



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 56

SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Maher**

1 **An Act to revise requirements to relocate a county seat.**

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

3 **Section 1. That § 7-6-4 be AMENDED:**

4 **7-6-4.** ~~If fifteen~~To relocate a county seat, a petition signed by twenty percent of
 5 the registered voters of the county, based upon the total number of registered voters at
 6 the last preceding general election, ~~of any organized county petition the board of~~ must be
 7 filed with the county commissioners to change the location of the county seat which has
 8 ~~once been located by majority vote, specifying the place to which it is to be changed,~~
 9 auditor on or before July first. The county auditor shall, within thirty days of receiving the
 10 petition, verify that the signatures on the petition are registered voters of the county. A
 11 signature on a petition is invalid if signed more than six months before the date the petition
 12 is filed.

13 If the county auditor verifies that the petition meets the requirements of this
 14 section and section 2 of this Act, the board of county commissioners shall submit the same
 15 question of relocating the county seat to the people of the county at the next general
 16 election. ~~Notice~~

17 The county auditor shall publish notice of the submission of the question ~~shall be~~
 18 ~~included in the notice published once by the county auditor giving notice of the time and~~
 19 ~~place of holding~~ with the general election notices required by § 12-12-1.