

# Chapter 8

## 2009 South Dakota Legislative Manual Elections



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## DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATES – PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 3, 2008

	Hillary Clinton	Barack Obama	Total
AURORA	317	220	537
BEADLE	1,617	894	2,511
BENNETT	193	226	419
BON HOMME	614	330	944
BROOKINGS	1,528	1,650	3,178
BROWN	3,256	2,422	5,678
BRULE	586	381	967
BUFFALO	120	173	293
BUTTE	392	313	705
CAMPBELL	40	46	86
CHARLES MIX	859	696	1,555
CLARK	368	195	563
CLAY	928	1,051	1,979
CODINGTON	1,831	1,265	3,096
CORSON	190	236	426
CUSTER	388	419	807
DAVISON	1,373	936	2,309
DAY	850	446	1,296
DEUEL	393	224	617
DEWEY	366	520	886
DOUGLAS	144	99	243
EDMUNDS	402	234	636
FALL RIVER	399	360	759
FAULK	211	132	343
GRANT	713	309	1,022
GREGORY	365	299	664
HAAKON	83	64	147
HAMLIN	406	213	619
HAND	312	288	600
HANSON	292	201	493
HARDING	32	31	63
HUGHES	816	776	1,592
HUTCHINSON	389	235	624
HYDE	104	70	174
JACKSON	132	95	227
JERAULD	265	182	447
JONES	57	34	91
KINGSBURY	392	310	702
LAKE	1,059	664	1,723
LAWRENCE	1,195	1,292	2,487
LINCOLN	2,106	1,740	3,846
LYMAN	218	266	484
MARSHALL	515	448	963
MCCOOK	495	286	781
MCPHERSON	133	106	239
MEADE	1118	936	2,054
MELLETE	109	142	251
MINER	293	188	481
MINNEHAHA	11,389	8,841	20,230
MOODY	711	480	1,191
PENNINGTON	4,850	4,459	9,309
PERKINS	143	141	284
POTTER	161	121	282
ROBERTS	965	1,081	2,046
SANBORN	221	144	365
SHANNON	774	839	1,613
SPINK	690	444	1,134
STANLEY	193	164	357
SULLY	100	88	188
TODD	464	793	1,257
TRIPP	483	329	812
TURNER	599	381	980
UNION	1,418	1,102	2,520
WALWORTH	311	218	529
YANKTON	1,571	1,195	2,766
ZIEBACH	121	206	327
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>54,128</b>	<b>43,669</b>	<b>97,797</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE</b>	<b>55.35%</b>	<b>44.65%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATES – PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 3, 2008

	Ron Paul	John McCain	Mike Huckabee	Mitt Romney	To Be Uncommitted	Total
AURORA	19	158	29	10	5	221
BEADLE	85	633	105	29	25	877
BENNETT	33	188	16	6	6	249
BON HOMME	103	324	59	15	15	516
BROOKINGS	273	1,225	160	53	51	1,762
BROWN	311	1,527	155	75	56	2,124
BRULE	35	276	27	15	9	362
BUFFALO	15	17	3	0	1	36
BUTTE	335	773	57	23	36	1,224
CAMPBELL	49	209	24	5	14	301
CHARLES MIX	48	364	53	9	7	481
CLARK	78	250	32	7	6	373
CLAY	88	528	39	40	23	718
CODINGTON	226	667	74	33	22	1,022
CORSON	38	95	15	5	2	155
CUSTER	228	763	54	37	32	1,114
DAVISON	136	816	90	37	33	1,112
DAY	71	230	39	6	10	356
DEUEL	66	187	28	9	12	302
DEWEY	33	128	6	7	7	181
DOUGLAS	48	264	34	12	12	370
EDMUNDS	55	290	40	12	29	426
FALL RIVER	252	912	86	25	55	1,330
FAULK	31	166	40	5	12	254
GRANT	81	327	40	13	19	480
GREGORY	27	251	39	5	10	332
HAAKON	78	238	22	10	2	350
HAMLIN	119	266	24	12	19	440
HAND	70	431	55	20	13	589
HANSON	46	208	21	8	7	290
HARDING	60	114	7	3	6	190
HUGHES	314	2,613	221	77	103	3,328
HUTCHINSON	93	396	87	14	25	615
HYDE	38	162	22	5	10	237
JACKSON	71	154	14	10	6	255
JERAULD	21	179	10	6	9	225
JONES	21	110	11	3	3	148
KINGSBURY	111	340	40	11	13	515
LAKE	153	707	98	41	24	1,023
LAWRENCE	623	2,068	117	68	106	2,982
LINCOLN	342	1,689	158	81	60	2,330
LYMAN	54	202	17	4	14	291
MARSHALL	26	204	26	6	8	270
MCCOOK	57	267	43	14	10	391
MCPHERSON	74	393	41	21	11	540
MEADE	711	1,587	124	49	57	2,528
MELLETE	40	168	32	6	7	253
MINER	21	72	23	9	1	126
MINNEHAHA	1,289	5,269	606	336	209	7,709
MOODY	43	204	37	5	7	296
PENNINGTON	1,353	6,199	426	338	255	8,571
PERKINS	165	230	32	6	9	442
POTTER	75	478	44	16	14	627
ROBERTS	68	322	38	10	12	450
SANBORN	13	101	12	6	11	143
SHANNON	10	36	3	2	2	53
SPINK	50	333	38	14	23	458
STANLEY	68	316	24	9	5	422
SULLY	43	220	22	14	13	312
TODD	23	71	13	5	6	118
TRIPP	132	699	70	14	21	936
TURNER	101	388	77	16	14	596
UNION	226	2,102	167	142	80	2,717
WALWORTH	178	669	66	29	30	972
YANKTON	303	969	89	55	49	1,465
ZIEBACH	25	46	7	2	3	83
TOTALS	10,072	42,788	4,328	1,990	1,786	60,964
PERCENTAGE	16.52%	70.19%	7.10%	3.26%	2.93%	100.00%

## REPUBLICAN UNITED STATES SENATE – PRIMARY ELECTION, JUNE 3, 2008

	Sam Kephart	Charles L. Gonyo	Joel Dykstra	Total
AURORA	49	13	158	220
BEADLE	174	68	547	789
BENNETT	95	21	101	217
BON HOMME	85	27	364	476
BROOKINGS	395	146	936	1,477
BROWN	266	166	1,343	1,775
BRULE	66	25	242	333
BUFFALO	14	2	20	36
BUTTE	524	92	419	1,035
CAMPBELL	50	28	153	231
CHARLES MIX	93	38	354	485
CLARK	56	33	246	335
CLAY	211	48	368	627
CODINGTON	265	71	605	941
CORSON	40	21	72	133
CUSTER	222	99	591	912
DAVISON	304	42	703	1,049
DAY	65	38	202	305
DEUEL	67	48	138	253
DEWEY	53	18	73	144
DOUGLAS	95	37	223	355
EDMUNDS	79	53	260	392
FALL RIVER	350	112	526	988
FAULK	38	39	138	215
GRANT	75	48	293	416
GREGORY	70	38	190	298
HAAKON	67	39	208	314
HAMLIN	87	48	245	380
HAND	123	51	327	501
HANSON	54	15	163	232
HARDING	57	11	86	154
HUGHES	534	280	1,987	2,801
HUTCHINSON	108	39	390	537
HYDE	45	25	135	205
JACKSON	85	28	120	233
JERAULD	33	17	145	195
JONES	19	19	94	132
KINGSBURY	114	49	275	438
LAKE	143	124	622	889
LAWRENCE	1,318	210	1,027	2,555
LINCOLN	292	126	1,864	2,282
LYMAN	63	33	169	265
MARSHALL	45	16	162	223
MCCOOK	59	27	258	344
MCPHERSON	80	40	327	447
MEADE	754	169	1,046	1,969
MELLETE	68	32	104	204
MINER	26	14	71	111
MINNEHAHA	873	775	5,305	6,953
MOODY	37	45	190	272
PENNINGTON	2,345	518	4,137	7,000
PERKINS	66	43	226	335
POTTER	88	69	348	505
ROBERTS	95	40	263	398
SANBORN	38	11	85	134
SHANNON	24	15	17	56
SPINK	71	44	294	409
STANLEY	73	53	245	371
SULLY	46	36	168	250
TODD	32	28	53	113
TRIPP	335	100	439	874
TURNER	75	61	427	563
UNION	357	99	1,975	2,431
WALWORTH	160	121	481	762
YANKTON	322	130	824	1,276
ZIEBACH	35	12	31	78
TOTALS	13,047	4,983	34,598	52,628
PERCENTAGE	24.79%	9.47%	65.74%	100.00%

## PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES - GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

	Obama & Biden - Dem	Baldwin & Castle - Con	McCain & Palin - Rep	Barr & Root - Ind	Nader & Gonzalez - Ind	Total
AURORA	655	5	794	14	27	1,495
BEADLE	3,493	39	4,054	44	84	7,714
BENNETT	557	11	614	7	19	1,208
BON HOMME	1,367	21	1,712	16	59	3,175
BROOKINGS	7,207	68	6,431	83	156	13,945
BROWN	9,041	72	8,067	73	173	17,426
BRULE	965	16	1,407	18	33	2,439
BUFFALO	454	1	156	1	7	619
BUTTE	1,306	45	2,821	33	51	4,256
CAMPBELL	243	8	591	2	10	854
CHARLES MIX	1,807	8	2,109	13	41	3,978
CLARK	830	10	1,065	15	20	1,940
CLAY	3,808	19	2,296	36	83	6,242
CODINGTON	5,595	48	6,374	59	109	12,185
CORSON	837	9	535	9	16	1,406
CUSTER	1,475	44	2,909	22	57	4,507
DAVISON	3,554	41	4,731	39	90	8,455
DAY	1,785	11	1,372	10	27	3,205
DEUEL	1,054	23	1,088	13	40	2,218
DEWEY	1,328	13	659	5	14	2,019
DOUGLAS	424	9	1,293	9	21	1,756
EDMUNDS	819	12	1,213	9	23	2,076
FALL RIVER	1,338	43	2,348	26	54	3,809
FAULK	426	5	739	4	18	1,192
GRANT	1,786	16	1,951	21	56	3,830
GREGORY	771	11	1,423	13	29	2,247
HAAKON	187	8	939	7	12	1,153
HAMLIN	1,043	22	1,661	11	50	2,787
HAND	718	8	1,247	8	30	2,011
HANSON	961	16	1,426	11	17	2,431
HARDING	135	7	575	5	12	734
HUGHES	3,037	20	5,298	31	82	8,468
HUTCHINSON	1,242	21	2,285	13	47	3,608
HYDE	226	1	547	2	9	785
JACKSON	435	9	668	6	15	1,133
JERAULD	542	0	546	4	13	1,105
JONES	147	1	463	7	9	627
KINGSBURY	1,277	10	1,435	17	45	2,784
LAKE	3,033	25	2,993	25	81	6,157
LAWRENCE	4,932	72	6,787	85	179	12,055
LINCOLN	8,642	64	11,803	92	166	20,767
LYMAN	710	12	894	7	18	1,641
MARSHALL	1,261	6	900	10	14	2,191
MCCOOK	1,219	26	1,646	14	40	2,945
MCPHERSON	441	5	915	3	11	1,375
MEADE	3,751	119	7,515	80	141	11,606
MELLETTE	373	8	445	3	14	843
MINER	605	11	577	5	20	1,218
MINNEHAHA	39,838	381	39,251	328	754	80,552
MOODY	1,663	12	1,508	20	51	3,254
PENNINGTON	17,802	162	27,603	220	493	46,280
PERKINS	499	38	1,102	17	30	1,686
POTTER	482	13	937	2	6	1,440
ROBERTS	2,672	16	1,781	15	52	4,536
SANBORN	500	7	669	5	26	1,207
SHANNON	2,971	8	331	4	36	3,350
SPINK	1,550	13	1,660	16	30	3,269
STANLEY	510	5	1,017	8	13	1,553
SULLY	233	7	581	2	10	833
TODD	2,208	17	571	11	21	2,828
TRIPP	914	20	1,859	16	30	2,839
TURNER	1,681	31	2,538	16	86	4,352
UNION	3,244	24	4,310	42	81	7,701
WALWORTH	923	20	1,668	9	30	2,650
YANKTON	4,838	34	5,039	56	167	10,134
ZIEBACH	554	8	312	8	9	891
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>170,924</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>203,054</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>4,267</b>	<b>381,975</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE</b>	<b>44.75%</b>	<b>0.50%</b>	<b>53.16%</b>	<b>0.48%</b>	<b>1.12%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## UNITED STATES SENATOR - GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

	Tim Johnson - Dem	Joel Dykstra - Rep	Total
AURORA	1,015	484	1,499
BEADLE	5,137	2,589	7,726
BENNETT	783	418	1,201
BON HOMME	2,129	1,070	3,199
BROOKINGS	9,354	4,485	13,839
BROWN	12,482	4,993	17,475
BRULE	1,572	885	2,457
BUFFALO	512	108	620
BUTTE	2,201	2,034	4,235
CAMPBELL	465	392	857
CHARLES MIX	2,606	1,422	4,028
CLARK	1,332	641	1,973
CLAY	4,637	1,545	6,182
CODINGTON	7,964	4,253	12,217
CORSON	1,000	394	1,394
CUSTER	2,287	2,217	4,504
DAVISON	5,375	3,107	8,482
DAY	2,401	823	3,224
DEUEL	1,570	659	2,229
DEWEY	1,666	353	2,019
DOUGLAS	905	848	1,753
EDMUNDS	1,325	758	2,083
FALL RIVER	2,068	1,710	3,778
FAULK	763	439	1,202
GRANT	2,618	1,208	3,826
GREGORY	1,268	1,004	2,272
HAAKON	551	608	1,159
HAMLIN	1,593	1,200	2,793
HAND	1,236	775	2,011
HANSON	1,211	1,107	2,318
HARDING	284	452	736
HUGHES	5,055	3,406	8,461
HUTCHINSON	2,160	1,448	3,608
HYDE	463	335	798
JACKSON	686	448	1,134
JERAULD	774	341	1,115
JONES	303	318	621
KINGSBURY	2,009	798	2,807
LAKE	4,086	2,021	6,107
LAWRENCE	6,676	5,294	11,970
LINCOLN	11,879	8,817	20,696
LYMAN	1,076	571	1,647
MARSHALL	1,614	585	2,199
MCCOOK	1,909	1,051	2,960
MCPHERSON	740	633	1,373
MEADE	6,089	5,402	11,491
MELLETTTE	560	279	839
MINER	915	328	1,243
MINNEHAHA	50,693	29,189	79,882
MOODY	2,337	947	3,284
PENNINGTON	24,813	20,980	45,793
PERKINS	825	877	1,702
POTTER	846	593	1,439
ROBERTS	3,247	1,321	4,568
SANBORN	847	367	1,214
SHANNON	3,190	172	3,362
SPINK	2,349	945	3,294
STANLEY	914	637	1,551
SULLY	457	379	836
TODD	2,419	415	2,834
TRIPP	1,620	1,234	2,854
TURNER	2,803	1,556	4,359
UNION	4,293	3,337	7,630
WALWORTH	1,534	1,131	2,665
YANKTON	6,694	3,451	10,145
ZIEBACH	704	197	901
TOTALS	237,889	142,784	380,673
PERCENTAGE	62.49%	37.51%	100.00%

## UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE - GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

	Stephanie Herseth Sandlin - Dem	Chris Lien - Rep	Total
AURORA	1,090	411	1,501
BEADLE	5,444	2,256	7,700
BENNETT	837	360	1,197
BON HOMME	2,365	820	3,185
BROOKINGS	10,348	3,473	13,821
BROWN	13,214	4,188	17,402
BRULE	1,743	705	2,448
BUFFALO	520	101	621
BUTTE	2,430	1,784	4,214
CAMPBELL	542	309	851
CHARLES MIX	2,783	1,224	4,007
CLARK	1,400	569	1,969
CLAY	4,793	1,330	6,123
CODINGTON	8,703	3,453	12,156
CORSON	985	403	1,388
CUSTER	2,441	2,040	4,481
DAVISON	5,895	2,544	8,439
DAY	2,513	693	3,206
DEUEL	1,683	533	2,216
DEWEY	1,717	306	2,023
DOUGLAS	913	835	1,748
EDMUNDS	1,437	636	2,073
FALL RIVER	2,186	1,581	3,767
FAULK	816	375	1,191
GRANT	2,775	1,046	3,821
GREGORY	1,450	817	2,267
HAAKON	631	518	1,149
HAMLIN	1,723	1,048	2,771
HAND	1,313	688	2,001
HANSON	1,268	1,031	2,299
HARDING	376	352	728
HUGHES	5,589	2,858	8,447
HUTCHINSON	2,379	1,208	3,587
HYDE	517	278	795
JACKSON	722	406	1,128
JERAULD	792	316	1,108
JONES	370	250	620
KINGSBURY	2,079	706	2,785
LAKE	4,355	1,712	6,067
LAWRENCE	7,254	4,658	11,912
LINCOLN	13,370	7,233	20,603
LYMAN	1,152	487	1,639
MARSHALL	1,740	444	2,184
MCCOOK	2,006	926	2,932
MCPHERSON	815	545	1,360
MEADE	6,386	5,069	11,455
MELLETTTE	575	267	842
MINER	950	284	1,234
MINNEHAHA	54,918	24,584	79,502
MOODY	2,509	752	3,261
PENNINGTON	25,884	19,853	45,737
PERKINS	952	735	1,687
POTTER	916	504	1,420
ROBERTS	3,481	1,072	4,553
SANBORN	919	294	1,213
SHANNON	3,182	165	3,347
SPINK	2,409	882	3,291
STANLEY	1,031	520	1,551
SULLY	521	314	835
TODD	2,447	392	2,839
TRIPP	1,793	1,041	2,834
TURNER	3,031	1,295	4,326
UNION	4,644	2,856	7,500
WALWORTH	1,719	935	2,654
YANKTON	7,564	2,537	10,101
ZIEBACH	736	159	895
TOTALS	256,041	122,966	379,007
PERCENTAGE	67.56%	32.44%	100.00%

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION - GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

