



## 2021 South Dakota Legislature

# House Bill 1117

Introduced by: **Representative Reed**

1 **An Act to revise provisions for public meetings held by teleconference.**

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

3 **Section 1.** That § 1-25-1.1 be AMENDED.

4 **1-25-1.1. Political subdivision--Meeting notice--Agenda--Violation as**  
5 **misdemeanor.**

6 Each political subdivision shall provide public notice, with proposed agenda, that is  
7 visible, readable, and accessible for at least an entire, continuous twenty-four hours  
8 immediately preceding any official meeting, by posting a copy of the notice, visible to the  
9 public, at the principal office of the political subdivision holding the meeting. The proposed  
10 agenda shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting, or instructions on how  
11 to join the meeting if all members of the public body are participating by teleconference.  
12 The notice and any documents required pursuant to § 1-27-1.16 shall also be posted on  
13 the political subdivision's website upon dissemination of the notice, if a website exists. For  
14 any special or rescheduled meeting, the information in the notice shall be delivered in  
15 person, by mail, by email, or by telephone, to members of the local news media who have  
16 requested notice. For any special or rescheduled meeting, each political subdivision shall  
17 also comply with the public notice provisions of this section for a regular meeting to the  
18 extent that circumstances permit. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

19 **Section 2.** That § 1-25-1.6 be AMENDED.

20 **1-25-1.6. Teleconference--Public participation.**

21 ~~At any official meeting conducted by teleconference, there shall be provided one~~  
22 ~~or more places at which the public may listen to and participate in the teleconference~~  
23 ~~meeting. For any official meeting held at which all members of the public body are~~  
24 ~~participating by teleconference, that has less than a quorum of the members of the public~~  
25 ~~body participating in the meeting who are present at the location open to the public,~~

1 arrangements shall be provided for the public to listen to and participate in the meeting  
2 via telephone or internet. The requirement to provide ~~one or more places~~ for the public to  
3 listen and participate to the teleconference does not apply to official meetings closed to  
4 the public pursuant to specific law.