



## 2021 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 136

SENATE TRANSPORTATION ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Cammack**

1 **An Act to change the criteria for a petition to vacate a highway.**

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

3 **Section 1.** That § 31-3-6 be AMENDED.

4 **31-3-6. Petition to locate, change, or vacate a highway.**

5 Upon receiving ~~the a~~ petition ~~of signed by~~ two or more voters of an organized civil  
 6 township ~~or of the number of voters equal to or greater than one percent of the ballots~~  
 7 cast for the last gubernatorial election in the affected county, the board of supervisors of  
 8 the township or the board of county commissioners wherein the highway is located or is  
 9 proposed to be located may, except as provided in §§ 31-3-12 and 31-3-44, vacate,  
 10 change, or locate any highway located or to be used within the township or county, the  
 11 board of supervisors, having jurisdiction, shall provide for a public hearing, as required by  
 12 § 31-3-7, and after consideration of all information, opinions, and arguments presented,  
 13 may, except as provided in §§ 31-3-12 and 31-3-44, vacate, change, or locate a highway  
 14 in the township, if the public interest will be better served by the action.

15 Upon receiving a petition signed by voters of the county, at least equal in number  
 16 to one percent of those who cast ballots in the county during the last gubernatorial  
 17 election, the board of county commissioners, having jurisdiction, shall provide for a public  
 18 hearing, as required by § 31-3-7, and after consideration of all information, opinions, and  
 19 arguments presented, may, except as provided in §§ 31-3-12 and 31-3-44, vacate,  
 20 change, or locate a highway in the county, if the public interest will be better served by  
 21 the action.

22 Upon receiving a petition signed by two thirds of the adjacent landowners or all  
 23 adjacent landowners if there are fewer than three, the board of county commissioners,  
 24 having jurisdiction, shall provide for a public hearing, as required by § 31-3-7, and after  
 25 consideration of all information, opinions, and arguments presented, may vacate the

1 highway, if the public interest will be better served by the ~~proposed vacating, changing,~~  
2 ~~or locating of the highway action.~~

3 The petition ~~of the voters shall~~ must set forth the beginning, course, and  
4 termination of the highway proposed to be located, changed, or vacated, ~~together with~~  
5 ~~the names of the owners of~~ and, if applicable, the name of each person owning the land  
6 through which the proposed highway may pass.