INITIATIVE PETITION

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED qualified voters of the state of South Dakota, petition that the following proposed law be submitted to the voters of the state of South Dakota at the general election on November 7th, 2006 for their approval or rejection pursuant to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota.

Filed this _2 1/m_ day of

June, _05_

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The substance of the proposed law is as follows:

Be it enacted by the people of South Dakota.

Section 1. That § 13-26-2 be amended to read as follows:

13-26-2 ~~Time required in school term. Make up time. Summer term.~~ The school board or governing body shall operate kindergarten through grade twelve in its schools. The school board shall operate grades one through twelve for at least a nine-month regular term in any one school year, and the number of hours in a school term for kindergarten shall be set pursuant to § 13-26-1. The regular school term may be conducted on a year-round basis and shall begin on a date established by the school board. **However, no regular school term may begin prior to the last day of August.** The Board of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 governing the operation and scheduling of year-round schools. Any school board or governing body may release graduating high school seniors from school before the end of the regular term. Make up time for school closing because of weather, disease, or emergency need not exceed ten school days. Graduating seniors are excused from make up time if the make up time occurs after the students have graduated or after graduation exercises have been held. If classes have been convened and then are dismissed, or if classes convene at a time later in the day than normal, because of inclement weather, that day constitutes a school day ~~in session equal~~ to the number of hours planned for that day as established in the local school district calendar for the year.

School boards are encouraged to provide time within the regular school term for curriculum and staff development which shall be in addition to the time required in this section. Each school board shall determine the appropriate amount of time for this activity and how best to use the time based on local needs for program development, increased parent participation, student contact, teachers' preparation, or other needs of the schools in the district. School is in session only when classes are held and as provided in §§ 13-26-4 and 13-26-4.1. A school board may operate a special term during the summer months.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGNERS:

1. Signers of this petition must individually sign their names in the form in which they are registered to vote or as they usually sign their names.

2. Before the petition is filed, each signer or the circulator must add the residence address of the signer and the date of signing. If the signer is a resident of a second or third class municipality, a post office box may be used for the residence address.

3. Before the petition is filed, each signer or the circulator must print the name of the signer in the space provided and add the county of voter registration.

4. Abbreviations of common usage may be used. Ditto marks may not be used.

5. Failure to provide all information requested may invalidate the signature.

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