

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 165

Introduced by: Senators Heidepriem and Hanson (Gary) and Representatives Thompson and Hunhoff (Bernie)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to prohibit certain corporate contributions to political  
2 causes or candidates without shareholder approval.

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

4 Section 1. No South Dakota business corporation, chartered pursuant to the provisions of  
5 chapter 47-1A, may contribute money, credit, labor, equipment, merchandise, or any other  
6 corporate asset of value to any political cause or candidate unless such contribution is  
7 specifically authorized by majority vote of the stockholders.

8 Section 2. Any chief executive officer, president, treasurer, member of the board of  
9 directors, or other responsible officer who makes, authorizes, or pays out any corporate asset  
10 of value in violation of section 1 of this Act is jointly and severally liable to the corporation and  
11 the stockholders for the entire value of the assets contributed.

