



# SDATAT's LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

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Spring #2

## Legislative Notes

86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

By Richard Howard

Action picked up considerably this past week as Committees began hearing bills and taking action to send them to the floor for final votes. As of January 27, 352 bills had been introduced: 200 House Bills and 152 Senate Bills. It is not expected that many more bills will be introduced as Monday, January 31 is the last day for bills to be introduced by individual Legislators.

The following are actions on SDATAT's bills:

HB 1109: An act to revise certain provisions concerning the township road system.  
– Scheduled for hearing 2/1/11 It would be very beneficial if Township Supervisors and Board Members would contact their Legislators before that and ask them to support this bill (especially those on the House Local Committee: Representatives: Kirkeby, Cronin, Deestra, Feickert, Kloucek, Magstadt, Munsterman, Olson(Betty), Rausch, Schrempp, Tornow, Tulson, Venner). Personal contacts, e-mails or phone calls are all very acceptable.

HB 1128: Modify distributions from the wind energy tax fund.  
-Has been introduced and assigned to House Taxation Committee. No further action is scheduled. It is anticipated that Richland Township and Brookings County will meet and try to reach an agreement at the local level that would negate the need for this bill.

HB 1192: Increase certain registration fees for the use of motor vehicles on the public highways.  
-This was introduced on January 27<sup>th</sup> and assigned to House Transportation Committee. It would increase license plate fee revenue by approximately thirty-one million dollars per year. I plan to ask the Committee Chairman to schedule it for a hearing on February 10 and am hopeful that we can have a substantial number of Township Supervisors present since that is the day after Township Legislative Day at the Capitol – **PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND**

### IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

To Track Legislation      <http://legis.state.sd.us>

Contact legislators

Email:

<http://legis.state.sd.us/email/legislatoremail.aspx>  
Select legislator's name from drop down box

Write                      Senator or Representative  
500 E Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501

Fax a Message (to a specific legislator)

605 773 6806

Call  
Senate Lobby              605 773 3821  
House Lobby                605 773 3851

# **BILLS OF INTEREST**

## **SDATAT BILLS, SUMMARIES & UPDATES:**

HB 1109: An act to revise certain provisions concerning the township road system.  
*Update: Read in House and referred to House Local Government H.J. 144 – **Scheduled for hearing 2/1/11***

HB 1128: Modify distributions from the wind energy tax fund.  
*Update: First read in House and referred to House Taxation H.J. 148*

HB 1192: Increase certain registration fees for the use of motor vehicles on the public highways.  
*Update: First read in House and referred to House Transportation H.J. 195*

## **OTHERS BILLS TO MONITOR:**

### **House Bills:**

HB 1002: Revise certain provisions regarding the documentation of data used to make adjustments during the assessment process for factors that affect the capacity of the land to produce agricultural products.  
*Update: First read in House and referred to House Ag. and Natural Resources H.J. 21*

HB 1060: Revise certain provisions concerning how motor vehicle license fees are distributed in the unorganized territories of a county.  
*Update: Passed House – First read in Senate and referred to Senate Transportation S.J. 227*

HB 1097: Provide for the assessment of certain agricultural land as non-cropland.  
*Update: First read in House and referred to House Ag. and Natural Resources H.J. 142 – **Scheduled for hearing.***

HB 1098: Revise the limitation on the increases and decreases that may be made to the total taxable value of cropland and non-cropland.  
*Update: Taxation Do Pass, Passed*

HB 1114: Revise the conditions under which contracts with local officials are permitted.  
*Update: First read in House and referred to House Local Government H.J. 145*

HB 1132: Exempt certain seasonal employees from obtaining an applicator license to apply pesticides.  
*Update: First read in House and referred to House Ag. and Natural Resources H.J. 149*

HB 1176: Prohibit county commissioners from providing health insurance for themselves or other part-time county employees.  
*Update: First read in House and referred to House Local Government H.J. 185*

HB 1193: Clarify certain statutes prohibiting political subdivisions from restricting firearms.  
*Update: First read in House and referred to House Local Government H.J. 195*

### **Senate Bills:**

SB 5: Revise the maximum distance from a bridge for posting maximum vehicle weight warning signage.  
*Update: Scheduled for hearing – 1/31/11- 8 a.m.*

SB 96: Revise the fee schedule for certain documents filed with the county register of deeds.  
*Update: First read in Senate and referred to Senate Local Government S.J. 176*

SB 97: Revise the membership of certain local boards of equalization.  
*Update: First read in Senate and referred to Senate Local Government S.J. 176*

SB 99: Revise the provisions that determine the amount of the motor vehicle registration fees that shall be applied based on the age of the vehicles.  
*Update: First read in Senate and referred to Senate Transportation S.J. 176*

## ***SDATAT LEGISLATIVE DAY SET***

*Wednesday, February 9, 2011 is the date for the annual SDATAT Legislative Day at the Capitol.*

*Those attending should plan on arriving in Pierre as early as possible that day as committee meetings begin at 7:45 a.m. and then again at 10 a.m. At 2 p.m. an ice cream reception for the legislators will be held in the President's and Speaker's lobbies.*

*The SDATAT Board of Directors will have a meeting with the governor at 1:30 (all township officers welcome to attend) and will meet again for a Board Mtg at 4:30 p.m. at the Cattlemen's Club east of Pierre. A block of rooms has been set aside for Thursday evening at the King's Inn in Pierre. Please contact them at 605-224-5951 by Jan. 31, 2011 to reserve your room.*

*Those staying overnight may attend committee meetings in the morning at the Capitol.*

*This is your opportunity to see your government in action. Take advantage of it and bring a carload with you. Please RSVP to our office at 353-1439 on how many are coming. Suggestion: Invite a high school student or two to come with you!*

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **FEBRUARY:**

**Feb 9th - LEGISLATIVE DAY - PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND**

**Feb 11th** - McCook Co Annual Mtg - 1:30 - Courthouse, Salem

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>** - Sanborn Co Annual Mtg - 1:30 - 4-H Bldg - Forestburg

**Feb 15th** - Hamlin Co Annual Mtg - 1:30 at the Hayti Courthouse - 3rd Floor Courtroom

**Feb 22** - Required Twp Mtgs (SDCL 8-5-1)

### **MARCH:**

**March 1st** - 1st Tues in March - Required Annual Twp Meetings (SDCL 3-1-11)

**March 10th** - Union Co Annual Mtg - 1:30 p.m. - Elk Point

**March 11th** - Spink Co Annual Mtg - 1 p.m. - Courthouse, Redfield

**March 17** - Deadline for property assessment appeals - Appeals

must be in writing. (SDCL 10-11-16)

**March 21** - Local Board of Equalization Meet (SDCL 10-11-13)

**March 29** - Required Twp Meetings (SDCL 8-5-1)

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