



Restore Sound Money in South Dakota With SB 112

Members of the South Dakota Legislature are seeking to enact legislation helping restore sound money and enforce the U.S. Constitution's monetary provisions.

Senate Bill 112 ([SB 112](#)) is sponsored Senator John Carley (R-Piedmont) and Representative Julie Auch (R-Yankton), and is co-sponsored by three senators and 12 representatives. If enacted, it would officially recognize gold and silver as legal tender, authorize a state bullion depository, and establish a transactional currency backed by gold and silver — thus bringing South Dakota closer to constitutional compliance and treating gold and silver as money.

SB 112 are a good first step toward enforcing the Constitution's monetary provisions. [Article I, Section 10](#), of the U.S. Constitution plainly states that "No State shall ... make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts." It's long overdue that states begin to enforce this provision once again.

Additionally, this bill is an [important step toward nullifying](#) the unconstitutional [Federal Reserve](#), which has a monopoly on money, and also reducing West Virginia's financial dependence on the federal government. It will also help South Dakota avoid a potential "[Central Bank Digital Currency](#)," which would severely threaten privacy and individual freedom.

[Article VI](#) of the U.S. Constitution obligates state officials to uphold the Constitution and nullify all laws not "made in Pursuance" of it. Officials at all levels of government must push back against the federal government's many unconstitutional laws and agencies, and robustly enforce the Constitution and only those laws "made in Pursuance thereof." SB 112 is a good model for other states to follow.

Urge your state representative and senator to support SB 112 and to fully restore sound money in South Dakota.