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SENATE EDUCATION ENGROSSED NO. **SB 86** - 02/05/2015

Introduced by: Senators Brown, Holien, Soholt, and Tidemann and Representatives Harrison, Cronin, Munsterman, Novstrup (Al), Rounds, and Rozum

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to place a term limit on the office of poet laureate.

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

3 Section 1. That § 1-22-7 be amended to read as follows:

4 1-22-7. There is created the office of poet laureate of South Dakota. The Governor shall
5 appoint the poet laureate to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. No person is eligible for the
6 appointment unless the person is a resident of this state. No person may be appointed unless
7 such person has been recommended to the Governor by the South Dakota State Poetry Society
8 and has written and published poems of recognized merit prior to the appointment.

9 The term of the poet laureate is four years and begins July first in years following a
10 gubernatorial election. No poet laureate may serve for more than one term consecutively,
11 however, this restriction does not apply to a partial term to which the poet laureate may have
12 been appointed.

13 Poet laureates shall for life have the status of emeritus.