	Matt McLarty - Dem	Eugene R. Hidalgo - Con	Gary Hanson - Rep	Total
AURORA	421	31	947	1,399
BEADLE	2,454	161	4,649	7,264
BENNETT	463	50	508	1,021
BON HOMME	916	77	1,880	2,873
BROOKINGS	4,077	443	7,515	12,035
BROWN	5,763	447	9,485	15,695
BRULE	669	69	1,495	2,233
BUFFALO	352	29	191	572
BUTTE	984	217	2,549	3,750
CAMPBELL	132	22	619	773
CHARLES MIX	1,325	99	2,125	3,549
CLARK	455	32	1,289	1,776
CLAY	2,427	207	2,722	5,356
CODINGTON	3,279	250	7,510	11,039
CORSON	707	72	482	1,261
CUSTER	1,184	251	2,598	4,033
DAVISON	2,085	213	5,581	7,879
DAY	1,061	48	1,866	2,975
DEUEL	703	61	1,226	1,990
DEWEY	1,091	88	612	1,791
DOUGLAS	276	25	1,324	1,625
EDMUNDS	556	55	1,261	1,872
FALL RIVER	1,078	252	2,067	3,397
FAULK	282	24	769	1,075
GRANT	1,214	80	2,101	3,395
GREGORY	562	57	1,462	2,081
HAAKON	153	33	849	1,035
HAMLIN	603	72	1,853	2,528
HAND	428	44	1,421	1,893
HANSON	606	46	1,407	2,059
HARDING	112	38	512	662
HUGHES	1,813	203	6,025	8,041
HUTCHINSON	641	87	2,594	3,322
HYDE	164	28	557	749
JACKSON	354	39	621	1,014
JERAULD	317	23	698	1,038
JONES	98	12	464	574
KINGSBURY	701	57	1,853	2,611
LAKE	1,626	160	3,719	5,505
LAWRENCE	3,538	643	6,364	10,545
LINCOLN	4,291	407	14,296	18,994
LYMAN	484	64	982	1,530
MARSHALL	747	27	1,232	2,006
MCCOOK	736	82	1,911	2,729
MCPHERSON	240	21	963	1,224
MEADE	2,944	623	6,548	10,115
MELLETTTE	282	39	437	758
MINER	395	20	709	1,124
MINNEHAHA	21,695	2,209	49,312	73,216
MOODY	1,104	99	1,785	2,988
PENNINGTON	13,277	2,015	24,797	40,089
PERKINS	367	123	964	1,454
POTTER	253	31	1,019	1,303
ROBERTS	1,759	112	2,360	4,231
SANBORN	364	42	729	1,135
SHANNON	2,368	222	335	2,925
SPINK	1,030	52	1,941	3,023
STANLEY	353	35	1,063	1,451
SULLY	159	17	616	792
TODD	1,805	156	619	2,580
TRIPP	629	72	1,938	2,639
TURNER	907	107	3,029	4,043
UNION	2,516	215	4,056	6,787
WALWORTH	559	68	1,747	2,374
YANKTON	3,084	314	5,439	8,837
ZIEBACH	459	47	296	802
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>108,477</b>	<b>12,064</b>	<b>222,893</b>	<b>343,434</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE</b>	<b>31.59%</b>	<b>3.51%</b>	<b>64.90%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS - GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

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	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
AURORA	451	964	345	989	591	800	347	1,070
BEADLE	2,788	4,577	2,013	4,907	3,468	3,776	1,723	5,652
BENNETT	376	752	278	798	514	604	273	845
BON HOMME	1,009	1,983	698	2,105	1,316	1,638	679	2,312
BROOKINGS	5,626	7,382	4,150	7,794	6,783	5,984	3,557	9,534
BROWN	7,087	9,293	4,857	10,430	7,701	8,455	4,282	12,125
BRULE	864	1,471	624	1,537	1,096	1,208	568	1,776
BUFFALO	195	397	160	405	243	330	147	435
BUTTE	1,449	2,650	930	2,952	1,783	2,264	733	3,383
CAMPBELL	263	523	187	547	303	463	186	608
CHARLES MIX	1,343	2,396	899	2,615	1,709	1,960	979	2,749
CLARK	656	1,185	501	1,210	780	1,051	452	1,413
CLAY	2,596	3,207	1,679	3,628	3,351	2,321	1,690	4,088
CODINGTON	5,054	6,415	3,754	6,762	5,281	5,974	2,794	8,704
CORSON	539	792	429	851	645	651	424	895
CUSTER	1,771	2,567	1,103	2,953	2,251	2,032	778	3,613
DAVISON	3,412	4,642	2,190	5,328	4,273	3,667	2,084	5,988
DAY	1,115	1,905	806	2,030	1,268	1,711	726	2,263
DEUEL	810	1,320	583	1,419	980	1,128	472	1,671
DEWEY	754	1,163	528	1,308	986	908	552	1,347
DOUGLAS	615	1,034	413	1,126	717	831	421	1,240
EDMUNDS	733	1,211	529	1,275	805	1,093	446	1,503
FALL RIVER	1,379	2,238	885	2,483	1,798	1,759	665	2,958
FAULK	438	680	275	748	479	613	265	860
GRANT	1,404	2,232	1,155	2,271	1,575	2,018	914	2,715
GREGORY	687	1,449	511	1,481	949	1,162	500	1,637
HAAKON	319	798	260	809	403	713	180	942
HAMLIN	1,007	1,632	713	1,721	1,197	1,400	599	2,064
HAND	629	1,317	517	1,326	802	1,122	421	1,531
HANSON	825	1,311	457	1,497	1,091	995	420	1,742
HARDING	251	459	133	548	285	417	144	581
HUGHES	3,208	5,071	2,474	5,339	3,573	4,662	2,227	6,098
HUTCHINSON	1,300	2,036	987	2,122	1,555	1,701	894	2,437
HYDE	231	531	139	556	318	433	130	636
JACKSON	384	707	251	789	418	666	244	849
JERAULD	349	701	241	709	492	544	231	810
JONES	179	420	124	448	224	371	122	487
KINGSBURY	1,004	1,651	697	1,768	1,284	1,338	641	2,035
LAKE	2,284	3,471	1,704	3,644	2,921	2,774	1,487	4,305
LAWRENCE	4,438	7,111	3,068	7,732	5,504	5,887	2,123	9,484
LINCOLN	8,776	10,672	6,612	11,387	11,348	7,727	5,103	14,330
LYMAN	604	960	440	1,040	726	825	387	1,169
MARSHALL	811	1,242	580	1,343	919	1,111	611	1,436
MCCOOK	1,008	1,790	769	1,797	1,351	1,393	653	2,142
MCPHERSON	484	811	379	844	429	839	336	943
MEADE	3,922	7,145	2,724	7,642	5,363	5,560	1,901	9,187
MELLETTTE	268	550	178	596	355	446	236	586
MINER	437	701	304	747	514	603	317	834
MINNEHAHA	33,927	40,430	24,105	43,864	43,459	29,105	20,226	54,243
MOODY	1,188	1,940	877	2,049	1,647	1,440	845	2,301
PENNINGTON	18,177	25,441	10,742	29,449	23,858	18,669	8,480	35,445
PERKINS	600	1,011	324	1,167	712	873	305	1,326
POTTER	497	854	372	911	539	811	324	1,039
ROBERTS	1,760	2,513	1,241	2,775	1,969	2,225	1,136	3,110
SANBORN	408	737	266	814	535	596	270	865
SHANNON	1,311	1,739	1,085	1,895	1,521	1,484	1,105	1,926
SPINK	1,146	1,966	826	2,089	1,384	1,680	775	2,342
STANLEY	524	1,007	399	1,040	616	894	336	1,188
SULLY	273	543	169	604	330	479	160	663
TODD	1,152	1,523	890	1,675	1,507	1,107	885	1,747
TRIPP	934	1,800	661	1,905	1,271	1,449	611	2,126
TURNER	1,535	2,559	1,154	2,666	2,046	1,998	1,048	3,061
UNION	2,913	4,253	2,189	4,516	3,916	3,056	1,597	5,519
WALWORTH	940	1,550	652	1,697	1,086	1,389	584	1,921
YANKTON	4,003	5,521	2,757	5,932	5,202	4,134	2,384	7,195
ZIEBACH	343	511	230	581	407	434	245	606
TOTALS	147,763	211,413	103,172	229,985	184,722	167,751	87,380	272,635
PERCENTAGE	41.14%	58.86%	30.97%	69.03%	52.41%	47.59%	24.27%	75.73%

