

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1244

Introduced by: Representative Rounds and Senator Gray

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise voter qualifications in certain rural fire protection
2 district elections.

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

4 Section 1. That § 34-31A-43 be amended to read as follows:

5 34-31A-43. A regular meeting of the ~~electors who are~~ owners of any interest in real property
6 assessed for taxation in the district ~~and who are residing within the boundaries of a district~~ shall
7 be held in the first quarter of each calendar year and special meetings may be called by the board
8 of directors at any time. At the annual meeting, an election shall be held to fill any vacancy on
9 the board of directors resulting from the expiration of a member's term. The annual election
10 shall be conducted during the regular meeting consistent with the provisions of chapter 8-3,
11 except as provided in this section. Notice of the annual election shall be given by the secretary-
12 treasurer by one publication in a legal newspaper of general circulation in each county in which
13 the district is situated. The meeting shall be held not less than seven days nor more than fourteen
14 days after the date of publication of the notice. To be eligible to vote in the annual election a
15 person shall be an owner of real property assessed for taxation in the district. For purposes of



1 the annual election, if more than one person holds an interest in a lot, tract, or parcel of land
2 subject to the tax, the vote for the lot, tract, or parcel of land shall be exercised as the owners
3 may among themselves determine; and in no event may more than one vote be cast with respect
4 to any one lot, tract, or parcel of land in any annual election.