in complying with § 12-13-24. The director's written comments under this section shall include assistance regarding the substantive content of the initiated measure or initiated amendment in order to minimize any conflict with existing law and to ensure the measure's or amendment's effective administration. The sponsors may, but are not required to, amend the initiative initiated measure or initiated amendment to the Constitution to comply with the director's comments.

Section 2. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

If the director of the Legislative Research Council receives any initiated measure or initiated amendment to the Constitution from the first day of December to the day of adjournment sine die of the following legislative session, inclusive, the director shall provide written comments as required pursuant to § 12-13-25 not more than fifteen work days following adjournment sine die of the legislative session.