

State of South Dakota

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2012

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SENATE BILL NO. 180

Introduced by: Senator Frerichs and Representative Fargen

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION, Proposing and submitting to the electors at the next general election
2 a new section to Article VI of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, relating to the
3 distinction between the rights of natural persons and artificial entities.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF SOUTH
5 DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

6 Section 1. That at the next general election held in the state, the following amendment to
7 Article VI of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, as set forth in section 2 of this Joint
8 Resolution, which is hereby agreed to, shall be submitted to the electors of the state for
9 approval.

10 Section 2. That Article VI of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be amended by
11 adding a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

12 § 29. The rights protected by the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the State of South
13 Dakota are the rights of natural persons and do not extend to corporations, limited liability
14 companies, or other artificial entities established for business purposes or to promote business
15 interests under the laws of this state. Such corporate and other artificial entities established



1 under law are subject to regulation by the people through the legislative process. Such corporate
2 and other artificial entities are specifically prohibited from making contributions or expenditures
3 in any election of any candidate for public office or the vote upon any ballot measure submitted
4 to the people.