



SOUTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

South Dakota Survey of 528 Voters Conducted September 4-11, 2024

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?

Total		Gender		Age					Race		Party			College			
		Men	Wom	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	White	Other	GOP	Dem	Ind	None	Some	Bach	Post
Approves	88%	90%	86%	84%	86%	89%	87%	90%	89%	75%	85%	90%	94%	82%	79%	92%	98%
Strongly approve	57%	56%	57%	43%	53%	56%	62%	66%	56%	64%	51%	63%	66%	53%	49%	58%	74%
Somewhat approve	31%	34%	28%	41%	34%	34%	26%	24%	33%	11%	34%	27%	29%	29%	30%	34%	24%
Disapprove	9%	7%	11%	10%	10%	9%	11%	5%	7%	25%	11%	7%	3%	13%	14%	6%	2%
Somewhat disapprove	5%	5%	5%	6%	8%	6%	5%	3%	4%	13%	6%	6%	2%	9%	8%	3%	2%
Strongly disapprove	4%	2%	5%	4%	2%	4%	6%	2%	3%	12%	6%	1%	1%	4%	6%	3%	0%
Not sure	3%	3%	4%	6%	3%	1%	2%	5%	4%	0%	4%	3%	3%	5%	7%	2%	0%

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?

Total		Gender		Age					Race		Party			College			
		Men	Wom	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	White	Other	GOP	Dem	Ind	None	Some	Bach	Post
Favors	83%	88%	79%	82%	87%	81%	83%	80%	84%	70%	79%	86%	89%	77%	83%	84%	86%
Strongly favor	51%	51%	51%	42%	48%	44%	58%	57%	51%	52%	47%	51%	60%	51%	49%	51%	55%
Somewhat favor	32%	37%	27%	41%	39%	37%	25%	22%	33%	18%	32%	35%	30%	26%	33%	33%	31%
Opposes	9%	6%	10%	9%	6%	7%	10%	10%	7%	24%	11%	6%	5%	14%	7%	6%	10%
Somewhat oppose	7%	6%	8%	7%	6%	6%	8%	7%	5%	21%	9%	6%	3%	12%	6%	4%	8%
Strongly oppose	2%	0%	3%	2%	0%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Not sure	9%	6%	11%	9%	7%	12%	7%	10%	9%	6%	10%	7%	6%	8%	10%	10%	4%

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			College			
		Men	Wom	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	White	Other	GOP	Dem	Ind	None	Some	Bach	Post
Favor	85%	87%	83%	83%	87%	82%	88%	84%	85%	88%	83%	87%	89%	81%	83%	86%	92%
Oppose	4%	5%	4%	9%	4%	6%	2%	3%	4%	6%	5%	5%	2%	4%	5%	5%	2%
Not sure	11%	8%	13%	8%	8%	12%	11%	13%	11%	6%	12%	8%	10%	15%	12%	9%	6%

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			College			
		Men	Wom	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	White	Other	GOP	Dem	Ind	None	Some	Bach	Post
More Likely	84%	85%	83%	78%	83%	77%	87%	88%	84%	81%	80%	87%	87%	75%	82%	85%	96%
Much more likely	45%	47%	44%	27%	38%	45%	56%	53%	43%	64%	42%	47%	48%	43%	44%	41%	64%
Somewhat more likely	38%	37%	39%	52%	44%	32%	31%	35%	41%	17%	38%	40%	39%	32%	38%	44%	33%
Less Likely	5%	4%	6%	10%	7%	7%	2%	3%	4%	12%	6%	6%	2%	9%	6%	4%	0%
Somewhat less likely	3%	3%	3%	8%	4%	3%	0%	2%	2%	7%	3%	3%	2%	6%	4%	2%	0%
Much less likely	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%	0%	3%	2%	2%	0%
No impact	8%	9%	7%	8%	7%	10%	8%	7%	8%	7%	8%	6%	10%	13%	10%	6%	2%
Not sure	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	6%	3%	1%	4%	0%	5%	1%	1%	3%	3%	5%	1%

At present the South Dakota State Legislature has term limits.

Knowing this, do you think it is fair that members of Congress are able to stay in office for life?

Total		Gender		Age					Race		Party			College			
		Men	Wom	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	White	Other	GOP	Dem	Ind	None	Some	Bach	Post
Fair	22%	32%	14%	41%	38%	26%	5%	9%	21%	29%	17%	28%	29%	9%	24%	24%	30%
Very fair	10%	15%	5%	13%	21%	15%	4%	1%	10%	8%	7%	15%	11%	6%	5%	11%	22%
Somewhat fair	12%	16%	9%	28%	17%	11%	2%	8%	11%	21%	10%	14%	18%	4%	19%	13%	8%
Unfair	75%	63%	84%	56%	60%	72%	91%	86%	76%	68%	79%	70%	70%	86%	71%	73%	70%
Somewhat unfair	19%	17%	21%	24%	27%	20%	17%	12%	19%	18%	23%	17%	15%	26%	14%	21%	12%
Very unfair	56%	46%	63%	32%	34%	52%	74%	74%	56%	50%	56%	54%	55%	60%	57%	52%	58%
Not sure	3%	5%	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	5%	3%	3%	4%	1%	1%	4%	5%	3%	0%

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 528 Registered Voters in South Dakota was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. using a mixed mode approach on September 6-11, 2024. Respondents were selected from a list of Registered Voters and through a process of Random Digital Engagement. 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 +/- 4.3 percentage points.