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STATEMENT ON UPCOMING SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTIONS

PIERRE – South Dakota Secretary of State Steve Barnett issued the following statement today concerning upcoming elections in our state:

“Our office has received inquiries concerning the postponement of local elections and the primary election candidate petition deadline. State law does not allow for the rescheduling of these dates or the extension of election deadlines. At this time, all election dates and deadlines remain in place. Our office remains in consultation with Governor Noem and her staff and will continue to monitor COVID-19 developments.

We are encouraging voters to utilize South Dakota’s absentee voting process. Voters are currently able to request an absentee ballot from their County Auditor for the June Primary Election. The absentee voting period begins on April 17 and runs through the date of the election. Local elections also offer an absentee ballot option. We encourage voters to contact their respective city finance officer or school business manager for more information on local election absentee voting.

Our office will continue to work with local election officials to implement procedures and processes to

keep our polling locations safe for our election workers and South Dakota citizens. For more election information, please visit our website at www.sdsos.gov.”