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SENATE BILL NO. 145

Introduced by: Senators Frerichs and Peterson (Jim) and Representatives Schrempp,
Feickert, and McCleerey

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require certain provisions to be met before allowing
2 public utilities or carriers to exercise eminent domain procedures.

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

4 Section 1. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

5 If the Public Utilities Commission is required to approve a permit for a project proposed by
6 a public utility or carrier and the permit has not been granted, the public utility or carrier may
7 not exercise the power of eminent domain for the project until the permit has been approved.

8 Section 2. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

9 No public utility or carrier may exercise the power of eminent domain for a project unless
10 at least eighty percent of the landowners voluntarily allow an easement for the project.

