

Southeast Tech
Amendment R
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:

To present Amendment R which is on the ballot in November

Amendment R establishes the technical institutes in the South Dakota Constitution as separate institutes from the Board of Regents. It also allows the legislature to organize the institutes through future action as they see fit. The amendment and process will be explained in the presentation as well as the ballot campaign for the amendment.

Acknowledge the report:

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Initiated Measure

- ▶ A Statute, Ordinance or Policy can be developed and offered to a vote of the people through an initiated measure petition process.
- ▶ It requires signatures of 5% of the voters in the last election for the government entity where the measure will be implemented
- ▶ The measure will need a majority vote in support to be implemented

Referred Law

- ▶ Any statute, ordinance, or policy can be referred by petition to a vote of the people. SDCL 7-18A explains the process
- ▶ It requires signatures of 5% of the voters in the last election for the government entity whose action is being referred.
- ▶ The measure will need a majority vote in support to change the action

Constitutional Amendment

- ▶ Amendments to the constitution can be initiated or through a joint resolution supported by a majority of both houses of the legislature.
- ▶ If initiated it requires signatures of 10% of the voters in the last gubernatorial
- ▶ It requires a majority of voters in the next election to change the constitution

Amendment R

- ▶ Is a constitutional amendment
- ▶ Establishes the Technical Institutes in the Constitution as a separate group
- ▶ Allows the legislature to organize governance

Article XIV, section 3 of the Constitution of the State of South Dakota, be amended to read as follows:

3. The state university, the agriculture college, the school of mines and technology, the normal schools, a school for the deaf, a school for the blind, and all other educational institutions that may be sustained either wholly or in part by the state and that offer academic or professional degrees of associate of arts, associate of sciences, baccalaureate or greater, shall be under the control of a board of five members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the senate under such rules and restrictions as the Legislature shall provide. The Legislature may increase the number of members to nine. Postsecondary technical education institutes that offer career and technical associate of applied science degrees and certificates or their successor equivalents and that are funded wholly or in part by the state shall be separately governed as determined by the Legislature.