



## South Dakota STATEWIDE CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

South Dakota Survey of 500 Voters Conducted January 18-20, 2022

by RMG Research

**Survey Summary:** The results of this recently completed statewide survey show that South Dakota voters overwhelmingly support term limits for members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups. **An overwhelming 88% 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 placing term limits on members of Congress?*

	Gender			Age			Party		
	Total	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	GO P	Dem	Other
<b>Approve</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>89%</b>
Strongly	64%	63%	65%	66%	70%	57%	65%	61%	66%
Somewhat	24%	23%	25%	21%	19%	31%	26%	23%	23%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>6%</b>
Somewhat	4%	6%	3%	6%	5%	3%	3%	7%	3%
Strongly	4%	5%	2%	3%	3%	5%	3%	6%	3%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>5%</b>

*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 South Dakota call for an amendment proposing convention?*

	Gender			Age			Party		
	Total	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	GOP	Dem	Other
<b>Favor</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>75%</b>
Strongly Favor	52%	53%	52%	49%	59%	48%	51%	56%	52%
Somewhat Favor	24%	23%	24%	26%	22%	24%	25%	21%	23%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>9%</b>
Strongly Oppose	5%	8%	3%	7%	3%	6%	5%	6%	5%
Somewhat Oppose	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%	6%	6%	4%	4%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>15%</b>

**Would you want your state senator and state representative to favor or oppose legislation calling for a convention to propose Congressional Term Limits?**

	Gender			Age			Party		
	Total	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	GO P	Dem	Other
Favor	75%	76%	74%	73%	83%	69%	75%	74%	76%
Oppose	9%	10%	8%	12%	5%	10%	8%	11%	8%
Not Sure	16%	14%	18%	15%	12%	21%	17%	15%	16%

**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?**

	Gender			Age			Party		
	Total	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	GOP	Dem	Other
<b>Likely</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>71%</b>
Much More Likely	48%	47%	49%	42%	50%	49%	47%	53%	45%
Somewhat More Likely	31%	32%	30%	35%	27%	32%	35%	27%	26%
<b>Unlikely</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>
Somewhat Less Likely	4%	5%	2%	5%	2%	5%	5%	2%	3%
Much Less Likely	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%
<b>Neither More Likely Nor Less Likely</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>9%</b>

**Residents of South Dakota voted to place term limits on state officeholders. However, elected officials on the federal level were exempt from this law. Is it fair or unfair that members of Congress can hold power for life, while state officeholders are term-limited?**

	Gender			Age			Party		
	Total	Men	Women	18-34	35-54	55+	GOP	Dem	Other
<b>Fair</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>12%</b>
Very Fair	6%	8%	5%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	5%
Somewhat Fair	8%	9%	7%	8%	5%	11%	9%	7%	7%
<b>Unfair</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>82%</b>
Somewhat Unfair	21%	19%	22%	18%	19%	23%	19%	16%	29%
Very Unfair	58%	56%	60%	61%	64%	52%	59%	62%	53%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>6%</b>

**Conclusions:** South Dakota 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 South Dakota was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. using a mixed mode approach on January 18-20, 2022. Respondents were selected from a list of Registered Voters and through a process of Random Digital Engagement. Most respondents were contacted online. However, 67 were interviewed using automated phone techniques. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, 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.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 4.5 percentage points.