



## VERMONT STATEWIDE CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

VERMONT 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 Vermont voters overwhelmingly support term limits for members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups. **An overwhelming 69% 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	Other Race
<b>Approve</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>58%</b>
Strongly	44%	64%	33%	45%	45%	35%
Somewhat	25%	13%	31%	26%	25%	23%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>18%</b>
Somewhat	14%	9%	18%	13%	14%	10%
Strongly	4%	2%	6%	4%	4%	8%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>24%</b>

*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	Other Race
You would want your state senator and representative to vote yes	66%	85%	52%	69%	67%	53%
You would want them to vote no	15%	8%	19%	16%	15%	21%
Not sure	19%	8%	29%	16%	18%	26%

Two-in-three Vermont voters, 69%, are significantly more likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who supports implementing term limits on Congress. Approximately two-in-three voters, 69%, 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.



*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	Other Race
<b>Likely</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>59%</b>
Much more likely	46%	73%	31%	44%	46%	33%
Somewhat more likely	25%	15%	31%	24%	25%	26%
<b>Not likely</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>21%</b>
Somewhat less likely	10%	6%	17%	6%	10%	13%
Much less likely	5%	1%	4%	7%	4%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>19%</b>

*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	Other Race
<b>Likely</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>20%</b>
Much more likely	12%	17%	10%	10%	12%	10%
Somewhat more likely	16%	13%	20%	14%	17%	10%
<b>Not likely</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>62%</b>
Somewhat less likely	27%	13%	31%	31%	26%	35%
Much less likely	28%	48%	21%	25%	28%	27%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>17%</b>

*At present the Vermont 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	Other Race
<b>Likely</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>53%</b>
Much more likely	37%	60%	24%	36%	37%	29%
Somewhat more likely	31%	25%	36%	29%	31%	24%
<b>Not likely</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>15%</b>
Somewhat less likely	11%	3%	14%	12%	11%	7%
Much less likely	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	8%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>33%</b>

**Conclusions:** Vermont 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:** This poll of 500 likely voters in Vermont was conducted January 22-27, 2020, using an automated polling methodology. To reach those who have abandoned traditional landline telephones, Pulse Opinion Research uses an online survey tool to interview randomly selected participants from a demographically diverse panel. This accounts for 25% of the panel. 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 Vermont has an accuracy of +/- 4.5% with a 95% level of confidence.



**Key Survey Demographics:**

**Gender**

**Men - 49%**

**Women - 51%**

**Age**

**18-39 – 28%**

**40-64 – 45%**

**65+ - 27%**

**Race**

**White – 95%**

**Other – 5%**

**Party**

**Republican – 22%**

**Democrat – 38%**

**Other – 40%**