



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1142

Introduced by: **Representative Ladner**

1 **An Act to amend the bond requirement for certain municipal officers.**

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

3 **Section 1. That § 9-14-6 be AMENDED:**

4 **9-14-6.** Each appointive officer, before entering upon the discharge of the duties
 5 of the office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation of office, in the form required
 6 by the Constitution. The Except as otherwise provided in this section, the officer shall
 7 furnish an undertaking ~~to be approved by the governing body.~~ The undertaking ~~shall~~ must
 8 be in a sum prescribed by the governing body and ~~shall~~ must be conditioned ~~for~~ on the
 9 faithful performance of the duties of the office and to account, pay over, and deliver all
 10 money or property coming into the officer's hands by virtue of that office according to law.
 11 No individual bond is required so long as the governing body maintains blanket coverage,
 12 pursuant to § 3-5-14.

13 **Section 2. That § 9-14-6.1 be AMENDED:**

14 **9-14-6.1.** The amount of the bond of the municipal finance officer ~~shall~~ must be
 15 annually established by the governing board ~~in an amount equal to the maximum~~
 16 ~~monetary total estimated to be on hand at any one time, but the amount of such bond~~
 17 ~~required may not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars in municipalities of the first~~
 18 ~~class or one hundred fifty thousand dollars in municipalities of the second or third class.~~
 19 No individual bond is required so long as the governing body maintains blanket coverage,
 20 pursuant to § 3-5-14.