



## 2020 South Dakota Legislature

**Senate Bill 176**

SENATE JUDICIARY ENGROSSED

*Introduced by: **Senator** Kolbeck*

1 **An Act to provide for the seizure and holding of real property as evidence.**

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

3 **Section 1.** That § 23A-37-4 be AMENDED:

4 **23A-37-4. Application for return of property to person with right to**  
5 **possession.**

6 Any person claiming the right to possession of such property may make application  
7 for its return in the office of the clerk of courts for the county in which it is being held.

8 An application for the return of real property may be made within thirty days of  
9 the seizure of such real property. Absent good cause shown that the real property contains  
10 exculpatory evidence of the defendant's innocence which is incapable of being preserved  
11 by other means, or that the prosecuting attorney makes a showing that the continued  
12 seizure of the real property is necessary to the prosecution of the case, the court may  
13 order the law enforcement personnel in possession of the property to release it to the  
14 owner.