

THE 2003 LEGISLATURE

The South Dakota Legislature is established by Article III of the Constitution of South Dakota as a bicameral legislative body.

SESSIONS

Regular Sessions:

Odd-numbered years: Begin on the second Tuesday in January for 40 legislative days.

Even-numbered years: Begin on the second Tuesday in January for 35 legislative days.

Special Sessions: May be called by the Governor or two-thirds of both houses of the Legislature. (The last special session was held in October 2001.)

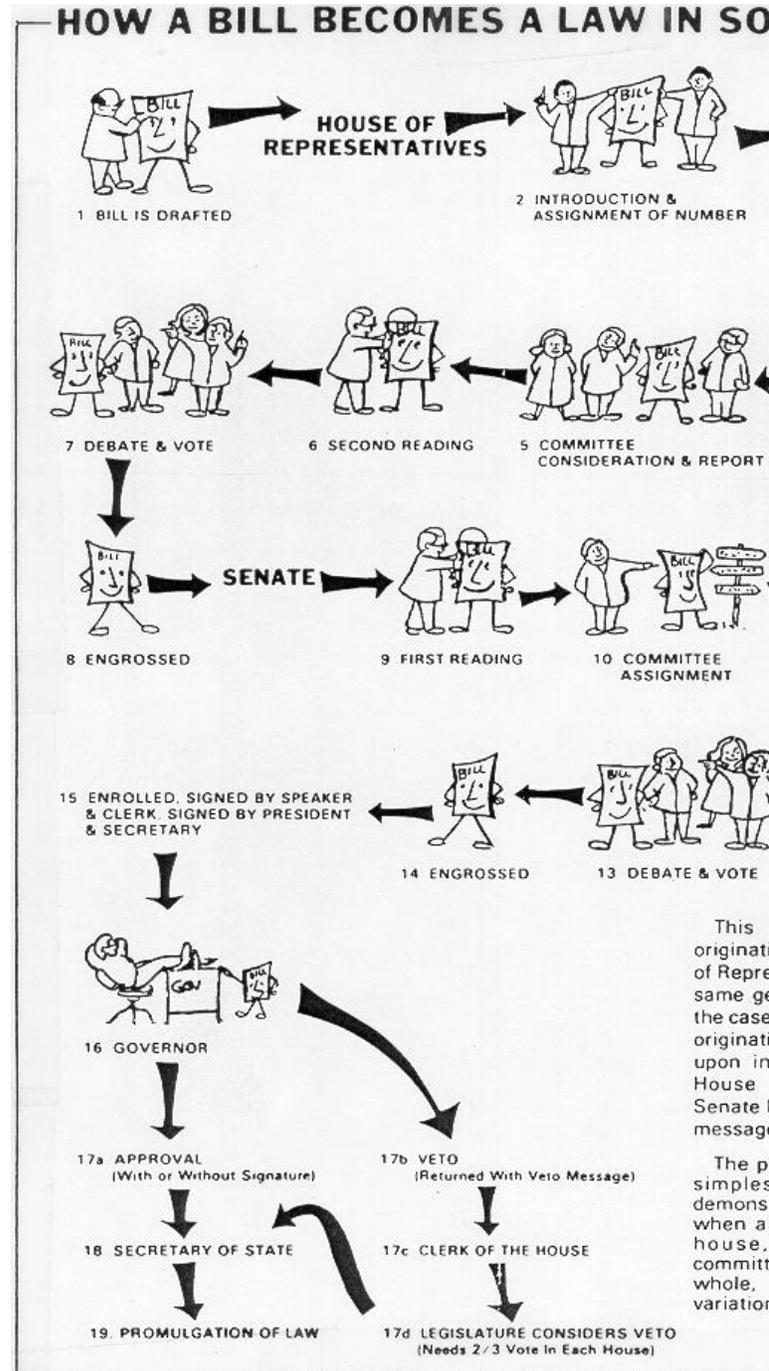
MEMBERSHIP

The **Senate:** 35 Senators (25R and 10D) elected from 35 districts. The Constitution provides for not fewer than 25 or more than 35 members.

