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## SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGROSSED NO. **HB 1087** - 02/26/2014

Introduced by: Representatives Johns, Hajek, Ring, Romkema, Rounds, Stevens, and Wink  
and Senators Ewing, Holien, Jones (Chuck), Kirkeby, Monroe, Novstrup (Al),  
Omdahl, and Van Gerpen

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to change how rural fire protection districts conduct  
2 elections.

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

4 Section 1. That § 34-31A-43 be amended to read as follows:

5 34-31A-43. A regular meeting of the ~~electors who are owners of any interest in real property~~  
6 ~~assessed for taxation in the district and~~ registered voters who are residing within the boundaries  
7 of a district shall be held in the first quarter of each calendar year and special meetings may be  
8 called by the board of directors at any time. The annual election ~~shall~~ may be conducted during  
9 the regular meeting consistent with the provisions of chapter 8-3. Notice of the annual election  
10 shall be given by the secretary-treasurer by one publication in a legal newspaper of general  
11 circulation in each county in which the district is situated. The meeting shall be held not less  
12 than seven days nor more than fourteen days after the date of publication of the notice.

13 Section 2. That chapter 34-31A be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read  
14 as follows:



1       The board of directors of a rural fire protection district may choose to hold a rural fire  
2 protection district general election in conjunction with a regular municipal election. The  
3 combined election is subject to approval by the governing body of the municipality. The  
4 combined election shall be held on the regular date for the general municipal election. Expenses  
5 of a combined election shall be shared in a manner agreed upon by the governing bodies of the  
6 rural fire protection district and the municipality. All other governmental responsibilities  
7 associated with holding elections shall be shared as agreed upon by the governing bodies.