



Policy Update

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Legislature Holds Summer Study on County Funding and Services

The South Dakota Legislature recently held its first meeting on county funding and services. The scope of the summer study is to examine the administration and funding of certain services being provided by county governments. These include medical assistance for indigent persons, juror fees, elections, veteran service officers, criminal defense costs, court costs, cybersecurity costs, and mental health holds. In particular, the study will seek policies to encourage regionalization, consolidation, or alternate provision of services to gain efficiency for county governments and taxpayers. The study will further examine the available revenue sources of county governments and their utilization.

The first meeting included testimony from both public and private officials on how South Dakota's counties operate as well as some of the heavy burdens that the counties are currently facing. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12 at 8:30 a.m. CT.

To listen to previous and upcoming summer study meetings, please click [here](#).

Farm Bureau Continues to Advance Farmers' Right to Repair

The American Farm Bureau Federation signed a memorandum of understanding with CLAAS of America, providing even more farmers and ranchers the right to repair their own farm equipment. The MOU follows similar agreements AFBF entered with John Deere, CNH Industrial Brands (which includes Case IH and New Holland), AGCO and Kubota. Combined, the five MOUs cover approximately three quarters of the agricultural machinery sold in the United States.

The agreement creates a framework for farmers and independent repair facilities in all 50 states and Puerto Rico to access technical manuals, tools, and product guides to self-diagnose and self-repair machines, while respecting intellectual property and legislated legal requirements of the manufacturer. It also reconfirms the ability to lease diagnostic tools, purchase products and parts from CLAAS dealers.

Pesticide Container Recycling Collections Begin Next Month in South Dakota

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources released its [pesticide container recycling collection schedule](#) for 2023. Collections will begin July 10 and continue through September 13.

Pesticide containers acceptable for recycling must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Be triple-rinsed or equivalent;
2. Consist of high density polyethylene (HDPE) plastic of 2 1/2 gallons capacity or less;

3. Contain no visible pesticide residue inside or outside of the container; however, if the container held crop oil, a nutritional spray, an adjuvant or surfactant, or a *Bacillus thuringensis* product as the sole active ingredient, the presence of residue will not disqualify it for acceptance;
4. Contain no more than 0.5 fluid ounces of clear water; and
5. When possible, be delivered with labels on the container.

**Attorney General Jackley Releases Final Explanation for Proposed Constitutional Amendment
Eliminating Single Subject Rule**

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has released the final ballot explanation for a proposed constitutional amendment that would repeal the single subject rule. The proposed amendment was submitted by Quincy Hanzen of Sioux Falls. The Attorney General does not take a position on any such proposal. He is required by state law to provide the voters with an objective summary of the purpose and effect of each measure.

This proposed constitutional amendment would remove the current limitation that a proposed constitutional amendment can include only one subject. The ballot explanation can be found [here](#).

If the required 35,017 valid signatures are gathered and approved by the South Dakota Secretary of State's Office, the proposed constitutional amendment will be placed on the 2024 general ballot. A majority of the votes cast in the general election will be needed to pass the measure.

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