



SDATAT's LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES



88th Legislative Session

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The 2013 Legislative session began on January 8, 2013, with the Governor's State of the State address. The Legislative calendar is set for a 38 day session with the 37th Legislative day scheduled for March 8 and the 38th day reserved for consideration of Governor's vetoes on March 25. It seems that the Session got off to a faster start than normal even though there are 36 new Legislators this year.

As of today 404 bills have been introduced - 202 House Bills and 202 Senate Bills. January 28 is the final day for individual Legislators to introduce bills and January 29 is the final day to introduce Committee bills, so it is not expected that many more bills will be introduced. The Committees also have been busy holding hearings and acting on bills. Monday, January 28 will be a busy day for SDATAT bills with 4 of our 5 bills scheduled for hearing. Most Legislators will be having cracker-barrel sessions this weekend, so it would be a good time to ask them to support our bills.

The following six (6) SDATAT bills were introduced during the week:

SB 122 – An Act to revise the dates for holding township board meetings. **01/28/2013** - Scheduled for hearing

SB 126 – An Act to revise the provisions that authorize townships to combine the offices of the clerk and the treasurer. **01/28/2013** - Scheduled for hearing

SB 151 – An Act to clarify the maintenance responsibilities on unimproved section lines. **1/30/2013** - Expected to be scheduled for hearing

SB 156 - An Act to authorize township boards to increase the front foot assessment for road maintenance and repairs. **1/28/2013** - Scheduled for hearing

SB 157 - An Act to revise the distribution from the wind energy tax fund. **1/28/2013** - Scheduled for hearing

HB 1112 - An Act to clarify the application of certain open meetings provisions to certain three-member public boards. **1/22/2013** – Passed the House Local Government Committee 9-4
1/23/13 – Passed the full House 56-14

Other bills of interest to SDATAT that were introduced include:

SB 6 – An act to determine whether factors affecting productivity should be applied if the actual use of agricultural land does not correspond to the soil classification standards.

SB 124: An Act to increase the real estate transfer fees and to revise the distribution of the fees.

SB 154 – revise the maximum weight allowed on certain wide-based super single tires.

BILLS OF INTEREST (Cont.)

SB 155: An Act to establish a local government road improvement grant fund for the purpose of serving new agricultural facilities and to make an appropriation therefor.

SB 179 – An act to provide for a uniform county drainage permit application form and to remove the maximum limit for drainage permit fees.

SB 195 – An act to establish certain incentives for wind energy facilities, to revise the amount that may be rebated for the gross receipts tax on electricity produced on wind farms, and to declare an emergency.

HB 1007 - An act to restrict the term of conservation easements. Proposed to limit the length of easements to 30 years.

1/24/2013 – It was amended in the House Agriculture Committee to 99 years and then defeated by a vote of 7-6

HB 1135 – An act to regulate access to and use of public waters on public and private property.

HB 1189 – An act to permit counties and townships to levy a capital improvement property tax for highways, secondary roads, bridges, and culverts. This bill authorizes counties to levy up to \$1.00 per \$1000 of property value for capital improvements and authorizes townships to levy up to \$.50 per \$1000.

2013 SDATAT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 6TH - LEGISLATIVE DAY -
Pierre, SD - Please Plan to Attend!

FEBRUARY 7TH - McCook Co. Township
Meeting - 1:30 p.m. - Salem, SD

FEBRUARY 11TH – *Charles Mix Co.*
Township Meeting - 11:00 a.m. – 4-H Bldg –
Lake Andes

FEBRUARY 12TH – *2:00 p.m. - Perkins*
Co. Township Meeting – Elbert Bentley Bldg
- Bison

FEBRUARY 13TH –
Pennington/Jackson/Meade Co. Township
Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – Wall Community Bldg

FEBRUARY 19TH –*Hamlin Co. Township*
Meeting - 1:30 p.m. – 4-H Bldg
Sanborn Co. Township Mtg – 4-H Bldg

FEBRUARY 26TH - Regular Township
Meeting as Required by SDCL 8-5-1

MARCH 5TH – *Douglas Co. Township*
Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – Courthouse -
Armour

MARCH 5TH - Annual Township Meeting
as Required by SDCL 8-3-1

MARCH 8TH - Spink Co. Township
Meeting - 1:00 – Redfield

MARCH 14TH - Clay Co. Township
Meeting – 7 p.m. – Courthouse, Vermillion

MARCH 28TH –*Day/Marshall/Roberts Co.*
Township Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