## INITIATED MEASURES - GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

	9		10		11	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
AURORA	547	802	395	1,055	756	733
BEADLE	2,929	4,036	2,146	5,200	3,493	4,087
BENNETT	412	645	368	750	459	698
BON HOMME	1,153	1,708	980	2,075	1,707	1,447
BROOKINGS	5,042	7,084	4,212	8,855	5,616	8,119
BROWN	6,896	8,608	5,134	11,346	7,321	9,770
BRULE	891	1,299	693	1,643	1,148	1,247
BUFFALO	222	342	186	397	246	358
BUTTE	1,689	2,252	1,513	2,598	1,843	2,348
CAMPBELL	307	447	190	619	449	386
CHARLES MIX	1,440	2,103	1,250	2,563	2,174	1,754
CLARK	648	1,097	492	1,376	860	1,060
CLAY	2,207	3,173	2,066	3,720	1,957	4,143
CODINGTON	4,572	6,124	3,555	7,774	6,033	5,924
CORSON	597	670	574	731	753	601
CUSTER	1,821	2,347	1,750	2,603	1,670	2,776
DAVISON	3,371	4,292	2,538	5,519	4,057	4,281
DAY	1,141	1,720	855	2,182	1,415	1,727
DEUEL	828	1,187	638	1,503	1,046	1,146
DEWEY	772	1,051	641	1,210	777	1,179
DOUGLAS	714	847	520	1,145	1,276	465
EDMUNDS	811	1,022	600	1,366	1,120	927
FALL RIVER	1,430	1,968	1,448	2,149	1,474	2,247
FAULK	472	560	294	839	626	550
GRANT	1,376	2,070	1,059	2,613	2,005	1,775
GREGORY	869	1,153	687	1,461	1,156	1,078
HAAKON	398	660	293	819	618	525
HAMLIN	1,042	1,435	824	1,842	1,522	1,233
HAND	769	1,085	466	1,489	969	1,020
HANSON	926	1,071	905	1,208	1,261	985
HARDING	197	482	164	543	314	402
HUGHES	2,881	5,083	2,033	6,226	3,288	5,091
HUTCHINSON	1,408	1,757	1,053	2,347	2,227	1,340
HYDE	261	454	177	590	349	432
JACKSON	416	629	382	698	485	623
JERAULD	375	590	259	790	390	694
JONES	236	338	192	407	269	338
KINGSBURY	1,025	1,483	759	1,915	1,141	1,524
LAKE	2,380	3,025	2,025	3,757	2,499	3,520
LAWRENCE	4,534	6,383	4,386	7,174	4,302	7,599
LINCOLN	7,987	10,308	7,315	12,190	9,971	10,516
LYMAN	608	870	506	1,053	633	969
MARSHALL	722	1,208	567	1,510	872	1,264
MCCOOK	1,117	1,508	949	1,878	1,772	1,153
MCPHERSON	586	626	315	995	719	643
MEADE	4,590	5,880	4,367	6,745	4,840	6,616
MELLETTTE	320	471	261	565	341	498
MINER	434	623	303	847	601	599
MINNEHAHA	31,661	37,963	29,184	45,158	34,961	43,435
MOODY	1,349	1,622	1,066	2,082	1,440	1,798
PENNINGTON	18,543	22,580	16,722	26,865	18,239	27,102
PERKINS	592	901	508	1,101	850	817
POTTER	502	785	299	1,071	709	690
ROBERTS	1,671	2,370	1,399	2,903	2,119	2,339
SANBORN	500	600	330	839	475	721
SHANNON	1,303	1,636	1,302	1,729	1,097	2,000
SPINK	1,207	1,767	852	2,297	1,438	1,786
STANLEY	592	873	414	1,111	543	1,005
SULLY	327	457	229	579	376	449
TODD	1,146	1,406	1,162	1,464	1,201	1,525
TRIPP	1,128	1,486	908	1,838	1,395	1,417
TURNER	1,630	2,257	1,340	2,806	2,168	2,131
UNION	3,086	3,537	3,479	3,597	3,555	3,879
WALWORTH	955	1,414	647	1,889	1,225	1,371
YANKTON	3,981	4,873	3,560	5,988	4,626	5,128
ZIEBACH	330	493	354	487	323	532
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>146,872</b>	<b>191,596</b>	<b>127,040</b>	<b>232,684</b>	<b>167,560</b>	<b>206,535</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE</b>	<b>43.39%</b>	<b>56.61%</b>	<b>35.32%</b>	<b>64.68%</b>	<b>44.79%</b>	<b>55.21%</b>

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## 2008 Constitutional Amendments

The following amendments to the State Constitution are submitted to the voters by the Legislature. The amendments will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

### Constitutional Amendment G

**Title:** An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution, to repeal certain reimbursement restrictions for travel by legislators to and from a legislative session.

#### Attorney General Explanation

The Constitution fixes the mileage reimbursement rate for legislators at five cents per mile for their travel to and from a legislative session.

Constitutional Amendment G would repeal this constitutional limitation.

A vote “Yes” will change the Constitution.

A vote “No” will leave the Constitution as it is.

### Constitutional Amendment H

**Title:** An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution, to repeal certain provisions relating to corporations.

#### Attorney General Explanation

The Constitution limits “corporations” to business entities with powers or privileges not possessed by individuals or partnerships. The Constitution also requires the payment of money, property or labor for issuance of corporate stock and bonds; prohibits the increase of corporate stock and debt without consent of stockholders holding a larger value of stock first obtained; and protects cumulative voting rights of stockholders.

Constitutional Amendment H would repeal the above provisions and permit a 2008 Legislative Session bill (HB 1139) to become law. The new law would allow a corporation to restrict cumulative voting and to issue corporate stock for any consideration determined to be adequate by its board of directors.

A vote “Yes” will change the Constitution.

A vote “No” will leave the Constitution as it is.

### Constitutional Amendment I

**Title:** An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution, to provide for a maximum of forty legislative days each year.

### Attorney General Explanation

The Constitution limits the length of regular legislative sessions held during odd-numbered years to no more than forty legislative days, and those held during even-numbered years to no more than thirty-five legislative days.

Constitutional Amendment I would set all regular legislative sessions at a maximum of forty legislative days.

A vote “Yes” will change the Constitution.

A vote “No” will leave the Constitution as it is.

### Constitutional Amendment J

**Title:** An Amendment to the South Dakota Constitution, to eliminate term limits for legislators.

### Attorney General Explanation

The Constitution establishes term limits for legislators. No legislator may serve in the state house of representatives or the state senate for more than four consecutive terms, or a total of eight consecutive years.

Constitutional Amendment J would repeal legislator term limits.

A vote “Yes” will change the Constitution.

A vote “No” will leave the Constitution as it is.

## 2008 Initiated Measures

The following initiated measures were proposed by petition for submission to the voters. These initiated measures will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

### Initiated Measure 9

**Title:** An Initiative to make certain securities practices and transactions unlawful.

### Attorney General Explanation

State and federal law regulates the purchase and sale of stocks and other securities. A common “stock market” transaction is a “short sale” where, for example, an investor who believes a publicly traded stock is over-priced will borrow that stock from an owner, sell the borrowed stock, and repurchase the stock later at a lower price to repay the loan, thereby making money if the price has fallen. If the price goes up, the investor must repurchase the stock at the higher price to repay the loan, and will lose money. Measure 9 would prohibit short sales.

State law currently does not regulate the time frame for the delivery of securities upon sale. Measure 9 would prohibit anyone from routinely taking longer than three business days to deliver securities they have sold.

If adopted, Measure 9 will likely be challenged in court and may be declared to be preempted by federal law and the United States Constitution.

A vote "Yes" will adopt the proposed law.

A vote "No" will reject the proposed law.

## Initiated Measure 10

**Title:** An Initiative to prohibit tax revenues from being used for lobbying or campaigning, to prohibit governmental bodies from lobbying, to prohibit government contractors from making campaign contributions, to prohibit government contracts when the contractor employs a legislator or legislative staff member, and to require contracts with governmental bodies to be published.

### Attorney General Explanation

State law prohibits the acceptance of campaign contributions from all government and tribal entities, expenditure of public funds to support or oppose ballot measures, and certain state and county contracts which financially benefit legislators.

Measure 10 would prohibit state and local governments, their officers, employees, independent contractors, consultants and candidates, from using government revenues or resources for campaigning or lobbying. Some communications and appearances before legislators and public bodies are exempted.

It would prohibit persons who employ legislators or recent legislators from obtaining government contracts. It would prohibit, until two years after contract termination: some public officers, candidates and their agents from soliciting, accepting or directing contributions from some holders of competitively bid government contracts and their family members; and no-bid government contract holders, their officers, employees, agents, vendors and family members from making contributions to, or independent expenditures for, all candidate campaigns.

The Secretary of State would be required to summarize government contracts over \$500 on its website.

If approved, all or part of Measure 10 will likely be challenged in court and may be declared to be in violation of the United States Constitution. If so, the State may be required to pay attorney fees and costs.

A vote "Yes" will adopt the proposed law.

A vote "No" will reject the proposed law.

## Initiated Measure 11

**Title:** An Initiative to prohibit abortions except in cases where the mother’s life or health is at a substantial and irreversible risk, and in cases of reported rape and incest.

### Attorney General Explanation

Currently a woman may obtain an abortion during the first 24 weeks of pregnancy. Beyond 24 weeks, abortions may be performed only if necessary to preserve the life or health of the woman.

Measure 11 would prohibit all abortions performed by medical procedures or substances administered to terminate a pregnancy, except for: abortions medically necessary to prevent death or the serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily organ or system of the woman; and abortions to terminate a pregnancy of less than 20 weeks resulting from rape or incest reported to law enforcement.

When an abortion is performed as a result of reported rape or incest, the woman must consent to biological sampling from herself and the embryo or fetus for DNA testing by law enforcement.

Measure 11 would allow the provision of contraception substances prior to the time pregnancy can be determined by conventional medical testing, or assistance in obtaining abortions in states where the procedure is legal.

If approved, Measure 11 will likely be challenged in court and may be declared to be in violation of the United States Constitution. The State may be required to pay attorneys fees and costs.

A vote “Yes” will adopt the proposed law.

A vote “No” will reject the proposed law.

## **2008 Platform**

### **SOUTH DAKOTA CONSTITUTION PARTY**

We, the members of the South Dakota Constitution Party, gratefully acknowledge the blessing of the triune Lord God as Creator, Preserver, and Ruler of the Universe, and of our nation and state. We hereby appeal to Him for aid, comfort and the protection of His providence as we work to restore and protect our state as a government under Biblical authority.

The South Dakota Constitution Party, believing that there has been a concerted and successful campaign for many years to divorce national and state governments from all connection with the Christian religion and Biblical law (whereas in reality Almighty God is the source of all power and authority for civil government); that the ascended Lord Jesus Christ is the Lord of lords, the Ruler of the nations; and that our Western civilization's legal code has been based on the Christian religion and Biblical law, affirms that apart from a godly base there can be no hope or blessing for our state and society.

Furthermore, both the Federal and South Dakota Constitutions establish a republican form of government, rather than a democracy. In a republic governed by constitutional law, rooted in Biblical law, all life, liberty and property are protected by law, and are self-evident rights endowed by our Creator.

We pledge to God and to one another to labor, using every wise and lawful means, to promote the platform positions herein set forth.

#### **ABORTION**

The pre-born child, whose life begins at conception, is a human person created in God's image. It is, therefore, the duty of civil government to secure and to safeguard the lives of the pre-born, as well as infants and all other innocent life.

Further, the South Dakota Constitution Party will not support or in any way contribute to any candidate who does not pledge and act to defend and promote the inviolable right to life of innocent human beings, from the moment of conception to natural death – without exception.

#### **AIDS**

Under no circumstances should the Federal government continue to subsidize activities which have the effect of encouraging homosexual conduct. Criminal penalties should apply to those whose willful acts of omission or commission place members of the public at risk.

