



NORTH DAKOTA TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

North Dakota Survey of 500 Likely Voters Conducted February 13-17, 2020
by Pulse Opinion Research

Survey Summary: The results of this recently-completed statewide survey show that North Dakota voters overwhelmingly support term limits for state legislators, members of Congress and statewide officials. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups. An overwhelming 82% of voters approve of placing retroactive term limits on members of the North Dakota Legislature, while 84% of voters favor term limits on Congress and 83% favor term limits on statewide officials. By a margin of 78% to 8%, voters want the state legislature to call for an Article V convention to term limit Congress.

Do you approve or disapprove of placing eight-year term limits on the State Legislature of North Dakota, which would apply to prior terms served?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind.	College Degree	No Degree
Approve	82%	86%	80%	77%	82%	81%
Strongly	52%	56%	45%	52%	56%	39%
Somewhat	30%	30%	35%	25%	26%	32%
Disapprove	12%	11%	11%	13%	14%	9%
Somewhat	10%	10%	10%	9%	11%	8%
Strongly	2%	1%	1%	4%	3%	1%
Not Sure	6%	2%	10%	9%	4%	10%

Do you approve or disapprove of placing term limits on members of Congress?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind.	College Degree	No Degree
Approve	84%	92%	78%	81%	86%	83%
Strongly	57%	65%	39%	60%	60%	53%
Somewhat	27%	27%	39%	21%	26%	30%
Disapprove	11%	6%	17%	12%	11%	10%
Somewhat	8%	4%	15%	8%	9%	8%
Strongly	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%
Not Sure	5%	2%	5%	7%	3%	7%



Do you approve or disapprove of placing eight-year term limits on Governor of North Dakota and other statewide offices, such as Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind.	College Degree	No Degree
Approve	83%	88%	81%	79%	87%	78%
Strongly	52%	54%	44%	56%	56%	48%
Somewhat	31%	34%	37%	23%	31%	30%
Disapprove	11%	9%	11%	13%	9%	12%
Somewhat	7%	6%	7%	9%	6%	8%
Strongly	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%
Not Sure	6%	3%	8%	8%	4%	10%

If the state legislatures of two-thirds of the states vote to call an amendment-proposing convention to recommend an amendment for 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	Ind.	College Degree	No Degree
YES	78%	82%	75%	84%	80%	75%
NO	8%	5%	11%	53%	8%	7%
Not sure	15%	13%	14%	31%	12%	19%

Would you be more or less likely to support a candidate for state legislature if you knew he or she supports implementing term limits for members of Congress?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Ind.	College Degree	No Degree
More Likely	80%	84%	72%	82%	83%	77%
Much More	42%	40%	32%	51%	43%	41%
Somewhat More	38%	44%	40%	31%	40%	36%
Less Likely	8%	6%	14%	6%	9%	6%
Somewhat Less	7%	5%	13%	5%	8%	5%
Much Less	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Not Sure	12%	11%	13%	11%	8%	17%



Would you be more/less likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who opposes implementing term limits for members of Congress?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Other	No college degree	College degree
Likely	32%	36%	37%	25%	31%	33%
Much more likely	14%	14%	17%	11%	13%	14%
Somewhat more likely	18%	21%	20%	14%	18%	18%
Unlikely	58%	55%	51%	65%	54%	60%
Somewhat less likely	25%	25%	29%	22%	24%	25%
Much less likely	33%	30%	21%	43%	30%	35%
Not sure	11%	9%	13%	11%	15%	8%

At present the North Dakota 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, how likely are you to vote for your state legislator?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Other	No college degree	College degree
Likely	81%	85%	80%	79%	77%	85%
Much more likely	40%	37%	40%	43%	38%	42%
Somewhat more likely	42%	48%	41%	36%	39%	44%
Unlikely	8%	7%	8%	8%	6%	9%
Somewhat less likely	6%	6%	6%	6%	4%	7%
Much less likely	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Not sure	11%	8%	11%	13%	17%	5%

Conclusions: North Dakota voters overwhelmingly support limiting the terms of state and federal officeholders. The intensity of this support is measured in their drive to vote for state legislators who will vote “YES” on term limits.

Methodology: This poll of 500 likely voters in North Dakota was conducted February 13-17, 2020, using an online panel methodology. Pulse Opinion Research determines its partisan weighting targets through a dynamic weighting system that takes into account the state’s voting history, national trends, and recent polling in a particular state or geographic area.

This poll of 500 likely voters in North Dakota has an accuracy of +/- 4.5% with a 95% level of confidence.



Key Survey Demographics:

Gender

Men - 50%

Women - 50%

Age

18-39 – 36%

40-64 – 45%

65+ - 19%

Race

White – 90%

Non-white – 10%

Party

Republican – 38%

Democrat – 24%

Independent – 38%