IN THE SUPREME COURT

OF THE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDMENT OF REGULATION 4 OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS (APPENDIX TO SDCL 16-16)

RULE 98-12

A hearing having been held on February 20, 1998, at Pierre, South Dakota, relating to the amendment of Regulation 4 of the Regulations of the Board of Bar Examiners (Appendix to SDCL 16-16), and the Court having considered the proposed amendment, the correspondence and oral presentations relating thereto, if any, and being fully advised in the premises, now, therefore, it is

ORDERED that said regulation (Appendix to SDCL 16-16) be and it is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

4. Passing Score. The combined score of the MEE and MPT is to be given equal weight as the MBE score utilizing the standard deviation method to determine an applicant's final score on that portion of the bar examination. A separate passing score is set for the MPRE.

The passing grade on the combined MPT, MEE and MBE and on the MPRE shall be determined by the Board of Bar Examiners, which determinations shall be made in advance of the examination.

An applicant who fails to attain a passing score on the combined MPT, MEE and MBE and who applies for a subsequent bar examination shall be required to take the MPT, MEE and MBE portions of the subsequent examinations.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this rule shall become effective July 1, 1998.

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DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of March, 1998.

BY THE \COURT:

A. Miller, Chief Justice

ATTEST:

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