



TENNESSEE TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tennessee 500 Registered Voters Conducted December 18-22, 2020 by RMG Research, Inc.

Survey Summary: The results of this recently completed statewide survey show that Tennessee voters overwhelmingly support term limits for members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups.

The majority 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 approve or disapprove of a constitutional amendment that will place term limits on members of Congress?

| | Total | Gender | | Age | | | Race | | Party | | |
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| | Total | Men | Women | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | GOP | Dem | Other |
| Approve | 78% | 78% | 77% | 73% | 69% | 86% | 78% | 70% | 77% | 90% | 71% |
| <i>Strongly approve</i> | 50% | 55% | 46% | 44% | 42% | 59% | 51% | 38% | 53% | 56% | 44% |
| <i>Somewhat approve</i> | 28% | 23% | 31% | 29% | 27% | 27% | 27% | 32% | 24% | 34% | 27% |
| Disapprove | 10% | 12% | 8% | 13% | 13% | 9% | 9% | 13% | 9% | 3% | 15% |
| <i>Somewhat disapprove</i> | 8% | 10% | 6% | 11% | 9% | 7% | 7% | 10% | 5% | 2% | 13% |
| <i>Strongly disapprove</i> | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 4% | 1% | 2% |
| Not sure | 13% | 10% | 15% | 15% | 18% | 12% | 12% | 18% | 14% | 7% | 15% |

How likely is it that members of Congress will vote to place meaningful term limits on themselves?

| | Total | Gender | | Age | | | Race | | Party | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | Men | Women | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | GOP | Dem | Other |
| Approve | 27% | 26% | 28% | 36% | 27% | 22% | 23% | 47% | 27% | 49% | 18% |
| <i>Strongly approve</i> | 9% | 12% | 6% | 14% | 11% | 4% | 7% | 14% | 6% | 23% | 4% |
| <i>Somewhat approve</i> | 18% | 14% | 22% | 22% | 16% | 18% | 16% | 33% | 19% | 26% | 14% |
| Oppose | 63% | 65% | 25% | 25% | 60% | 71% | 68% | 36% | 64% | 44% | 72% |
| <i>Somewhat oppose</i> | 29% | 26% | 31% | 31% | 28% | 28% | 31% | 19% | 23% | 31% | 33% |



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| <i>Strongly oppose</i> | 34% | 37% | 22% | 22% | 32% | 43% | 37% | 17% | 41% | 13% | 39% |
| Not sure | 10% | 10% | 10% | 12% | 14% | 6% | 9% | 16% | 11% | 7% | 11% |

The U.S. Constitution authorizes state legislatures to call for a convention that would recommend amendments for congressional terms limits. Two-thirds of the states would have to agree before any action could be taken. Would you favor or oppose having Tennessee call for an amendment proposing convention?

| | Total | Gender | | Age | | | Race | | Party | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | Men | Women | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | GOP | Dem | Other |
| Favor | 73% | 78% | 69% | 67% | 68% | 71% | 73% | 70% | 75% | 81% | 67% |
| Strongly favor | 40% | 45% | 36% | 35% | 38% | 45% | 41% | 32% | 43% | 38% | 39% |
| Somewhat favor | 33% | 33% | 33% | 32% | 30% | 26% | 32% | 38% | 32% | 43% | 28% |
| Oppose | 12% | 11% | 11% | 18% | 12% | 7% | 11% | 16% | 9% | 41% | 15% |
| Somewhat oppose | 8% | 8% | 7% | 13% | 7% | 5% | 7% | 13% | 7% | 35% | 9% |
| Strongly oppose | 4% | 3% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 2% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 8% | 6% |
| Not sure | 16% | 11% | 20% | 15% | 20% | 13% | 16% | 14% | 16 | 6% | 16% |

Would you want your state senator and state representative to favor or oppose legislation calling for a convention to propose congressional term limits?

| | Total | Gender | | Age | | | Race | | Party | | |
|--------------------------|------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| | Total | Men | Women | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | GOP | Dem | Other |
| Favor Convention | 65% | 70% | 60% | 58% | 63% | 70% | 66% | 54% | 63% | 77% | 59% |
| Oppose Convention | 10% | 12% | 10% | 18% | 10% | 6% | 8% | 23% | 10% | 8% | 12% |
| Not sure | 25% | 18% | 13% | 33% | 27% | 24% | 25% | 23% | 26% | 15% | 28% |



Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate for state legislature who supports implementing term limits for members of Congress?

| | Total | Gender | | Age | | | Race | | Party | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | Men | Women | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | GOP | Dem | Other |
| More likely | 69% | 71% | 68% | 62% | 60% | 80% | 70% | 63% | 72% | 78% | 66% |
| Much more likely | 35% | 38% | 35% | 32% | 28% | 42% | 37% | 22% | 39% | 41% | 29% |
| Somewhat more likely | 34% | 33% | 33% | 30% | 32% | 38% | 33% | 41% | 33% | 37% | 37% |
| Less likely | 12% | 11% | 47% | 53% | 43% | 47% | 46% | 51% | 9% | 52% | 39% |
| Somewhat less likely | 8% | 9% | 34% | 42% | 26% | 30% | 29% | 35% | 6% | 38% | 22% |
| Much less likely | 4% | 2% | 13% | 11% | 17% | 17% | 17% | 16% | 3% | 14% | 17% |
| Neither more likely nor less likely | 6% | 9% | 8% | 8% | 11% | 10% | 9% | 10% | 5% | 10% | 9% |
| Not sure | 13% | 10% | 13% | 10% | 12% | 8% | 8% | 16% | 14% | 8% | 15% |

At present the Tennessee state legislature does NOT have term limits on itself. If your state legislator voted to place term limits on Congress through an amendment proposing convention, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for your state legislator?

| | Total | Gender | | Age | | | Race | | Party | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | Men | Women | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | White | Black | GOP | Dem | Other |
| More likely | 66% | 67% | 66% | 62% | 59% | 75% | 68% | 60% | 68% | 78% | 58% |
| Much more likely | 32% | 35% | 30% | 29% | 25% | 39% | 34% | 20% | 34% | 39% | 26% |
| Somewhat more likely | 34% | 32% | 36% | 33% | 34% | 36% | 34% | 40% | 34% | 39% | 32% |
| Less likely | 10% | 11% | 8% | 15% | 10% | 7% | 9% | 16% | 12% | 9% | 8% |
| Somewhat less likely | 7% | 8% | 5% | 10% | 7% | 4% | 6% | 11% | 7% | 8% | 5% |
| Much less likely | 3% | 3% | 3% | 5% | 3% | 3% | 3% | 5% | 5% | 1% | 3% |
| Neither more likely nor less likely | 9% | 9% | 8% | 8% | 16% | 4% | 8% | 14% | 9% | 6% | 9% |
| Not sure | 15% | 13% | 13% | 15% | 15% | 15% | 16% | 9% | 10% | 6% | 24% |



Conclusions: Tennessee 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 Tennessee was conducted online by RMG Research, Inc. from December 18-22, 2020. Respondents were selected at random from voter lists and contacted via text or 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.