



2023 South Dakota Legislature
Senate Bill 56
ENROLLED

AN ACT

ENTITLED An Act to revise requirements to relocate a county seat.

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

Section 1. That § 7-6-4 be AMENDED:

7-6-4. To relocate a county seat, a petition signed by twenty percent of the registered voters of the county, based upon the total number of registered voters at the last preceding general election, must be filed with the county auditor on or before July first. The county auditor shall, within thirty days of receiving the petition, verify that the signatures on the petition are registered voters of the county. A signature on a petition is invalid if signed more than six months before the date the petition is filed.

If the county auditor verifies that the petition meets the requirements of this section, the board of county commissioners shall submit the question of relocating the county seat to the people of the county at the next general election.

The county auditor shall publish notice of the submission of the question with the general election notices required by § 12-12-1.

Section 2. That § 7-6-7 be AMENDED:

7-6-7. If the question to relocate the county seat is approved by the voters as specified in § 7-6-5, the county officers whose offices are required by law to be kept at the county seat shall remove their respective offices, files, records, office fixtures, furniture, and all other property pertaining to their offices to the county seat designated by the voters within one year after the date of an election held under this chapter or the end of any recount, certiorari proceeding, or election contest, whichever is latest.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the:

Received at this Executive Office this ____ day of _____,

Senate as Bill No. 56

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Secretary of the Senate

By _____
for the Governor

President of the Senate

The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2023

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

ss.

Office of the Secretary of State

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Filed _____, 2023
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Chief Clerk

Secretary of State

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By _____
Asst. Secretary of State