



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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2024 LEGISLATIVE NOTES

The third week of the 99th legislative session is here and gone. It has been a busy session with a total of 190 House bills and 192 Senate bills. As the final day for individual bill submission is January 31, 2024, it is expected that several additional bills will be introduced.

Your Association continues to be involved with several pieces of legislation. Your Association was a proponent to **SB 75**. This bill gives more legal status to newspaper publications. Robert C. Riter testified as a proponent before Senate Local Government committee on January 19, 2024. SB 75 passed 7-0 . It then passed Senate floor – 33 – 0. House State Affairs will hear SB 75 on January 24.

Next, **HB 1109**, Act ant to eliminate the cap on assessment amounts for road improvements and to allow townships to plan and pay for the paving and maintenance of non-section line roads, was killed on January 23, 2024, by a vote of 12-1.

SB 4, which increases the amount authorized without advertising for bids for snow removal from the snow removal reserve fund for \$3500 to \$10,000 passed the Senate floor 32-0, passed House Local Government 12-0, and passed the House floor 68-0.

Next, **SB 37**, a bill that would amend existing law to allow the county to raise the limit to charge the townships from currently \$200 up to \$2500 each mile each year to maintain a mail route, passed the Senate floor 32-0, passed the Senate Local Government 11-0, and finally passed the House

floor 68-0 on January 24, 2023.

SB 121 which “gives” the authorization of the vacation for county and township section line highways to the South Dakota School and Public Lands. Your Association has strong concerns about this legislation and will address them accordingly.

These final three bills have been presented by your Association leadership and me. **SB 124**, which would amend existing law to include minimum maintenance roads for the eligibility of the Rural Access Infrastructure Fund, was introduced on January 23, 2023.

SB 188, The bill that would push back the reversionary period for the funds distributed in the Rural Access Infrastructure Fund a year, was introduced on January 25, 2023.

Finally, **SB 189** amends existing law to allow townships to be involved with the county special permit process prior to the county issuing a special permit.

It is a busy time at the legislature and it will only continue to get busier. As it continues to do so, your Association’s leadership and I will continue to advocate for all your legislation that helps townships and to lobby against any legislation that would negatively impact townships throughout the State of South Dakota.

BILLS OF INTEREST:**SB 4 Title: revise provisions regarding township contracts for snow removal.**

1/12/24 Senate Local Government Passed, YEAS 5, NAYS 0.
1/16/24 Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 32, NAYS 0.
1/23/24 House Local Government Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 12, NAYS 0.
1/24/24 House of Representatives Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 68, NAYS 0.

SB 37 Title: revise provisions regarding repair and maintenance of mail routes.

1/12/24 **Senate Local Government Passed, YEAS 5, NAYS 0.**
1/16/24 Senate Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 32, NAYS 0.
1/23/24 House Local Government Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 11, NAYS 0.
1/24/24 House of Representatives Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 68, NAYS 0.

SB 75 Title: modify provisions pertaining to the designation of a legal newspaper.

1/19/24 Senate Local Government Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 7, NAYS 0.
1/23/24 Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 33, NAYS 0. S.J. 154

SB 102 Title: revise the process for annexing or excluding property contiguous to a road district.

1/29/24 Scheduled for Senate Local Government

SB 121 Title: revise the process to vacate certain highways.

1/29/24 Scheduled for hearing in Senate Local Govt.

HB 1055 Title: raise the appraisal value of surplus property that may be sold by a political subdivision without notice.

1/12/24 House State Affairs , Passed, YEAS 11, NAYS 2.
1/16/24 House of Reps Passed, YEAS 58, NAYS 11.
01/24/24 Senate Local Government Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 5, NAYS 0.

HB 1079 Title: require property owner permission or a siting permit prior to entry for an examination and survey.

1/19/24 House Commerce & Energy . Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed

HB 1109 Title: eliminate the cap on assessment amounts for road improvements and to allow townships to plan and pay for the paving and maintenance of non-section line roads.

1/23/24 House Taxation Do Pass, Failed for lack of a second
1/23/24 House Taxation Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed, YEAS 12, NAYS 1.