#### **BRING GOVERNMENT BACK HOME**

The 10th Amendment to the Constitution makes clear that the Federal government has only those functions which are explicitly assigned to it. All other right and authority are reserved to the states and to the people.

## **CONGRESSIONAL REFORM**

Congress must once again be accountable to the people. The South Dakota Constitution Party calls for the following agenda to facilitate such reform: Apply to Congress all laws it has enforced upon the private citizens and abolish Congressional Pensions.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

We oppose any attempt to call for a Constitutional Convention for any purpose whatsoever, because it cannot be limited to any single issue, and such a convention could seriously erode the constitutional protection of our inalienable rights.

## **COST OF BIG GOVERNMENT**

The only legitimate purpose of civil government is to safeguard the God given rights of its citizens: namely, life, liberty and property. Only those duties, functions and programs specifically assigned to the Federal government by the Constitution should be funded.

## **CRIME**

Crime in most cases is to be dealt with by state and local governments. We favor the unimpeded right of states and localities to execute criminals convicted of capital crimes, as defined by Biblical law, and to require restitution for the victims of criminals. Federal interference with local judicial processes should be limited to that which is constitutionally permitted.

## **DEFENSE**

The United States should not bear the burden of being the world's policeman. We oppose the unilateral dismantlement and dismemberment of America's defense infrastructure. That which is hastily torn down will not be easily rebuilt.

Under no circumstances would we commit U.S. forces to serve under any flag but that of the United States of America. We are opposed to any New World Order, and we flatly reject U.S. participation in any New World Army. We should be the friend of liberty everywhere, but the guarantor and provisioner of ours alone.

## **DRUG ABUSE**

The South Dakota Constitution Party will uphold the right of states and localities to restrict access to illegal drugs and to enforce such restrictions in appropriate cases with application of the death penalty.

## **EDUCATION**

God has invested parents with the responsibility for the nurture and training of the children He has entrusted to them. Education must be free from any government subsidy and all government interference. We favor abolishing the Federal Department of Education.

## **ELECTION REFORM**

The South Dakota Constitution Party seeks the restoration of an electoral process which is controlled at the state and local level, and is beyond manipulation by Federal judges and bureaucrats. Elections should be accountable to the people, not to the government.

## **ENERGY**

We call attention to the continuing need of the United States for a sufficient supply of energy to sustain the nation's standard of living. Private property rights should be respected and government should not interfere with the development of potential energy sources.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

It is a prime responsibility of man to be a prudent, productive and efficient steward of God's natural resources. The proper exercise of stewardship demands that we avoid the extremes, that we escape the deadly hand of government confiscation; and that we recognize and preserve the right of the individual to acquire, own and use property so long as he does not infringe on the rights of other individuals to do the same. We call for the return to the states and to the people all lands which are held by the Federal government or the United Nations, without authorization by the Constitution.

## **EUTHANASIA**

The South Dakota Constitution Party is on record as recognizing and putting first the sanctity of human life. Just as we oppose abortion, so we adamantly oppose murder. We oppose any laws which condone or would legalize euthanasia, the so called "mercy killing" of the aged, the ailing, or the infirm.

## **FOREIGN POLICY**

Ever since World War II, the United States has provided military and nonmilitary aid to more than 100 foreign nations. Consequently, we are now committing ourselves to send the taxpayers dollars to those who have been our enemies for years. This must stop!

## **GAMBLING**

We believe that the basic principle of gambling (as defined by the courts) is a game of chance in which money is either lost or won, and as such is an immoral activity. It is a denial of the Biblical teaching of the rule of God's providence over our lives, a denial of the work ethic, and a denial of the principles of stewardship of the wealth that God has entrusted to us. Therefore, we oppose all forms of gambling, whether illegal or government sponsored.

## **GUN CONTROL**

The right of the people to keep and bear arms is inherent in the right of self-defense, defense of the family, and defense against tyranny, which was conferred on the individual and the community by our Creator. As one of the fundamental rights of man, the right to arms predates all civil government, and thus can never be rightfully denied. The Second

Amendment to the United States Constitution expressly forbids its infringement in any degree whatsoever, no matter how "reasonable" or well intentioned.

Therefore, the Constitution Party opposes any attempt to restrict or prohibit gun ownership and use by law abiding citizens, and stands firmly against all laws, which would require registration of firearms and ammunition or the government's permission to carry them.

### **IMMIGRATION**

Each year some 400,000 legal immigrants and another 300,000 illegals enter the United States. The South Dakota Constitution Party demands that the Federal government restore the former immigration policy, which required that potential immigrants will be disqualified from admission to the U.S. if, on grounds of health, criminality, morals, or financial dependency, they would impose an improper burden on persons already resident in the United States.

### **INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS**

Each and every citizen must be free to choose his friends and associates; to offer, seek or refuse employment and to rent or sell his property to whomever he wishes.

### **MONEY AND BANKING**

Over the years, the Federal government has radically departed from the constitutional principles of money and banking. Today's monetary system is precisely what the Founding Fathers feared most and sought to prohibit constitutionally. We believe that to restore integrity, credibility and stability to the nation's money and banking system, we must disestablish the Federal Reserve System, restore the constitution system of having gold and silver backing for our paper currency, and abolish Fractional Reserve Banking.

### **NEW WORLD ORDER**

We say "NO" to the so called New World Order and "YES" to the autonomy of these United States of America. We join with other American patriots to steadfastly oppose the surrender of American liberty and autonomy to any form of world government or any organization which works toward that end.

Furthermore, we oppose any organization that requires binding, rival oaths of loyalty that would subvert our efforts to restore our State and Nation to its Biblical and constitutional boundaries. We, therefore, oppose membership in secret societies and/or globalist organizations by any of our members or candidates.

### **PRIVATIZATON**

There is no constitutional basis for the Federal government engaging in such enterprises as Amtrak, Conrail, the TVA, or the Oak Ridge uranium enrichment facility. The South Dakota Constitution Party calls for the Federal government to divest itself of operations which are not authorized by the Constitution.

## **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

The Federal government (and its agencies and courts) continues to restrict the free exercise and expression of religion. In the strongest manner possible, the South Dakota Constitution Party calls on the courts, the IRS and all other Federal, State and local government agencies to uphold religious freedom in this nation as constitutionally guaranteed.

## **SOCIALIZED MEDICINE**

The South Dakota Constitution Party opposes the governmentalization and bureaucratization of American medicine. Government regulation and subsidy constitutes a threat to both the quality and the availability of patient oriented health care and treatment. If the supply of medical care is controlled by the Federal government, the officers of that government will determine which demand is satisfied.

## **SOCIAL SECURITY**

The South Dakota Constitution Party supports legislation to require that the Federal government meet its obligations and protect Social Security funds as a trust, which can be used only to fulfill its obligations to those who have contributed to the system. Further, we favor privatization and voluntary participation in the Social Security system.

## **TARIFFS AND TRADE**

Congress may not delegate to others its constitutional functions. We, therefore, oppose the unconstitutional transfer of authority over U.S. trade policy from the Congress to agencies, domestic and foreign, which improperly exercise policy setting functions with respect to U.S. trade policy.

## **TAXATION**

We call for legislation to abolish the Internal Revenue Service. We oppose any authorization, appropriation, or continuing resolution, which contains any funding whatsoever for that illicit and unconstitutional agency. It is our intention to replace entirely the current tax system of the U.S. government with a new approach based on the original design of our Founding Fathers.

## **VETO AUTHORITY**

We urge the President of the United States to use his veto power to terminate funding for all Federal departments, agencies, and regulatory authorities, which exist or operate beyond the bounds of the U.S. Constitution.

## **WELFARE**

Charity, and the provision of welfare to those in need, is not a responsibility of civil government. The message of Christian charity is fundamentally at odds with the concept of welfare rights. In many cases, the delivery of welfare by government is not only misdirected, but morally destructive. We encourage individual families to fulfill their personal responsibility to help those in need through tithes, offerings, and other acts of charity.

## 2008 Platform

# SOUTH DAKOTA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

### Agriculture and Rural Life

The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes the importance of agriculture, not only to its farmers and ranchers but also to the economy of the state and nation and the plentiful, wholesome, and reasonably priced supply of food and fiber to the consumers of the nation and the world. It also recognizes that the fundamental core of agriculture and rural life is the family farm and ranch and rural communities.

Therefore, the South Dakota Democratic Party supports:

1. The improvements of the family agricultural production in South Dakota are important for ongoing rural economic vitality in our state. The tools needed to achieve these ends include, but are not limited to: research and development of value added projects, development of producer owned and operated cooperatives, programs and services that promote training and sustaining viable farm and ranch production units and creating educational opportunities for our youth, such as 4H, FFA and Career and Technical Education, improvement of financial aid and other programs to assist rural areas to finance and build further processing for agricultural products, rural development, renewable energy and other new projects good for South Dakota and all its citizens.
2. Efforts to end monopolization and control of agricultural commodities are of the utmost importance. This can be achieved by banning packer ownership of livestock, enforcing existing country of origin labeling on all food products, and making market competition a part of the marketing structure in this nation. South Dakota needs to aggressively pursue these issues statewide and nationally.
3. Local control of planning and zoning are the rights of counties and we support the people's right to initiated measure and referendum of the rules.
4. State support and use of our homegrown, renewable fuels, including ethanol, bio-diesel, biomass fuels and the continued research into co-products of bio-fuels production.
5. Require the use of ethanol and bio-diesel fuels in state vehicles and the purchase of flexible fuel vehicles.
6. Support the expansion of blender pumps in the state and tax the fuel in blender pumps based on the fuels being blended, not on an artificial tax rate that would raise the tax on blended fuels.
7. Coordination of programs so that food, agriculture and natural resource conservation policies are linked together and provide appropriate private incentives to produce, while still protecting natural resources. An economically strong agriculture is essential so that producers are financially able to properly

manage natural resources for future generations using best management practices.

