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**SOUTH DAKOTA, CONSTITUTIONAL  
REVISION COMMISSION**  
PAPERS, 1972-1975  
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## History

The South Dakota Constitutional Revision Commission was created in 1969 to make a comprehensive study of the state Constitution and make recommendations for changes and or simplify wording in the document. The commission consisted of 13 members that were appointed as follows: 1) Three by the presiding officer of the Senate; 2) Three by the presiding officer of the House of Representatives; 3) Three by the Governor, 4) Two by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Dakota, one being an attorney and one being a judge; and, 5) The chairman of the Department of History and Political Science from South Dakota State University and the chairman of the Department of Government at The University of South Dakota. Members of the commission would then elect a chairman, vice-chairman, and other officers. The chairman decided on meeting times and places. Further provisions stated that two or more members for each section could be from the same political party. The Legislative Research Council held the responsibility of serving as secretariat for the commission. Their duties included conducting studies and utilizing outside consults when deemed necessary by the commission. Once the commission completed its designated duties, they were to report their findings, in the form of proposed Constitutional amendments, to the state legislature. The powers, duties, and functions of the commission officially terminated on July 1, 1975.

## Scope and Content Note

The South Dakota Constitutional Revision Commission papers are divided into two series: **Correspondence and Printed Materials.**

The **Correspondence** series contains letters from South Dakota businesses and organizations that either endorsed or disagreed with the proposed amendments regarding labor unions to the state Constitution. There are a few letters exchanged between members of the commission and members of the Legislative Research Council. Incoming and outgoing correspondence are combined in the folders. Incoming and outgoing correspondence for a person or organization with more than 2 letters are contained in one folder; these are listed directly after "General" files.

The **Printed Materials** series includes agenda items, meeting minutes, commission documents (which are in numerical order but incomplete for the series), and staff working papers. The series also contains testimonials before the Constitutional Revision Commission, misc. newspaper clippings, and ephemera materials.

## Additional Resources

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Revision Commission. *Commission Documents*. Pierre: The Commission, 1970.  
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Minutes*. Pierre.  
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**Subjects**

Constitutional amendments—South Dakota  
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<b>Box 1</b>	
	CORRESPONDENCE (20 folders)
	General "A" (1 folder)
	A-G-E Corp
	24 Sept. 1973
	Associated General Contractors of
	South Dakota, Inc.
	18 Sept. 1973
	General "B" (1 folder)
	Bangs, McCullen, Butler, Foye & Simmons
	16 April 1973
	Birdsall Sand & Gravel Co.
	21 Sept. 1973
	Black Hills Agency, Inc.
	21 Sept. 1973
	Brookings Ready Mix
	20 Sept. 1973
	Buskerud Construction, Inc.
	20 Sept. 1973
	General "B" (1 folder)
	Carl Soukup Construction
	21 Sept. 1973
	Commercial Asphalt and Materials Co.
	21 Sept. 1973
	General "D" (1 folder)
	Dakota Block Company
	24 Sept. 1973
	Dakota Steel and Supply
	24 Sept. 1973
	Dave Gustafson & Co., Inc.
	24 Sept. 1973
	Diedrich, Gordon, Northern State College
	27 April 1973
	Dilly Construction Company
	20 Sept. 1973
	Executive Secretary, Constitutional Revision Comm. (1 folder)
	12 April 1972
	28 Dec. 1972
	21 March 1973
	4 April 1973
	19 April 1973

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	CORRESPONDENCE CONT.
	6 July 1973
	27 Aug. 1973
	18 Oct. 1973
	Farber, William O. (1 folder)
	9 July 1973
	9 July 1973
	23 Oct. 1973
	23 Oct. 1973
	General "G" (1 folder)
	Gage Brothers
	20 Sept. 1973
	Greater South Dakota Association
	14 Aug. 1973
	General "H" (1 folder)
	Hall Equipment, Inc.
	24 Sept. 1973
	Hart Signs
	25 Sept. 1973
	H. G. Seely Construction Co.
	20 Sept. 1973
	Hills Materials Company
	21 Sept. 1973
	Hogan Construction Co.
	27 Sept. 1973
	General "J" (1 folder)
	J. D. Evans Equipment Company
	20 Sept. 1973
	J. F. England's Sons, Inc.
	21 Sept. 1973
	General "K" (1 folder)
	Kearns Machinery Co.
	21 Sept. 1973
	General "L" (1 folder)
	Larson Construction, Inc.
	21 Sept. 1973
	League of Women Voters of South Dakota
	26 April 1973
	L. G. Everist, Inc.
	9 Oct. 1973
	General "M" (1 folder)
	Myrl & Roy's Paving, Inc., [n.d]

