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2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1205

Introduced by: Representative Randolph

An Act to repeal a provision providing for the manner in which legislation may be introduced and to make a conforming change.

- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 2-7-4 be AMENDED:

2-7-4. Any person who has been duly elected or appointed to serve during a regular session of the Legislature may file bills and resolutions with the Legislative Research Council at any time within thirty days prior to the convening of such regular session. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 2-7-6.1, anyAn interim committee of the Legislative Research Council may file bills and resolutions under the provisions of this section. The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall prescribe rules for the handling and placing in proper form of such bills and resolutions, subject to the provisions of §§ 2-7-4 this section and § 2-7-5.

Section 2. That § 2-7-6.1 be REPEALED:

No bill or joint resolution may be introduced in either house of the Legislature by
any committee thereof, except:

(1) A bill or a joint resolution introduced by any standing committee of either house;

(2) A bill or joint resolution referred to the Legislature from an interim committee of

- (2) A bill or joint resolution referred to the Legislature from an interim committee of the State Legislative Research Council;
- (3) A bill or joint resolution introduced at the request of the interim Rules Review Committee, the interim Government Operations and Audit Committee, the interim Retirement Laws Committee, the interim Joint Bonding Review Committee, and the interim State Tribal Relations Committee by one or more committee members upon majority vote of the interim committee; or
- (4) A bill or joint resolution introduced at the request of the Governor, an executive agency or of the chief justice of the Supreme Court.

The committee shall obtain a written request for such introduction from either the council, the Governor, department head of an executive agency, a constitutional officer or board, or the chief justice and shall retain such request in its file. Committee bills introduced on behalf of a department head of an executive agency, a constitutional officer or board may be introduced by the chairman without a vote of the committee for purposes of prefiling. Nothing in this section prohibits one or more legislators from introduction of a bill or a joint resolution.