



## UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ALERT

### South Dakota increases state holding period for securities - SB 45

In March of 2017, South Dakota (SB 34) decreased the amount of time the administrator must hold all stocks, bonds and other negotiable instruments to ninety days. At the time, several industry groups wrote letters and contacted the state advocating for longer holding periods to allow for greater protection of the consumer.

On February 8, 2018, SB 45 was enacted which increases the holding period to 180 days. While this is an improvement over the prior law, industry has advocated for a holding period of at least three years.

Under the new law, the administrator shall consider each claim within 180 days (increased from 90) after it is filed.

The new law is effective on July 1, 2018.

#### **What does this mean to you?**

The changes imposed in SB 45 are post escheat and therefore do not require any action by holders of unclaimed property.

The full text of the bill can be found [here](#).

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