

FORM 6

State of South Dakota Board of Elections Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in South Dakota State Capitol Room #362; 500 E. Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501, on Wednesday May 7, 2025, at 1:00 PM Central, to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed Administrative Rules of South Dakota numbered

§§ 5:02:10.04 Instructions to absentee voters; 5:02:06:10.03 Primary election ballot for ballot marking device; 5:02:09:05 Recount procedure; 5:02:10:01.01 Receipt for absentee ballot returned by authorized messenger; 5:04:06:07 Charges for information from the statewide voter registration file; 5:02:03:01 Voter registration form; 5:02:03:12 Agency voter registration instructions; 5:02:03:13 Voter registration instructions; 5:02:03:19 Voter registration address verification notice; 05:02:03:27 Voter registration list maintenance confirmation notice.

The effect of the rules will be

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The reason for adopting the proposed rules is

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Persons interested in presenting amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may appear in-person at the hearing, or mail or e-mail them to South Dakota Board of Elections, Suite 204, 500 E. Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501, elections@state.sd.us. The deadline to submit any such written comments for consideration by this part-time board is seventy-two hours before the date of the public hearing.

After the written comment period, the State Board of Elections will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The State Board of Elections may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

For Persons with Disabilities: This hearing will be located at a physically accessible place. Please contact State Board of Elections at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements can be made by calling (605)773-3537.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from:

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