



2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1107

HOUSE JUDICIARY ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Representative Johns**

1 **An Act to define style and form and authorize the code counsel to make certain style**
 2 **and form edits to legislative acts.**

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

4 **Section 1.** That a NEW SECTION be added:

5 **2-16-20. Style and Form.**

6 For the purpose of the code and legislative acts, style and form means:

7 (1) The customary manner by which a legal language is drafted, formatted, organized,
 8 or enrolled;

9 (2) The nomenclature or established manner of expressing or conveying legal
 10 language; and

11 (3) Edits or corrections that are clerical, organizational, or grammatical in nature.

12 Style and form does not include any alteration of legislative intent or substantive
 13 policy.

14 **Section 2.** That § 2-16-9 be AMENDED:

15 **2-16-9. Arrangement, correlation, and text changes in code.**

16 The South Dakota Code Commission is hereby authorized to make such changes
 17 ~~as may be necessary to correct that:~~

18 (1) Correct ~~apparent errors, to correlate and;~~

19 (2) Correlate, integrate, and harmonize ~~all the laws to harmonize, to assign;~~

20 (3) Assign ~~new title and other designations, to eliminate; and~~

21 (4) Eliminate ~~or clarify obviously obsolete or ambiguous sections that exist, and to~~
 22 ~~substitute terms or phraseology, and names of boards, commissions, and agencies,~~
 23 ~~wherever the Legislature has expressly or by implication indicated an intention to~~
 24 ~~do so, so as to provide consistency in the law.~~