99th SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE SESSION CALENDAR

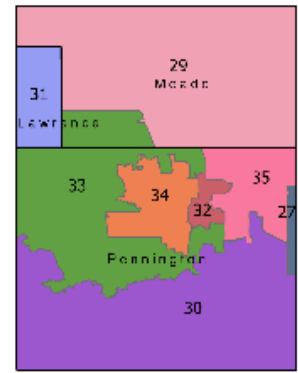
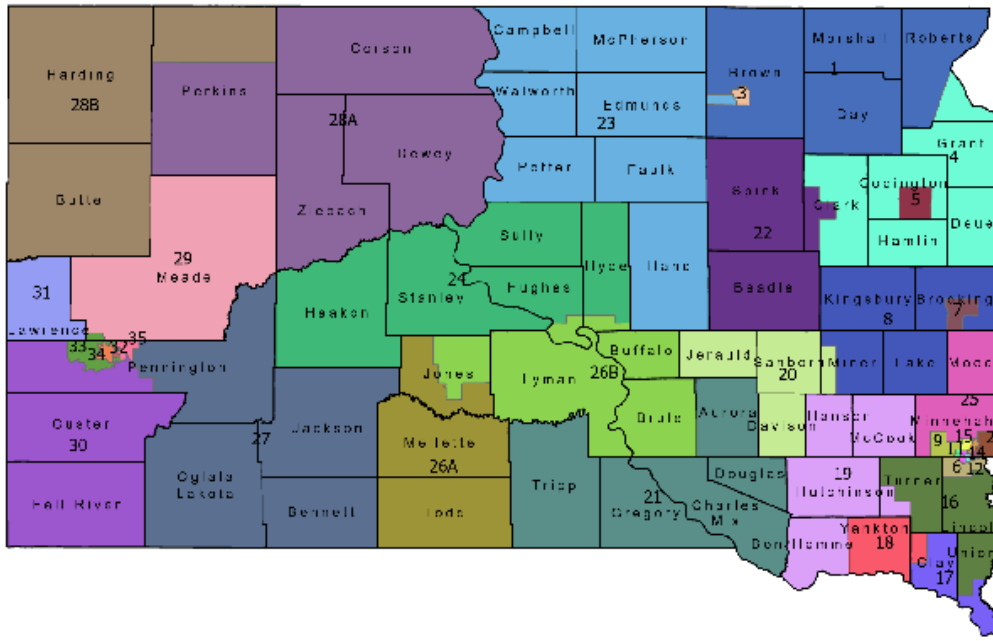
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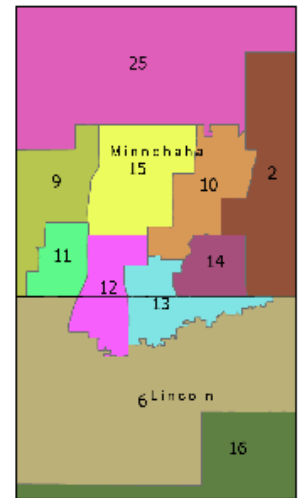
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	Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	
January 2024		1	2	3	4	5	6	
	7	8	9 Session Opens 12 Noon(CST) (Constitution, Art. III, Sec. 7) <i>State of the State</i> LD 1	10 <i>State of the Judiciary</i> 11:00am <i>State of the Tribes</i> 1:00pm LD 2	11	12	13	LD 3 LD 4
	14	15 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	16 Executive orders filed (Constitution, Art. IV, Sec. 8) LD 5	17	18 <i>Jt. Memorial Service</i> 3:00pm LD 7	19	20	LD 6 LD 8
	21	22	23 Bill and resolution draft requests due to LRC by 5:00pm (for unlimited introduction) LD 9	24	25 Last day for unlimited bill and resolution introduction (JR 6B-3) (TWO HOURS prior to session) LD 12	26	27	LD 10 LD 11 LD 13
	28	29 All bill and resolution draft requests due to LRC by 5:00pm LD 13	30 Committee bill and resolution draft requests due to LRC by 5:00pm LD 14	31 Last day for introduction of individual bills and resolutions (TWO HOURS prior to session) LD 15	1 Last day for introduction of committee bills and resolutions (TWO HOURS prior to session) LD 16	2	3	LD 17
February 2024	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
	11	12	13	14	15 Last day for JCA selection of general fund revenue targets (JR 7-11.1) LD 25	16	17	LD 18 LD 19 LD 20 LD 21
	18	19 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	20 Last day to use JR 5-17, AND Last day to move required delivery of bills or resolutions by a committee to the house of origin LD 26	21 Last day to invoke JR 7-7 in the house of origin, AND Last day to pass bills or joint resolutions by the house of origin (Crossover Day) LD 27	22	23 Last day for JCA to move required delivery of special appropriation bills to house of origin (JR 17-1) LD 29	24	LD 22 LD 23 LD 24 LD 25
	25	26 Commemoration requests due to LRC by 5:00pm, AND Last day for house of origin to pass special appropriation bills referred from JCA (JR 17-1) LD 30	27	28 JR 5-13 in effect, AND Last day for introduction of commemorations (TWO HOURS prior to session) LD 32	29 Last day to move required delivery of bills or joint resolutions by a committee to the second house LD 33	1	2	LD 26 LD 27 LD 28
March 2024	3	4 Last day for a bill or joint resolution to pass both houses, and Last day to invoke JR 7-7 in the second house LD 34	5	6	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	25 Reserved for consideration of gubernatorial vetoes LD 38	26	27	28	29	30	LD 31 LD 32 LD 33 LD 34 LD 35 LD 36 LD 37

2023 South Dakota Legislative Districts



Rapid City



Sioux Falls



TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

- January 9th- Legislative Session Opens
- February 7th - SDATAT Ice Cream Social at the Capital
- Feb 27th- Required Township meeting
- March 5th - Required Township Annual Meeting (SDCL 8-3-1)
- April 1st- SDATAT Scholarship Applications Due
- April 15 - SDATAT Bond Applications Due
- July 15 - Opt Outs Due

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