

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding petitions, notices, and statements of convention nominees and certifications of party officials.

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

Section 1. That § 12-6-7.1 be amended to read:

12-6-7.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 12-6-7 a nominating petition for a candidate for the Legislature, county political public office, and county party office shall be signed by not less than fifty voters or not less than one percent of the voters who cast their vote for the party's gubernatorial candidate, whichever is less. The petition shall designate the senatorial or representative district number and house for which the person is a candidate.

Section 2. That § 12-12-1 be amended to read:

12-12-1. The county auditor charged with the conduct of a primary election shall give notice of any office to be filled by nomination or by declaration and the deadline for filing in all official newspapers in the appropriate district, at least once each week for two consecutive weeks, between the fifteenth and thirtieth day of January in an even-numbered year. A local election official charged with the conduct of a local election shall give notice of any office to be filled by nomination or by declaration and the deadline for filing a nominating petition, in all official newspapers in the locality, at least once each week for two consecutive weeks. The last publication in the notice may not be less than ten nor more than fifteen days before the deadline for filing. The provisions of this section apply unless otherwise provided by law specifically governing the election.

The person in charge of the election shall give further notice of each election stating the date and time of the election, and designating each polling place for the election, in all official newspapers at least once each week for two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not less than four nor more than ten days before the election. For any secondary election under § 12-6-51.1, one notice

shall be published along with a copy of the ballot in each newspaper in the state that publishes on Saturday and Sunday. The secretary of state shall direct the newspapers to publish the ballot and notice on the eleventh or twelfth day after the primary election. The secretary of state shall pay all costs of publication.

Section 3. That § 12-5-14 be amended to read:

12-5-14. The county central committee of a political party is comprised of precinct committeemen and precinct committeewomen of the political party; the state committeemen and committeewomen; the county chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary-treasurer or secretary and treasurer; and the elected public officers who reside in the county and other officers as designated by the party's constitution or bylaws. A county central committee of a political party shall form the party organization by electing a county chairperson and other officers as determined by the party's constitution or bylaws. The name and mailing address of the county chairperson shall be certified to the county auditor and state party chairperson immediately following the election of the county chairperson or change of the county chairperson. The name and mailing address of the county officer responsible for the records and reports required under chapter 12-27 shall be certified to the secretary of state immediately following the election. The name and mailing address of the state party chairperson shall be certified to the secretary of state immediately following the election or appointment of the state party chairperson.

Section 4. That chapter 12-25 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

Any candidate for United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, Governor, lieutenant governor, state treasurer, attorney general, secretary of state, state auditor, public utilities commissioner, commissioner of school and public lands, or state legislator who has been nominated at the convention of a party with alternative political status shall file a statement of financial interest with the secretary of state not more than fifteen days after the candidate's nomination is certified. A

violation of this section is a petty offense. Any intentional violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

An Act to revise certain provisions regarding petitions, notices, and statements of convention nominees and certifications of party officials.

=====

I certify that the attached Act originated in the

HOUSE as Bill No. 1026

Chief Clerk

=====

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

House Bill No. 1026
File No. _____
Chapter No. _____

=====

Received at this Executive Office this _____ day of _____ ,

20____ at _____ M.

By _____
for the Governor

=====

The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____ , A.D., 20____

Governor

=====

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
ss.

Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____ , 20____
at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State