2013 LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

(Legislative Sessions will convene Monday-Thursday except for the week of February 18th due to President's Day and the 1st week of March will be a full week)

JANUARY 28 – Final day to introduce individual bills and joint resolutions-L.D. 13

JANUARY 29 – Final day to introduce committee bills and joint resolutions-L.D.14

FEBRUARY 14 – Last day to use Joint Rule 5-17 (Chapter 17)-L.D. 24

FEBRUARY 19 – Last day to move required delivery of bills or resolutions to the house of origin (Chapter 17)L.D. 25

FEBRUARY 20 – Last day for a bill or joint resolution to pass the house of origin (Ch. 17)

FEBRUARY 22 – Last day to introduce concurrent resolutions L.D.28

FEBRUARY 28 – J.R. 5-13 in effect (Chapter 17) L.D. 32

*MARCH 4 – Last day to move required delivery of bills or resolutions to the second house.
(Chapter 17) L.D. 33*

MARCH 5 – Last day for a bill or joint resolution to pass both houses. (Chapter17) L.D. 34

MARCH 6 – Last day to introduce commemorations (JR 6H-1) Reserved for concurrences or conference committees (Chapter 17) L.D. 35

MARCH 7 – Reserved for concurrences or conference committees (Chapter 17) L.D. 36

MARCH 8 – Reserved for concurrences or conference committees (Chapter 17) L.D. 37

MARCH 11-22 – RECESS

MARCH 25 – Reserved for consideration of gubernatorial vetoes (Chapter 17) L.D. 38

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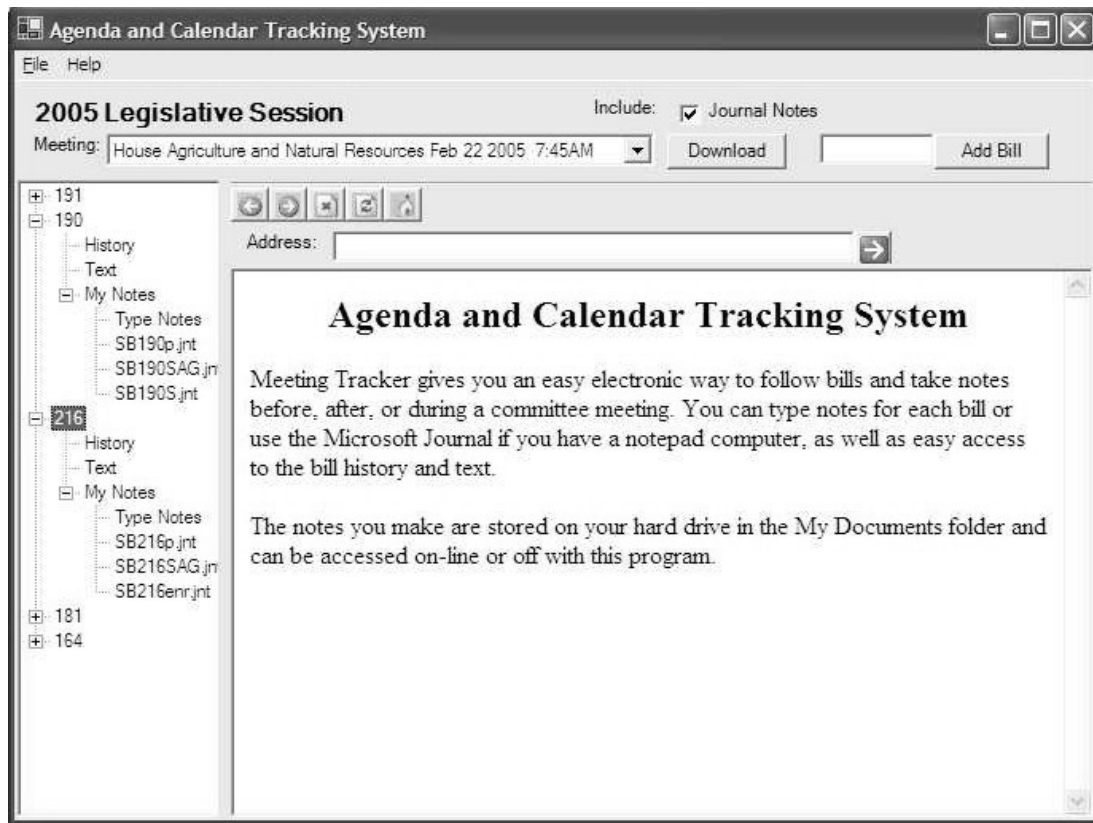
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