



2023 South Dakota Legislature
House Bill 1148
ENROLLED

AN ACT

ENTITLED An Act to clarify registration and residence requirements for voting at a township meeting.

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

Section 1. That § 8-3-7 be AMENDED:

8-3-7. No person may vote at any township meeting unless the person is registered to vote in the township pursuant to chapter 12-4 and resides in that township. For the purposes of this section, a person resides in the township if the person actually lives in the township for at least thirty consecutive days each year, is a full-time postsecondary education student who resided in the township immediately prior to leaving for the postsecondary education, or is on active duty as a member of the armed forces whose home of record is within the township. A voter's qualification as a resident may be challenged in the manner provided in § 12-18-10. No election may be contested on the grounds that any nonresident was allowed to vote if the nonresident was not challenged in the manner provided in § 12-18-10.

Section 2. That § 8-3-9 be AMENDED:

8-3-9. If any person is challenged as being unqualified when offering to vote at any township election or upon any question arising at any township meeting relating to a person's residency, the judges, or township clerk, if no judges are present, must have the person sign an affidavit attesting to the person's residency and qualification to vote. A person who makes a false affirmation is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor pursuant to § 8-3-8.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the:
House as Bill No. 1148

Received at this Executive Office this ____ day of _____, 2023 at _____ M.

Chief Clerk

By _____ for the Governor

Speaker of the House

The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2023

Attest:

Chief Clerk

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

ss.

Office of the Secretary of State

President of the Senate

Attest:

Filed _____, 2023 at _____ o'clock __ M.

Secretary of the Senate

Secretary of State

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By _____
Asst. Secretary of State