



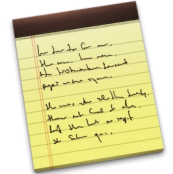
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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2014 LEGISLATIVE NOTES



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The Session got off to a slow start with the first couple weeks being devoted to getting organized and the various Legislative Committees hearing reports from state agencies. But the pace is picking up now as legislators are dealing with a number of large issues including, education core standards and school funding.

As of today (the 12th Legislative day) 365 bills have been introduced – 210 House bills and 155 Senate bills (compared to 404 bills at this time last year). It is not expected that many more bills will be introduced as the final day for individual Legislators to introduce bills is Feb. 4 and the final day to introduce Committee bills is Feb. 5.

The environment at the Capitol seems to be quite “friendly” this year as the Legislature is not facing a situation where the state is short on revenue. The windfall of over \$100 million in the Unclaimed Property Office will make it possible to increase funding for things like school funding, Medicaid providers and other programs. The main funding issue this year is to determine where to use the increased revenue – as there are several competing requests for these funds, including one that would provide \$5 million for grants to counties for replacing deficient bridges.

The following SDATAT bills were introduced

during the week:

SB 103 – An Act to establish certain civil penalties for tampering or removing any highway marker, sign, or control device and to distribute the revenue from such civil penalties. - This bill would impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$2000 and the penalty would be distributed to the political subdivision with jurisdiction on the involved highway.

2/5/14 Scheduled for hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee

HB 1133 - An Act to repeal or revise certain provisions concerning townships. – This bill repeals and updates several existing township statutes.

2/6/14 – Scheduled for hearing in the House Local Government Committee

Another bill of interest to SDATAT that was introduced:

HB 1140 – An Act to permit townships to levy a capital improvement property tax for secondary roads, bridges, and culverts. – This bill was introduced by Rep. Bert Tulson. It is similar to HB1189 last year and would authorize townships to levy up to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of valuation for highways and bridges.

Other bills on funding for county and township roads and bridges are being circulated and will be introduced next week, including one to remove the

LEGISLATIVE NOTES CONTINUED:

Township snow removal reserve fund from the tax freeze provisions. If passed, it would allow townships to levy up to \$0.60 per \$1,000 valuation for the snow removal reserve fund, in addition to the current available levy.

There is also a bill being drafted that would provide for access to and use of Non-meandered public waters on public and private property and

