



## SOUTH CAROLINA STATEWIDE CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SOUTH CAROLINA Survey of 500 Likely Voters Conducted January 20-23, 2020  
by Pulse Opinion Research

**Survey Summary:** The results of this recently completed statewide survey show that South Carolina voters overwhelmingly support term limits for members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups. **An overwhelming 78% 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
<b>Approve</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>79%</b>
Strongly	51%	55%	43%	58%	52%	46%	63%
Somewhat	27%	28%	28%	21%	27%	29%	16%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>
Somewhat	9%	6%	13%	8%	9%	9%	9%
Strongly	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>8%</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	Black	Other Race
You would want your state senator and representative to vote yes	77%	82%	72%	75%	80%	72%	70%
You would want them to vote no	7%	5%	9%	5%	7%	5%	8%
Not sure	16%	13%	19%	20%	13%	23%	22%

Nearly three-in-four South Carolina voters, 77%, are significantly more likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who supports implementing term limits on Congress. Approximately three-in-four voters, 77%, 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	Black	Other Race
<b>Likely</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>78%</b>
Much more likely	50%	57%	35%	59%	54%	34%	58%
Somewhat more likely	27%	25%	34%	19%	26%	31%	20%
<b>Not likely</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>7%</b>
Somewhat less likely	9%	7%	14%	3%	7%	15%	5%
Much less likely	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>15%</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	Black	Other Race
<b>Likely</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>48%</b>
Much more likely	18%	20%	18%	13%	18%	15%	24%
Somewhat more likely	18%	20%	18%	11%	17%	18%	24%
<b>Not likely</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>41%</b>
Somewhat less likely	22%	19%	28%	16%	21%	23%	20%
Much less likely	30%	34%	21%	39%	33%	26%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>11%</b>

**At present the South Carolina 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
<b>Likely</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>89%</b>
Much more likely	48%	56%	38%	49%	50%	38%	58%
Somewhat more likely	29%	27%	32%	27%	29%	28%	31%
<b>Not likely</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Somewhat less likely	6%	3%	12%	5%	6%	9%	3%
Much less likely	5%	5%	6%	2%	4%	9%	0%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>8%</b>

**Conclusions:** South Carolina 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 South Carolina was conducted January 20-23, 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 South Carolina has an accuracy of +/- 4.5% with a 95% level of confidence.



**Key Survey Demographics:**

**Gender**

**Men - 46%**

**Women - 54%**

**Age**

**18-39 – 35%**

**40-64 – 50%**

**65+ - 15%**

**Race**

**White – 70%**

**Black – 23%**

**Other – 7%**

**Party**

**Republican – 46%**

**Democrat – 35%**

**Other – 19%**