# MARYLAND STATEWIDE CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Maryland Survey of 500 Likely Voters Conducted January 22-27, 2020
by Pulse Opinion Research

**Survey Summary:** The results of this recently completed statewide survey show that Maryland voters overwhelmingly support term limits for members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups. **An overwhelming 75% of voters approve of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will place term limits on U.S. Senators and U.S. House Representatives.** Large majorities also say that Congress members stay in power for too long, and that they're more likely to support state lawmakers who help advance congressional term limits.

***Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of placing term limits on members of Congress?***

| | Total | Rep | Dem | Other Party | White | Black | Other Race |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Approve** | **75%** | **83%** | **73%** | **70%** | **76%** | **72%** | **76%** |
| Strongly | 48% | 58% | 45% | 42% | 49% | 48% | 39% |
| Somewhat | 27% | 25% | 28% | 28% | 27% | 24% | 37% |
| **Disapprove** | **17%** | **12%** | **17%** | **20%** | **15%** | **20%** | **13%** |
| Somewhat | 9% | 3% | 10% | 11% | 8% | 11% | 6% |
| Strongly | 8% | 9% | 7% | 9% | 7% | 9% | 7% |
| **Not Sure** | **8%** | **5%** | **10%** | **10%** | **9%** | **7%** | **10%** |

***If the state legislatures of two-thirds of the states vote to call an amendment-proposing convention to recommend an amendment to place term limits on members of Congress, would you want your state senator and state representative to vote yes or no on this bill?***

| | Total | Rep | Dem | Other Party | White | Black | Other Race |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| You would want your state senator and representative to vote yes | 71% | 78% | 66% | 73% | 73% | 65% | 78% |
| You would want them to vote no | 12% | 9% | 16% | 7% | 13% | 13% | 8% |
| Not sure | 17% | 13% | 18% | 19% | 14% | 23% | 13% |

Nearly three-in-four Maryland voters, 75%, are significantly more likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who supports implementing term limits on Congress. Three-in-four voters, 75%, would be more likely to vote for a State Legislator in the next election, who voted to pass term limits on Congress through an amendment proposing convention.

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***Would you be much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or much less likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who supports implementing term limits for members of Congress?***

| | Total | Rep | Dem | Other Party | White | Black | Other Race |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Likely** | **72%** | **85%** | **65%** | **71%** | **74%** | **65%** | **73%** |
| Much more likely | 43% | 59% | 33% | 46% | 47% | 35% | 39% |
| Somewhat more likely | 29% | 26% | 32% | 25% | 27% | 30% | 34% |
| **Unlikely** | **14%** | **7%** | **17%** | **13%** | **12%** | **17%** | **12%** |
| Somewhat less likely | 10% | 6% | 11% | 11% | 9% | 11% | 11% |
| Much less likely | 4% | 1% | 6% | 2% | 3% | 6% | 1% |
| **Not sure** | **15%** | **7%** | **18%** | **16%** | **14%** | **17%** | **15%** |

***Would you be much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or much less likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who opposes implementing term limits for members of Congress?***

| | Total | Rep | Dem | Other Party | White | Black | Other Race |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Likely** | **34%** | **28%** | **42%** | **26%** | **29%** | **43%** | **39%** |
| Much more likely | 15% | 16% | 15% | 14% | 13% | 17% | 18% |
| Somewhat more likely | 19% | 12% | 27% | 12% | 16% | 26% | 21% |
| **Unlikely** | **49%** | **60%** | **39%** | **57%** | **55%** | **39%** | **51%** |
| Somewhat less likely | 23% | 28% | 20% | 24% | 28% | 14% | 25% |
| Much less likely | 26% | 32% | 19% | 33% | 27% | 25% | 26% |
| **Not sure** | **16%** | **11%** | **19%** | **17%** | **16%** | **19%** | **11%** |

***At present the Maryland State Legislature does NOT have term limits on itself. However, if your state legislator voted to place term limits on Congress through an amendment proposing convention, in the next statewide election, would that make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or much less likely to vote for your state legislator?***

| | Total | Rep | Dem | Other Party | White | Black | Other Race |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Likely** | **72%** | **83%** | **65%** | **76%** | **74%** | **66%** | **83%** |
| Much more likely | 38% | 55% | 29% | 40% | 40% | 32% | 46% |
| Somewhat more likely | 34% | 28% | 36% | 36% | 34% | 34% | 37% |
| **Unlikely** | **13%** | **8%** | **17%** | **11%** | **14%** | **16%** | **8%** |
| Somewhat less likely | 10% | 7% | 11% | 10% | 10% | 12% | 6% |
| Much less likely | 3% | 1% | 6% | 1% | 4% | 4% | 2% |
| **Not sure** | **14%** | **8%** | **18%** | **13%** | **13%** | **18%** | **8%** |

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**Conclusions:** New York City  voters overwhelmingly support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution limiting the terms of all U.S. Senators and U.S. House Representatives. The intensity of this support is measured in their willingness to vote for state legislators who will vote "yes" on term limits and against those who will vote “no” against term limits on members of Congress.

**Methodology:** The survey of 500 Registered Voters in New York City was conducted online by RMG Research, Inc. from December 18-22, 2020. Respondents were selected at random from voter lists and through a Random Digital Engagement process. Certain quotas were applied, and the overall sample was lightly weighted by gender, age, race, and political party to reasonably reflect the state’s population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

Conducted December 18-22, 2020 by RMG Research, Inc. Margin of Sampling Error, +/- 4.5 percentage points

**Key Survey Demographics:**

**Gender**

**Men** - 46%
**Women** - 54%

**Age**

**18-39** – 31%
**40-64** – 50%
**65+** - 19%

**Race**

**White** – 59%
**Black** – 31%
**Other** – 10%

**Party**

**Republican –** 26%
**Democrat –** 51%
**Other –** 23%