8. Energy in South Dakota is an issue that needs to have state focus, research and study done now. We need to have the information and know the potential for that development, on all private, state, federal and tribal lands. This applies to renewable fuels, wind energy, hydro generation, hydrogen fuels and any other potential we have in South Dakota.
9. The South Dakota Democratic Party supports the development of the National Renewable Energy Cooperative, being developed by rural electric cooperative; which is being created to invest in renewable energy projects in states like South Dakota where there are abundant resources of renewable energy, the attributes of which can be transferred to rural electric cooperative in states lacking in renewable energy resources. The State Democratic party of South Dakota supports this development and seeks ways to incentivize this endeavor.
10. Agriculture is South Dakota's number one industry; therefore the South Dakota State Fair should be financially supported by the state of South Dakota to sustain a valuable institution that is an integral part of our way of life.
11. Supports the nationwide implementation of the conservation security program and programs of similar nature that provide monetary incentives for farmers and ranchers to implement and maintain stewardship of South Dakota's natural resources.
12. We strongly support education and mentoring programs, such as the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation, which administers efforts to educate young people on agriculture and cooperatives and mentor young producers toward success.
13. The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes that exporting South Dakota's people and our raw agriculture products is destabilizing to our state. To this end we encourage major investments in commodity value added industries in South Dakota. The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes the rich cultural history that agriculture has within the state and supports all efforts towards regeneration the heritage and legacies of our family farms and ranches.

## **Health Care**

Preamble: The health of South Dakotans is critical to the wellbeing of the state. Access to healthcare is a fundamental right regardless of geography or financial means. Health plans should provide affordable, accessible and quality healthcare including prescription benefits to every individual in South Dakota.

The South Dakota Democratic Party supports:

1. Public and private health systems that promote community wellness and disease prevention. In addition, we encourage collaboration of public and private health systems.
2. Higher and vocational education opportunities in South Dakota that encourage those pursuing professions in healthcare to practice in rural settings. Admission preference should go to South Dakota residents.
3. Innovative programming and technology aimed at enhancing recruitment and retention in health professions.
4. Adequate funding for mental and physical healthcare and rehabilitation services for our veterans.
5. Insurance coverage for mental healthcare on an equal basis as physical healthcare.
6. Recognition of addictive conditions as health issues.
7. Coverage of comprehensive family planning services and contraceptives in order to support the health and wellbeing of all people in South Dakota.
8. Access to comprehensive family planning, emergency contraceptives, and HIV/STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection) prevention services.
9. Age appropriate, medically accurate and comprehensive sexuality education.
10. The rights of families, patients and medical providers to make medical and end of life decisions without government interference.

### **Labor and Employment**

The South Dakota Democratic Party is committed to improving the lives of South Dakota's workers and their families. We recognize that South Dakota has the highest percentage of dual income families in the nation. We further recognize that government policies should promote good benefits, good wages and fair treatment in the workplace so South Dakota families can spend more time together.

Therefore, the South Dakota Democratic Party:

1. Supports an improved standard of living for all South Dakotans. This includes increasing wages and benefits to allow South Dakotans to live the "American Dream."
2. Supports increasing the state minimum wage and indexing that wage to increase with inflation.
3. Supports the protection and expansion of employees/workers rights and benefits, such as the provision of a safe and healthy work environment, which includes

rest breaks, health care, unemployment compensation and workers compensation.

4. Opposes discrimination in the workplace on the basis of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religious or union affiliation. Supports continued efforts towards equal pay for equal work for all workers in the state of South Dakota.
5. Recognizes that organized labor is important to improve life in South Dakota. It also recognizes that the Right to Work Law was created to weaken labor and it has no real bearing on the right to obtain a job, but *is* an effort to hold down wages and benefits. Therefore it is recommended that the Democratic Party supports an end to the so called “Right to Work” Amendment in the South Dakota Constitution and encourages education on what “Right to Work” means.
6. Supports the rights of South Dakota employees/workers to participate in all aspects of the political process, regardless of political affiliation, without employer intimidation or retribution.
7. Opposes any action, which would undermine the ability of labor unions to educate their members and express political viewpoints.
8. Supports the use of state funds, grants, and loans to create good paying jobs, which will attract and retain a quality work force as well as retain the youth of South Dakota.
9. Supports giving all South Dakota public employee’s Equal Protection under the state public employee’s bargaining statute and the right to binding arbitration in contract negotiations.
10. Believes non–union members of a bargaining unit, who benefit from union representation, should pay a fair share for the cost of their representation.
11. Supports the abolition of “at will” work laws.
12. Supports legislation to expand the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to include all South Dakota employees.
13. Supports raising the unemployment compensation rate and worker’s compensation benefits to a level comparable to the National average.
14. Encourages the South Dakota Department of Labor to be fair, impartial and expeditious in its consideration of claims by employees.
15. Promotes a quality workforce in South Dakota through support of continuing education, expanded training and apprentice programs.
16. Supports changing the makeup of the Work Comp Advisory Committee to ensure equal balance between labor and non–labor.

## Senior Issues

The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes the tremendous social and economic contributions that senior citizens make to our society and understands the necessity of ensuring a quality of life for all senior citizens.

We, the South Dakota Democratic Party:

1. Encourage the state to fund and develop a continuum of services for senior living, including family care, in-home non-medical and in-home medical care, assisted living, nursing homes and hospice.
2. Support access to affordable prescription drugs, re-importation of prescription drugs from Canada and other foreign countries, and urge the State to negotiate prescription drug prices as the Veterans Administration and insurance companies currently do.
3. Support policies that protect seniors from fraud and identity theft.
4. Support funding for transportation for seniors as well as medical transportation to any point in the state where services can be received.
5. Support the elderly Nutrition Program and adequate funding for its delivery.
6. Support lifelong learning and encourage educational institutions to provide low or no cost educational opportunities for seniors.
7. Encourage the State of South Dakota to vigorously enforce ADA building codes.
8. Support the repeal of the moratorium on nursing home construction.
9. Encourage flexibility of usage in nursing homes and assisted living facilities to provide care for a variety of patient needs.
10. Urge that the training of paraprofessionals include communication skills and guidance for maximum safety and competence in the care of older adults.
11. Urge the state to fund home healthcare services to offset the decline in federal funding.

## Education

Education is the greatest opportunity that we can offer the citizens of South Dakota. The quality of life in South Dakota is dependent on the quality of our education. Lifelong education is crucial to our democracy, to our economic development, and to our continued growth and well being as individuals, families, and communities. The citizens of South Dakota have the right to the best education possible.

The South Dakota Democratic Party supports:

1. Funding education first; education is mandated under the South Dakota State Constitution and should be addressed first during the legislative session.
2. State Aid for K – 12 education at a level that is commensurate with other neighboring states.
3. Initial and ongoing professional development of teachers and staff. Professional development is a leading indicator for student achievement.
4. Funding for universal public early childhood education.
5. All day/every school day kindergarten as part of our education system.
6. The continued success and funding of the four Technical Institutes.
7. The continued development and success of the Tribal Colleges and Universities.
8. The continued success and funding of the public South Dakota universities and the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the South Dakota School for the Deaf.
9. The continued support and funding of the Opportunity Scholarship Program.
10. Legislation, which guarantees that each student has equal access to all educational opportunities, including alternatives within the public educational framework.

### **Human Rights**

The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes that we are a global and multicultural community. We recognize that each individual brings a special gift to the community. We believe in the principles of dignity, self-determination, justice and a decent quality of life.

In order to promote a more civil society, we support the following:

1. A commitment to meeting every individual's basic human needs and to promote respect for diverse cultures, lifestyles, spirituality and viewpoints.
2. The right to live, work and worship within a community without fear of discrimination.
3. Elimination of racial profiling.
4. The separation of church and state.
5. The necessity for South Dakota medical providers receiving public funds to render impartial and dignified treatment without regard to gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, economic status, religion or marital status. This

includes providing information and prescriptive remedies regarding emergency contraception.

6. Treat HIV / AIDS and all STI's as health issues and not as legal issues.
7. Adequate state and local funding of domestic violence shelters, sexual assault centers, transitional housing and visitation centers.
8. Quality, affordable childcare that meets nationally accepted health and safety standards.
9. Commensurate with public safety, provide reasonable alternatives to incarceration for offenders who would benefit from rehabilitation and behavioral change programs.
10. Rehabilitation of juvenile offenders within the state of South Dakota, especially through protecting their human rights and safety, assisting offenders and their families to successfully return them to society and through development of innovative programs such as restorative justice and teen court.
11. The Americans with Disabilities Act and appropriate programs to ensure the dignity and support of persons with disabilities.
12. Increasing awareness of and providing appropriate staffing and funding for the South Dakota Human Rights Commission.
13. The South Dakota Democratic Party believes in the dignity and human rights of all of its citizens. Therefore, the SDDP supports the addition of age, sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes under state employment and housing discrimination laws, namely SDCL 20-30-10 and 20-30-20.
14. Promoting equal voting access for all South Dakota citizens by protecting Native American voting rights, including appropriate expenditures by the state of South Dakota of federal education outreach funds from the Help America Vote Act.

### **Economic Development & Tourism**

The SDDP advocates long term and diversified economic development for the purpose of improving the quality of life for all South Dakota citizens.

