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HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS ENGROSSED NO. **SB 66** 03/06/2015

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Office of the Secretary of State

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the county renaming
2 process.

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

4 Section 1. That § 7-1-70 be amended to read as follows:

5 7-1-70. If a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at an election held pursuant to § 7-1-69 are
6 in favor of changing the name of ~~such~~ the county, the county auditor shall within ten days after
7 the canvass of ~~said~~ the vote, certify under the seal of ~~his~~ the county auditor's office to the
8 ~~Governor~~ secretary of state, the result of the canvass of the votes cast at ~~such~~ the election, and
9 ~~setting forth~~ the new name of ~~such~~ the county.

10 Section 2. That § 7-1-71 be repealed.

11 ~~— 7-1-71. The Governor at the next convention of the annual session of the State Legislature~~
12 ~~shall communicate the result of an election held pursuant to § 7-1-69 in such county to the~~
13 ~~presiding officer of each branch of the Legislature, and thereupon the Legislature shall designate~~
14 ~~by joint resolution the new name of such county.~~



1 Section 3. That § 7-1-72 be amended to read as follows:

2 7-1-72. Upon the ~~designation~~ certification made by the ~~Legislature~~ county auditor pursuant
3 to ~~§ 7-1-71~~ § 7-1-70, the ~~Governor~~ secretary of state shall publicly proclaim the result of the
4 election held pursuant to § 7-1-69 and ~~of~~ the new name of the county. The new name of ~~such~~
5 the county shall be in full force and effect on the first day of ~~the month~~ July in the year
6 following ~~such proclamation by the Governor~~ the election held pursuant to § 7-1-70.

7 Section 4. That § 7-1-69 be amended to read as follows:

8 7-1-69. Whenever not less than fifteen percent of the registered voters of any organized
9 county in this state, based upon the total number of registered voters at the last preceding
10 general election, shall on or before the first day of July in any general election year, file in the
11 office of county auditor a petition requesting that the name of ~~such~~ the county be changed and
12 authorizing the county to appropriate and pay for all local government and state government
13 costs associated with changing the name of the county, the county auditor shall at the next
14 regular election, submit to the legal voters of the county on a separate printed ballot the
15 following question:

16 Shall the name of this county be changed to _____ and county funds be
17 appropriated to pay for all local government and state government costs associated with the
18 name change?

19 Yes

20 No

21 All voters in favor of changing the name of ~~such~~ the county and paying for all the local
22 government and state government costs associated with the name change shall place either a
23 cross or check mark in the square before the word Yes on the ballot. All voters who do not favor
24 changing the name of such county and paying for all the local government and state government

1 costs associated with the name change shall place either a cross or check mark in the square
2 before the word No on the ballot. All local government and state government costs associated
3 with changing the name of the county shall be paid by the county from county funds
4 appropriated for that purpose before the change of the name of the county shall be effective.