



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 13

Introduced by: **Senator Deibert**

1 **An Act to clarify the effective date of a measure initiated or referred within a political**
 2 **subdivision.**

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

4 **Section 1. That § 7-18A-14 be AMENDED:**

5 **7-18A-14.** No initiated ordinance or resolution is effective unless approved by a
 6 majority of the votes cast for and against the ordinance or resolution. If approved, the
 7 ordinance or resolution ~~takes effect upon~~ is effective the day following the completion of
 8 the canvass of the election returns.

9 **Section 2. That § 7-18A-22 be AMENDED:**

10 **7-18A-22.** No referred ordinance or resolution ~~shall become operative~~ is effective
 11 unless approved by a majority of the votes cast for and against the ~~same~~. ~~If approved, it~~
 12 ~~shall take effect upon~~ ordinance or resolution. If approved, the ordinance or resolution is
 13 effective the day following the completion of the canvass of the election returns ~~relating~~
 14 thereto.

15 **Section 3. That § 9-20-5 be AMENDED:**

16 **9-20-5.** No initiated ordinance or resolution ~~shall become operative~~ is effective
 17 unless approved by a majority of the votes cast for and against the ~~same~~. ~~If so approved,~~
 18 ~~it shall take effect upon~~ ordinance or resolution. If approved, the ordinance or resolution
 19 is effective the day following the completion of the canvass of the election returns ~~relating~~
 20 thereto.

21 **Section 4. That § 9-20-15 be AMENDED:**

1 **9-20-15.** No referred ordinance or resolution ~~so submitted shall become operative~~
2 is effective unless approved by a majority of the votes cast for and against the ~~same.~~ ~~If~~
3 ~~so approved, it shall take effect upon~~ ordinance or resolution. If approved, the ordinance
4 or resolution is effective the day following the completion of the canvass of the election
5 returns ~~relating thereto.~~