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	Moore Construction, Inc. 22 Sept. 1973
	General "P" (1 folder) Pete Lien & Sons, Inc. 21 Sept. 1973
	Pickus Construction Co. 20 Sept. 1973
	Piersol, Lawrence L. (1 folder)(State Representative) 22 Aug. 1972 22 Sept. 1973
	General "R" (1 folder) R & W. Excavating, Inc. 21 Sept. 1973
	General "S" (1 folder) Sam Taylor Equipment 21 Sept. 1973
	Sheehan Equipment Company 20 Sept. 1973
	Sheesley Plumbing & Heating, Inc. 21 Sept. 1973
	Sioux Falls Construction Company 20 Sept. 1973
	South Dakota. Dept. of Environmental Protection 10 July 1973
	South Dakota. State Dept. of Health 13 July 1973
	South Dakota. Dept. of School and Public Lands 15 Nov. 1972
	South Dakota. Dept. of Revenue 11 July 1973
	South Dakota. Justices of the Supreme Court 12 Feb. 1973
	South Dakota Association of Cooperatives 13 Aug. 1973
	South Dakota Association of Taxpayers for Freedom in Education 25 July 1972
	South Dakota Environmental Coalition 4 Aug. 1973
	South Dakota Investment Council 25 July 1973

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	South Dakota Retailers Association [n.d.]
	South Dakota Warehousemen and Movers' Association [n.d.]
	Stan Houston Equipment Co., Inc. 21 Sept. 1973
	Student Bar Association, University of South Dakota [n.d.]
	Summit, Inc. 20 Sept. 1973
	State of South Dakota, Office of the Attorney General (1 folder) 18 Aug. 1972 8 Feb. 1973
	South Dakota State AFL-CIO (1 folder) 1 Nov. 1973 2 Nov. 1973
	General "W" (1 folder) Wildlife Society 10 Aug. 1973
	Wyland Construction, Inc. 21 Sept. 1973
	Weeks, I.D.(in chronological order) (1 folder) Nelson, Leroy [n.d.] Stavig, Lawrence M. 22 June 1972
	South Dakota Highway Users Conference 13 Aug. 1973
	South Dakota Automobile Club 14 Aug. 1973
	South Dakota Campground Owners Assn. 14 Aug. 1973
	South Dakota Farmers Union 14 Aug. 1973
	South Dakota Independent Oil Men's Assn. 15 Aug. 1973
	Standard Oil Division 15 Aug. 1973
	Greyhound Lines-West 16 Aug. 1973

