



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		
	Total	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black	GOP	Dem	Other
Approve	78%										
Strongly approve	50%	55%	46%	44%	42%	59%	51%	38%	53%	56%	44%
Somewhat approve	28%	23%	31%	29%	27%	27%	27%	32%	24%	34%	27%
Disapprove	10%										
Somewhat disapprove	8%	10%	6%	11%	9%	7%	7%	10%	5%	2%	13%
Strongly disapprove	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%										
Strongly approve	9%	12%	6%	14%	11%	4%	7%	14%	6%	23%	4%
Somewhat approve	18%	14%	22%	22%	16%	18%	16%	33%	19%	26%	14%
Oppose	63%										
Somewhat oppose	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%										
Strongly favor	40%	45%	36%	35%	38%	45%	41%	32%	43%	74%	39%
Somewhat favor	33%	33%	33%	32%	30%	26%	32%	38%	32%	39%	28%
Oppose	12%										
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	Hispanic	Other	Dem	Other
More likely	69%											
Much more likely	35%	38%	74%	79%	71%	75%	75%	68%	82%	68%	78%	68%
Somewhat more likely	34%	33%	40%	37%	45%	45%	46%	33%	49%	36%	40%	46%
Less likely	12%											
Somewhat less likely	8%	9%	34%	42%	26%	30%	29%	35%	33%	32%	38%	22%
Much less likely	4%	2%	13%	11%	17%	17%	17%	16%	13%	15%	14%	17%
Neither more likely nor less likely	6%	9%	8%	8%	11%	10%	9%	10%	10%	10%	10%	9%
Not sure	13%	10%	13%	10%	12%	8%	8%	16%	5%	16%	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												
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												
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.