The **House:** 70 Representatives (49R and 21D) elected from 35 districts. The Constitution provides for not fewer than 50 or more than 75 members. District 28 has been subdivided into two House districts to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

Term of Office: Two Years.
Elected: November of even-numbered years.

COMMITTEE	Senate Chair	House Chair
Agriculture & Natural Resources	Larry Diedrich	Jim Lintz
Appropriations	Jerry Apa	J.E. "Jim" Putnam
Commerce	Royal "Mac" McCracken	Claire Konold
Education	Ed Olson	Phyllis Heineman
Government Operations & Audit	Marguerite Kleven	Ted Klautt
Health & Human Services	Kenneth Albers	Don Van Etten
Judiciary	Patricia de Hueck	Matt McCaulley
Legislative Procedure	Arnold Brown	Matthew Michels
Local Government	Arlene Ham	Thomas Hennies
Retirement Laws	Kenneth Albers	Matthew Michels
State Affairs	Eric Bogue	Bill Peterson
Taxation	John Koskan	Mike Jaspers
Transportation	Drue Vitter	Gordon Pederson



THE SENATE

OFFICERS

President:

Dennis Daugaard (R)

By virtue of the office as Lieutenant Governor, presides over Senate; announces Senate Chairs and members of committees; refers bills to appropriate committees.

President Pro Tempore:

Arnold M. Brown (R)

Elected by Senate; presides over Senate in absence of President. Appoints Senate Chairs and committee members.

THE HOUSE

OFFICERS

Speaker:

Matthew Michels (R)

Elected by House of Representatives; presides over House; appoints House Chairs and members of committees; refers bills to appropriate committees.

Speaker Pro Tempore:

Christopher Madsen (R)

Elected by House of Representatives; presides over House in absence of Speaker.

MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Preside over party caucuses, direct party strategy, assemble party members for important votes, serve as liaisons for party caucuses in dealing with the Governor and press. Minority members of committees are appointed on nomination of minority leadership. The leaders are elected by their respective party membership.

Majority Leader

Eric Bogue (R) Bill Peterson (R)

Ass't Majority Leader

Royal "Mac" McCracken (R) Larry Rhoden (R)

Majority Whips

John Koskan (R) Cooper Garnos (R)
Lee Schoenbeck (R) Jean Hunhoff (R)
John Teupel (R)
Hal Wick (R)

Minority Leader

Garry Moore (D) Mel Olson (D)

Ass't Minority Leader

Paul Symens (D) Quinten Burg (D)

Minority Whips

Frank Kloucek (D) Dale Hargens (D)
Dan Sutton (D) Margaret Gillespie (D)

EMPLOYEES

Responsible for the administrative details of the two chambers and calling the roll for votes.

Secretary

Patricia Adam

Clerk

Karen Gerdes

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COUNCIL

Prepares legislative drafts and provides professional staff to standing committees and individual legislators for technical advice and research.

Director: James Fry

2003 LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

January 14	First day of Session.
February 4	Last day to introduce individual bills.
February 5	Last day to introduce committee bills.
February 20	Last day to use rule 5-17.
February 21	Last day for required bill delivery (smoke-out) in house of origin.
February 22	Last day for a bill to pass the house of origin.
March 4	Last day for required bill delivery (smoke-out) in second house.
March 5	Last day for a bill to pass both houses.
March 8	39 th Legislative Day.
March 24	40 th Legislative Day.
July 1	Effective date of enacted legislation (except emergency measures).

VISITOR INFORMATION

Legislative sessions and committee hearings are held in the Capitol at Pierre and are open to the public.

Committee hearings are conducted in the morning of each legislative day. Notice of time and location of each hearing is posted in front of each chamber on the third floor.

Legislative session convenes daily at 2:00 p.m. The public galleries are located on the fourth floor. Additionally, live audio webcasts of all committee meetings and floor sessions can be heard by accessing the Legislature's Web site and clicking on the committee or chamber you wish to monitor.

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