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	South Dakota Automobile Dealers Assn. 16 Aug. 1973
	South Dakota Petroleum Council 16 Aug. 1973
	Great Lakes of South Dakota Association 17 Aug. 1973
	South Dakota Rural Electric Association, Inc. 21 Aug. 1973
	South Dakota. State Legislative Research Council 24 Oct. 1973
	<b>PRINTED MATERIALS(15 folders)</b>
	Agenda-Meetings, 1972-1973 (1 folder)
	Articles (State Constitution) (1 folder)
	Article III-Legislative Department, 3 drafts
	Article VI-Bill of Rights, 4 drafts
	Article VII-Elections and Right of Suffrage, 3 drafts
	Article VIII-Education, 2 drafts
	Article VIII-School Lands -Environment and Natural Resources
	Section 6-Coordinating Council
	Section 15-Suspension of Administrative Rules, 2 drafts
	Section 16-Budetary Control by the Legislature, 2 drafts
	Section “?”-Private Property
	Meeting Minutes, 1972 (1 folder)
	Meeting Minutes, 1973 (1 folder)
	Memorandums, 1973 (1 folder)
	Commission Documents, no. 10-50 (2 folders)
	Article XV-The Militia, no. 10
	Article VIII-Education and School Lands, no. 20
	Article VI-Bill of Rights, no. 44, 2 drafts
	Article VII-Elections and Suffrage Committee, no. 45
	Article III-Legislative Department, no. 46
	Article III-Legislative Department, Issues in the Revision Of the Legislative Article, no. 47
	Article VIII-Education and School Land, no. 48, 2 drafts
	“State Debt,” no. 49
	Article VI-Bill of Rights, Committee Report, no. 50
	Commission Documents, no. 51-61
	Article XVII-Corporations, no. 51
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	Commission Documents, no. 51-61 Cont.
	Article XI-Revenue and Finance, no. 53
	Article XIII-Public Indebtedness, no. 54
	Article XI-Revenue and Finance, No. 2, no. 56
	Article VII-Elections and Suffrage, no. 57
	Article VI-Issues in the Bill of Rights, no. 61
	Staff Working Papers (1 folder)
	“Legislative Oversight of Administrative Agency Determinations and Rules,” [n.d.]
	“Freedom of Religion,” [n.d.]
	“Budgeting and Appropriations Process,” [n.d.]
	“Dissent” [n.d.]
	“Summary: Legislator’s Response to Questionnaire Relating to Constitutional Revision of Legislative Department,” [n.d.]
	“Proposed Constitutional Amendments Passed During the 1972 Legislative Session”
	“Research Paper on Education and School Lands,” 15 June 1972
	“Draft from 17 <sup>th</sup> Meeting on Education and School Lands,” 10 Nov. 1972
	“Proposed Work Schedule of the Constitutional Revision Commission for 1973,” 16 Feb. 1973
	“Explanation and Comments by Drafter and Staff, Proposed Change to Legislative Article,” 17 Aug. 1973
	“Environmental Protection: Proposals and Comparisons,” 1 Nov. 1973
	Testimonials and Position Papers, (1 folder) (2 folders)
	“Reorganization of Education and Cultural Affairs Programs,” LRC Interim Committee on Education, [n.d.]
	“Testimony Presented to the Constitutional Revision Committee,” Department of School and Public Lands, [n.d.]
	“Remarks to the Constitutional Revision Commission,” Ronald D. Olinger, Attorney for the SD Higher Education Faculty Association, [n.d.]

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<b>Box 1</b>	<p>PRINTED MATERIALS CONT.</p> <p>Testimonials and Position Papers Cont.</p> <p>“Position Paper, Constitutional Provision for Public Higher Education in South Dakota,” Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, [n.d.]</p> <p>Testimonials and Position Papers, dated (1 folder)</p> <p>“Position Paper Presented to the Constitutional Revision Commission,” South Dakota Education Association, 26 July 1972</p> <p>“To the Constitutional Revision Commission of the LRC,” Friends of the South Dakota Schools , 26 July 1972</p> <p>“Constitutional Revision Commission Members,” Gordon Diedtrich, Ed. D., 16 Nov. 1972</p> <p>“Constitutional Revision Commission,” Recommendations by Ted Kneebone, Director, Administrative Library &amp; Information Center, 17 Nov. 1972</p> <p>“Position Paper Presented to Constitutional Revision Commission,” Donn Bennett, 17 Nov. 1972</p> <p>“Position Paper Presented to Constitutional Revision Commission,” South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, 17 Nov. 1972</p> <p>“Opinion of the Justices,” 15 Jan. 1973</p> <p>“Prepared Remarks to the Constitutional Revision Commission,” Harold D. Schreier, 26 April 1973</p> <p>“Position Paper Presented to the Constitutional Revision Commission,” South Dakota Education Association, 27 April 1973</p> <p>“Testimony of the Investment Officer Before the Constitutional Revision Commission,” South Dakota Investment Council, 7 June 1973</p> <p>“Testimonial Statement to the Constitutional Revisions Commission,” Electrical Contractors of South Dakota, 25 Sept. 1973</p> <p>“Testimony Submitted for the Record Public Hearing,” Sierra Club, 25 Sept. 1973</p> <p>“Statement Prepared for Presentation at the Commission’s Public Hearing on Right to Work as a Proponent of Retention of the Existing Constitutional Provision,” R. G. Schmidt, Attorney at Law, 25 Sept. 1973</p> <p>“Statement of Cliff W. Shrader before the South Dakota Constitutional Revision Commission,” South Dakota Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, 25 Sept. 1973</p> <p>“Statement of Linus Wampler before the South Dakota Constitution Revision Committee, Pierre, South Dakota,” United Steelworkers of America, 25 Sept. 1973</p>

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