

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 73

Introduced by: Senators Napoli, Abdallah, Albers, Apa, Gant, Garnos, Greenfield, Katus, McNenny, Olson (Ed), Schmidt, and Sutton and Representatives Kirkeby, Hackl, Howie, Moore, Nelson, Peters, and Van Etten

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions concerning precinct boundaries  
2 and polling places.

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

4 Section 1. That chapter 12-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 No precinct boundary or polling place may be changed after the publication of the first  
7 notice of election is published as provided in § 12-12-1. If a designated polling place is  
8 destroyed or becomes otherwise physically unusable as a polling place after the first notice of  
9 election is published, the county auditor shall recommend a new polling place to be approved  
10 by the board of county commissioners. The approval of the new polling place may be made by  
11 the board of county commissioners during a conference call meeting.

12 Notice of the new polling place shall be conspicuously posted at the old polling place  
13 location. The county auditor shall also provide notice through the local print and broadcast  
14 media. The notice shall be sufficient to reasonably inform the affected voters of the change in  
15 polling place location or the county auditor shall mail a notice, if possible, no later than three



1 days prior to the election, to each registered voter assigned to the affected polling place.

2 Section 2. That chapter 12-14 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
3 follows:

4 If any nonpublicly-owned building is used as a polling place, the building owner may  
5 designate whether campaign signs will be allowed on the building's premises outside the area  
6 defined in § 12-18-3 on election day. If campaign signs are allowed, the building owner may not  
7 prohibit signs from any particular campaign.