We, the South Dakota Democratic Party:

1. Assert that a healthy economy depends on a diverse, mixed economy. The state should promote innovation, entrepreneurship and growth in each of the major sectors of the economy;
2. Believe that our labor force should continue to become the magnet for high value, good paying jobs;

3. Suggest that economic development should be measured by the number and quality of jobs created, and the way in which those jobs contribute to the quality of life in our communities;
4. Advocate that the state invest in education and training to make our employees and businesses competitive in a regional and global marketplace;
5. Believe that our educational system should promote the development of a work ready labor force with an entrepreneurial mindset and a global awareness.
6. Insist that high quality technical and vocational education should be available to students and adults to help all South Dakotans respond to changing workforce needs;
7. Assert that our institutions of higher learning should be centers for teaching, research and development in science, technology, business and the humanities and work to stimulate innovation in the private sector;
8. Believe that the state should foster a business climate and quality of life in South Dakota that is attractive to prospective employers and employees who are not current residents;
9. Want the state to cultivate tolerance and respect for diversity in the workforce;
10. Believe that economic development should leverage the unique skills of the people and the special resources of the state;
11. Desire that the state's investment in infrastructure, utilities, and technical support should enable all areas in the state of South Dakota to compete effectively in the global economy;
12. Encourage the state to foster the development of venture capital and provide technical assistance to promote entrepreneurship;
13. Believe that travel and tourism are among South Dakota's leading industries. The state must support partnerships between public, private and tribally sanctioned tourism organizations to promote South Dakota nationally and internationally as a visitor destination to provide economic opportunities for all citizens of South Dakota;
14. Encourage the state to promote public and private partnerships for the local development and delivery of power from alternative energy sources such as solar and wind to supplement conventional power generation systems.

15. Assert that in many communities the lack of affordable housing constrains the growth of business and industry. The state should continue to work with local developers and nonprofits to encourage the development of affordable housing.

### **Natural Resources & Environment**

The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes that protection of our water, air, land, and other natural resources is both essential and beneficial to responsible economic development and our quality of life. Natural resources must be managed and protected in a way that enhances our quality of life while strengthening South Dakota's vital industries. Management and regulatory policies must recognize the need to promote sound conservation practices geared toward long term sustainability of our natural resources. Our natural resources must be protected for present and future generations.

We, the Democratic Party:

1. Recognize the diversity of our populations and support efforts to bring understanding among us. This is essential to maintain a healthy environment while sustaining strong rural and urban communities.
2. Support strict enforcement of our state and federal environmental laws. Those responsible for polluting and/or degrading the quality of South Dakota land, air, or water must be held responsible for their actions. When necessary, prompt clean up must be conducted at the expense of the responsible parties.
3. Encourage responsible development of renewable energy such as ethanol, bio-diesel, wind, biomass, solar, hydropower, hydrogen, and geothermal. We also encourage development of community based energy systems. We recognize that development of alternative energy technologies will provide employment opportunities for many South Dakotans while minimizing adverse impacts to the environment.
4. Recognize that the use of fossil fuels will be a necessity as we transition to alternative energies. Therefore fossil fuel resource exploration and development must be done in a responsible way with the focus on protecting the environment and human health.
5. Encourage all South Dakotans to conserve and be mindful of energy consumption. Furthermore, we strongly support the practice of resource conservation on state lands in state facilities, in local communities and encourage the requirement of improved efficiency and fuel economy for state owned vehicles.
6. Encourage increased public education and access to information regarding the numerous benefits of conservation and recycling. We encourage a concerted effort be made by government, industry and individuals to provide environmentally safe and readily available ways to recycle.

7. Encourage wise and effective management of forest resources with emphasis on thinning to protect populated areas. We further encourage reduction of wild land fire hazards by controlled burns and removal of dense brush and small diameter trees regardless of marketability of such material. Furthermore, we support the research and development of woody biomass use.
8. Support continuing development and funding of municipal and rural water systems such as, but not limited to, Mid-Dakota, Lewis and Clark, Bon Homme-Yankton, and Mni-Wiconi. We strongly encourage conservation of water throughout South Dakota and support diligent protection of our ground and surface water.
9. Support policies that provide enhanced outdoor recreational opportunities without damaging South Dakota's natural resources.
10. Recognize South Dakota's rich heritage of hunting and fishing. We encourage adequate funding for and access to public hunting and fishing areas to protect this tradition for future generations.
11. Support adequate funding to protect, preserve and restore South Dakota's public assets, such as, but not limited to, lakes, parks, rivers, wetlands, forests and grasslands. We fully support efforts to reduce the amount of sediment entering the Missouri River reservoirs and encourage the removal of sediment that has entered, or will enter, the reservoirs.
12. Support conservation districts and the utilization of their services for the development of each community's natural resources.

### **State and Local Government**

The South Dakota Democratic Party believes in equitable taxation, state budgets which reflect the priorities of South Dakota and government operations that are open and participatory.

The South Dakota Democratic Party supports:

#### **Taxation**

- That is based on a tax system which taxes all income levels fairly as allowed by the South Dakota State Constitution
- That addresses the continuing serious flaws in our current system of taxing property and monitors changes that are proposed
- That removes sales tax on food
- That repeals the contractors excise tax

**Expenditures**

- Providing for the proper maintenance of the state and local infrastructure.
- Full funding of public education outlined in the Education Alliance Adequacy Study.
- Providing adequate support to local governments commensurate with state mandates.
- Funding state government operations commensurate with other parts of state budget.
- Adequate support for the State Fair and significant cultural institutions in South Dakota.

**Government Operations**

- Efforts to make government transparent and accountable which will enhance citizen participation.
- The principle of checks and balances in government and oppose unilateral decision making by the executive branch.
- Policy decisions made at the lowest level feasibly possible.

**Native American Issues**

We recognize the treaty status of the Native Americans in South Dakota as sovereign nations. We also recognize the government to government relationship tribes have with the Federal Government. In addition, we recognize tribal members as South Dakota citizens and the state's responsibility to those citizens.

We, the Democratic Party:

1. Believe the state must create, develop, and fund the working relationships necessary to enhance the quality of life for every citizen.
2. Believe the state must reestablish reconciliation efforts with tribal governments.
3. Recognize, respect, honor, and promote the positive values that have sustained the many Native American cultures.
4. Aggressively support the creative pursuit of business and economic opportunities for Native Americans in South Dakota.
5. Believe the state must enact legislation recognizing tribal identification cards as a legal form of identification.

6. Support federal, state, tribal, and local coordination and cooperation in the protection of the environment and natural resources.
7. Believe the state must improve the living conditions of Native Americans through the development of infrastructure and housing.
8. Believe the state must improve the quality of life, health care services and delivery, and progressive educational opportunities for Native Americans.
9. Believe we must enable the equal participation of the Native Americans at all levels of the South Dakota Democratic Party and the political process.
10. Believe the state must honor and recognize the original intent of the Indian Child Welfare Act while keeping the best interest of Native American children a priority working in collaboration with tribes.
11. Recognize the spiritual significance to Native Americans of the sacred sites and traditional cultural properties located throughout the state of South Dakota, and therefore we believe the state must support the tribes' right to protect these sites.

## **2008 Platform**

# **SOUTH DAKOTA REPUBLICAN PARTY**

### **Preamble**

The South Dakota Republican Party believes that the fundamental principles of the Republican Party are rooted in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of South Dakota. The Party supports the preservation of our Republic, its ideals and institutions for the good of all Americans and adamantly opposes the erosion of these cherished freedoms.

The South Dakota Republican Party believes the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, liberty and integrity must be honored. The Party supports our heritage of religious freedom and personal responsibility.

The South Dakota Republican Party believes in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, gender, age or ability.

The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes the free enterprise system and the work ethic of our people as the foundation of our economic success and security.

The South Dakota Republican Party believes the 21<sup>st</sup> Century requires continued responsible leadership. Leadership must neither burden nor hinder individual rights and efforts. Leadership must also be mindful of the Republican Platform and the fundamental principles of the Constitution of the United States of America. We believe the most effective and responsible government is government closest to the people.

The South Dakota Republican Party believes the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations. The best government is that which governs least.

We believe South Dakota is a great place to live, raise and nurture a family, and provide opportunity for everyone. To these ends, and for the people of South Dakota, the Republican Party offers, pledges, and commits itself to the following platform.

### **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy**

1. The South Dakota Republican Party supports a strong and viable economy for agriculture, our number one industry, with a strong emphasis on new technologies, labeling and value added products that increase the value of our agricultural products.
2. The South Dakota Republican Party supports free, fair and competitive markets, both domestic and foreign, for all agriculture products. We support allowing agricultural producers to use any and all business opportunities available. We believe free, fair and competitive markets are best for both the producer and the consumer.

3. The South Dakota Republican Party supports conservation of our natural resources. We also support the continued development and funding of water resource projects that will enhance our economic viability and assure sufficient water quality and quantity in the best interest of our state.
4. The South Dakota Republican Party supports a clean environment with fair and reasonable standards for maintaining clean air, clean water and a healthy environment through the application of technically sound management practices.
5. The South Dakota Republican Party supports efforts to take advantage of the state's incredible renewable energy resources. Renewable energy, such as ethanol, bio-diesel, and power created by water, wind, solar energy and biomass, must become a larger piece of our nation's energy supply. South Dakota should work toward becoming a leader in the production and delivery of energy.
6. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the mining, petroleum development, forestry, energy, and agricultural industries of our state, for their contributions to our economy and supports the responsible multiple use of our public lands. In support of the responsible multiple use of our public lands, we discourage further designation of wilderness and road-less areas.
7. The South Dakota Republican Party supports a responsible increased harvest of the Black Hills National Forest to make a healthier, more sustainable resource that reduces losses from destructive forces such as catastrophic fires or insect infestations.
8. The South Dakota Republican Party supports efforts to reduce losses to public and private lands from destructive forces such as catastrophic fires and infestations from insects, weeds and pests, such as prairie dogs, originating from public lands.
9. The South Dakota Republican Party supports responsible waste management, which protects the environment and allows local units of government to make decisions for their communities.
10. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the development of sound recreation projects throughout the state without adversely affecting agriculture, fish, wildlife and other natural resources and with due consideration toward property owners who have property affected by such development.
11. The South Dakota Republican Party strongly supports private property rights.
12. The South Dakota Republican Party supports implementation of the national process to identify the country of origin of meat sold for human consumption.
13. The South Dakota Republican Party supports efforts to reduce the amount of sediment entering the Missouri River mainstream reservoirs and supports the removal of sediment that has, or will, enter the reservoirs. American Indians and

others in South Dakota with interest in the Missouri River should be involved in the decision making process.

