



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1145

Introduced by: **Representative Baxter**

1 **An Act to amend provisions pertaining to the maintenance and publication of the**  
 2 **statewide voter registration file.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 12-4-37 be AMENDED:**

5 **12-4-37.** The secretary of state shall establish and maintain a computerized  
 6 system for maintaining and utilizing the voter registration file and transmitting voter  
 7 registration information from each county auditor to the Office of the Secretary of  
 8 State. ~~The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, The~~  
 9 computer system must be hosted by the state and may not use any outside contractor,  
 10 host system, vendor, or site. All voter registration data must be maintained by state  
 11 employees, using an in-house server, and may not be shared with any outside contractor  
 12 or vendor, except as provided in § 12-4-40.1. The State Board of Elections shall consult  
 13 with the Bureau of Information and Telecommunications to develop and implement  
 14 procedures to secure the computerized system used for the voter registration file from  
 15 external threats that could damage the integrity of the voter registration system.

16 Each county auditor shall transmit any changes to the master registration file or  
 17 the absentee voter log to the secretary of state on a daily basis. The county auditor shall  
 18 transmit updated information contained in the county voter registration system, including  
 19 voter registration information and voter election history information, to the ~~Office of the~~  
 20 Secretary of State secretary of state not later than ~~July fifteenth~~ seven days after each  
 21 primary election and ~~December fifteenth~~ after each general election.