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IN THE SUPREME COURT

OF THE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A) NEW RULE TO BE ADDED TO SDCL 15-14)

RULE 97-6

A hearing having been held on February 21, 1997, at Pierre, South Dakota, relating to the adoption of a new rule concerning the exercising of peremptory challenges, and the Court having considered the proposed new rule, the correspondence and oral presentations relating thereto, if any, and being fully advised in the premises, now, therefore, it is

ORDERED that the following new rule, to be added to SDCL 15-14, be and it is hereby adopted to read in its entirety as follows:

Following examination of the jurors called for examination pursuant to § 15-14-__, the parties, commencing with the plaintiff, shall alternatively exercise their peremptory challenges on the clerk's list. A peremptory challenge may not be waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this rule shall become effective July 1, 1997.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of March, 1997.

BY THE COURT:

Robert A. Miller, Chief Justice

of the Supreme Court

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