### **Economic Development and Jobs**

14. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the expansion and promotion of business and industries to create new jobs in the state, particularly those that will use South Dakota resources.
15. The South Dakota Republican Party supports public and private efforts to promote, develop, and fund South Dakota tourism.
16. The South Dakota Republican Party strongly encourages collaboration between business and education.
17. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the continued use of innovative and successful programs that promote continued economic growth and diversity for all South Dakotans and ensure that our South Dakota youth have opportunities to remain in the state.
18. The South Dakota Republican Party supports fair compensation for all citizens, regardless of race, creed, gender, age or ability, and continued support of the current right to work provision in our state constitution.
19. The South Dakota Republican Party believes government should not have an unfair advantage in competition with private enterprise.
20. The South Dakota Republican Party supports and salutes the men and women of Ellsworth Air Force Base for their efforts in maintaining a strong national defense and encourages the strengthening of the current mission and adding more missions to Ellsworth Air Force Base.
21. The South Dakota Republican Party supports and salutes the men and women of the South Dakota Army and Air National Guard and Reserves for their efforts in maintaining a strong national defense and for supporting local projects and missions.
22. The South Dakota Republican Party supports partnerships, and cooperation between telecommunications providers and government to improve affordable access and service to all South Dakota residents. The Party supports the increased use of telecommunications technology by education, business and government. The Party supports efforts to attract higher paying technology jobs to South Dakota.
23. The South Dakota Republican Party continues to support the development of the deep science and engineering lab at Homestake Mine for scientific and research purposes which will have long lasting economic impact throughout the entire state.

- 23A. The South Dakota Republican Party acknowledges the important contribution railroads have made in the past to our state. A new and expanded east–west rail link is vital to our energy and economic security.
- 23B. The South Dakota Republican Party acknowledges that all phases of energy production, distribution, and consumption are fundamental building blocks to our state economy and to our national security. As such, we encourage the construction of energy infrastructure projects as vital to the development and sustainability of our economy.

### **Health and Human Services**

24. The South Dakota Republican Party affirms its commitment to the physical, mental, social “Tiospaye” (extended family) and spiritual wellbeing and quality of life for all our citizens.
25. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that South Dakota continues to make strides in health care. We support the concept that individual states should develop and control their own health care plans as determined by local needs and support interstate cooperation among business groups.
26. The South Dakota Republican Party supports and encourages a working relationship between government, health related organizations, faith based organizations, businesses, and individuals to address the quality, access and affordability of health care, including pharmaceuticals, especially in rural areas of South Dakota.
27. The South Dakota Republican Party affirms its commitment to addressing the needs of our citizens who are physically and/or mentally unable to care for themselves.
28. The South Dakota Republican Party reaffirms that parents, being the primary nurturers, are responsible for financial support, moral training, education, childcare and discipline of their children.

### **Education and Cultural Affairs**

29. The South Dakota Republican Party supports our state’s commitment to quality education consistent with Republican values. The Party supports public, private and home school educational opportunities for all students in South Dakota. The Party supports a continuing emphasis on educational opportunity so South Dakota students can have the same knowledge and skill levels as the best students in the world. Education should remain among our highest priorities.
30. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that good reading skills are key to success in life. The Party supports improvements in reading programs at all grade levels as the foundation for all subsequent learning.
31. The South Dakota Republican Party supports parental choice and local control in education in our state.

32. The South Dakota Republican Party supports sex education classes that include instruction to students on the social, psychological and health gains to be realized by abstinence from sexual activity until marriage. No state sponsored sex education should glamorize or support adolescent sexual activity to students.
33. The South Dakota Republican Party affirms its commitment to a quality, safe educational environment conducive to learning, which is free of crime, violence, illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco use.
34. The South Dakota Republican Party supports state aid to education within the financial limits of the state of South Dakota.
35. The South Dakota Republican Party supports a postsecondary technical and university system that will provide the highest quality education for all our citizens to address the challenges that are presented by today's state, national and global economy.
36. The South Dakota Republican Party supports and encourages ethnic harmony in our multicultural state. The Party reaffirms its support of efforts to increase awareness of the rich and changing cultural diversity of South Dakota's citizens.
37. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the teaching of the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the South Dakota Constitution, the Federalist Papers and other important historical documents. The Party also supports emphasizing the principles and values upon which our nation was founded.
- 37A. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in our schools and opposes deletions, changes or amendments to the Pledge. The Party supports the display of the South Dakota Motto – "Under God, the People Rule" in our schools. The Party also supports display of the Ten Commandments in our schools.
38. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the state's continuing efforts to supply and use technology in our schools. The Party supports programs that give teachers, administrators and school specialists the special skills, tools and technology they need for improving educational opportunities for their students.
39. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes the importance and value of the cultural, artistic and historical resources of South Dakota.
- 39A. The South Dakota Republican Party supports English as the official language for South Dakota and the nation.

### **Governmental Affairs**

40. The South Dakota Republican Party continues to support the people of South Dakota in their long standing commitment to reject personal or corporate income or

estate taxes at the state level and support the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax at the federal level.

41. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the continued review and reduction of federal, state and local taxation to protect the long term economic viability of all people of South Dakota.
42. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that government is primarily funded by the taxes which come from individuals and businesses. The Party encourages government at all levels to operate efficiently, share services wherever possible and limit or reduce government spending when possible.
43. The South Dakota Republican Party supports states' rights and opposes government mandates, especially those which do not provide the funding, or the means of funding, necessary to carry out such mandates.
44. The South Dakota Republican Party supports a balanced state budget with the maintenance of an adequate reserve fund and supports a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution.
45. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the funding of construction, repair, maintenance and development of quality transportation infrastructure in a fair, innovative and equitable manner throughout the state.
46. The South Dakota Republican Party respects the American flag and supports an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to protect our flag from acts of desecration.
47. The South Dakota Republican Party supports with all our hearts those men and women and their families in all branches of the armed forces past and present who have sacrificed their time and lives for our country.
48. The South Dakota Republican Party supports efforts to provide increased retirement opportunities by allowing individuals to privately invest a portion of their Social Security funds.
49. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that voting is the cornerstone of our republic. It is a right and a privilege, which should not be taken for granted, and must be treated with dignity. The South Dakota Republican Party supports efforts to ensure a voting process that guarantees every eligible South Dakotan a valid vote.
50. The South Dakota Republican Party encourages dialogue pertaining to Article VI of the United States Constitution concerning treaties related to South Dakota.
51. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the appointment of Federal judges that support a strict constructionist view of the Constitution.

51A. The South Dakota Republican Party believes the free flow of information empowers and energizes a republic and serves to keep the process of government honest and robust.

### **Public Safety and Security**

52. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the fair and equal administration of justice to protect the general public and their property, to assist the victims of crime, punish as well as rehabilitate offenders and assist in the transition of offenders into society.
53. The South Dakota Republican Party supports public decency standards. We support the right of and encourage local South Dakota communities to implement and enforce such standards.
54. The South Dakota Republican Party supports law enforcement that assures every citizen's right to live in a crime free environment. We applaud, appreciate and promote respect of those involved with public safety in South Dakota.
55. The South Dakota Republican Party supports our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right to keep and bear arms and opposes any further attempts to restrict private firearms ownership.
56. The South Dakota Republican Party supports a strong emergency response system in South Dakota.
57. The South Dakota Republican Party supports a strong and reasonable approach to homeland security while protecting our borders, and maintaining a secure state and nation.

### **Family and Community Values**

58. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes the family as the central core of society and the foundation of our state and nation, and supports the family as it nurtures the spiritual growth that fosters generosity of spirit and responsible citizenship.
59. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that our country was founded in faith upon the truth that self-government is rooted in religious convictions. The Constitution guards against the establishment of state sponsored religions and honors the free exercise of religion. The courts must respect this freedom and the original intent of the framers of the Constitution.
60. The South Dakota Republican Party encourages parents/guardians, schools and libraries to secure their computers against online pornography and predators.
61. The South Dakota Republican Party opposes music, videos, printed or electronic media that glamorizes illegal drug usage and the exploitation or abuse of adults and children.

62. The South Dakota Republican Party believes that marriage is the union of one man and one woman and must never be redefined to include civil unions of same sex couples, or groups of individuals. To defend the sanctity of marriage, we support the passage of the Federal Marriage Amendment and appropriate South Dakota laws.
63. The South Dakota Republican Party reaffirms its long standing historic support and respect for the sanctity of human life, including the unborn, the elderly, the chronically ill and the terminally ill.
64. The South Dakota Republican Party opposes partial birth abortion and supports the congressional ban on partial birth abortion. We support those who provide alternatives to abortion or offer adoption services.
65. The South Dakota Republican Party, consistent with South Dakota law, opposes funding abortions with public resources.
- 65A. The South Dakota Republican Party opposes all embryonic stem cell research. The Party, however, supports alternatives to stem cell research that do not involve the killing of human embryos.