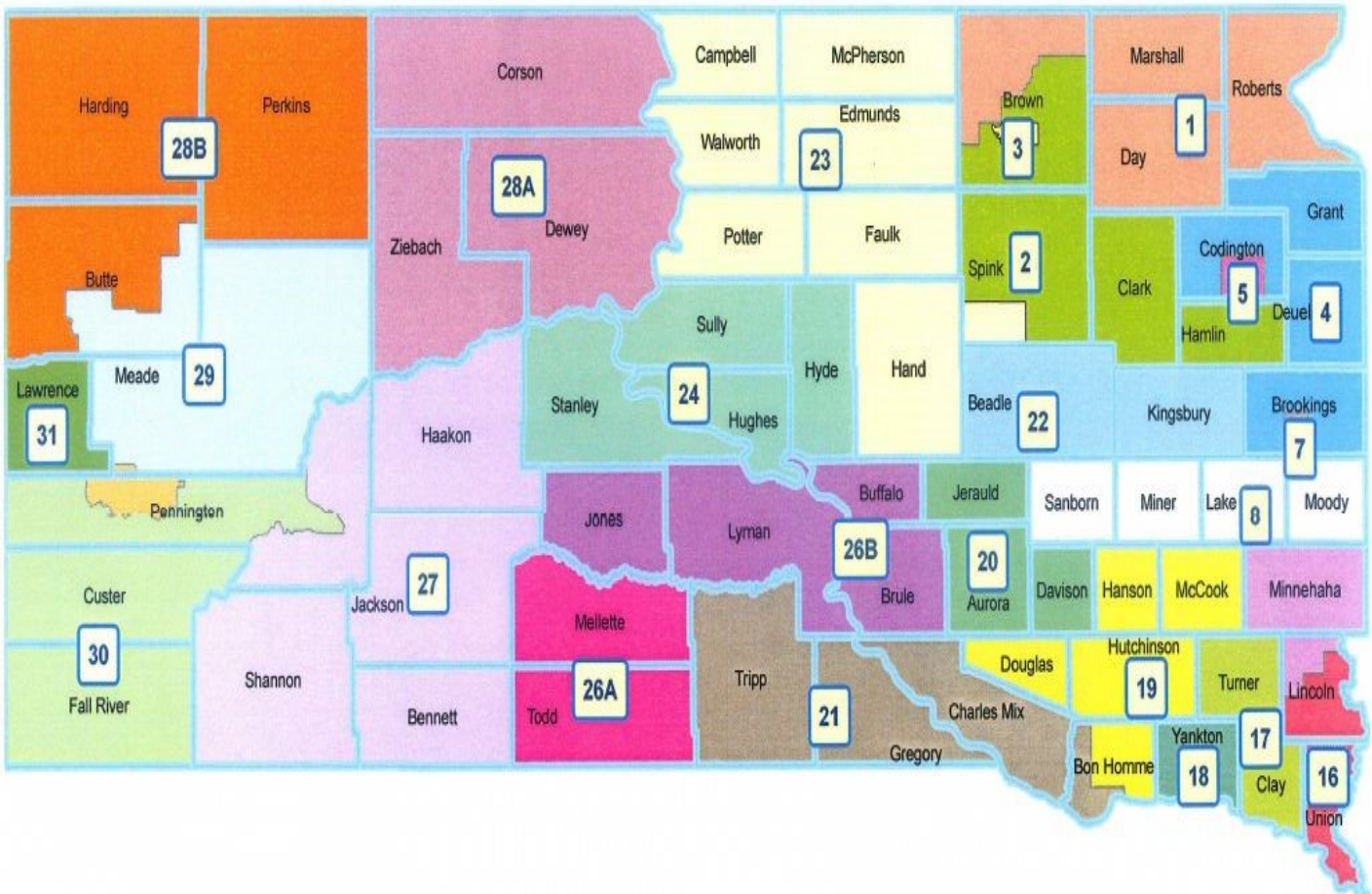
to protect private property rights for the citizens of SD. This bill is being drafted by landowners and sportsman's groups with support from the Governor's Office to deal with the water and recreation issues in northeastern South Dakota.

There are several bills of interest to SDATAT that will be listed in next week's report.



Next Wed. (Feb. 5) is Township Day at the Legislature and I look forward to seeing as many Township Supervisors as can make it.

SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT MAP



89th Legislative Session Calendar

(38 Legislative Days) (Prepared by SD Legislative Research Council)

FEBRUARY

- 4 - Final day to introduce individual bills and joint resolutions
- 5 - Final day to introduce committee bills and joint resolutions
- 17 - Presidents Day - Holiday
- 21 - Last day to use Joint Rule 5-17
- 24 - Last day to move required delivery of bills or resolutions in the house of origin
- 25 - Last day for a bill or joint resolution to pass the house of origin
- 27 - Last day for commemorations (tentative) and to introduce concurrent resolutions

TRIVIA

Prior to 1964, the Legislature only met in odd-numbered years for a period of sixty days.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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<http://legis.sd.gov/>

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http://legis.sd.gov/Legislative_Session/Committees/default.aspx?Session=2014

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SDATAT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 5 - LEGISLATIVE DAY - Please plan to attend

February 7 - McCook County Township Meeting - 1:30 p.m.

February 18 - Beadle County Township Meeting - 1:00 p.m.

February 18 - Sanborn Co Township Meeting - 1:30 p.m.

February 24 - Charles Mix Co Township Meeting - 10:00 a.m.

February 27 - Codington Co Township Meeting - TBA

March 6 - Clay Co Township Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

March 10 - Lake Co Township Meeting - 6:00 p.m. (meal) - 6:30 p.m. (meeting)

April 7 - Minnehaha Co Township Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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