

1890 – 1968

1890 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** Limit state debt.
-- Failed: 15,787 to 50,742.
- Subject:** Women's suffrage.
-- Failed: 22,972 to 45,682.
- Subject:** Restrict Indian voting.
-- Failed: 29,053 to 38,362.

1892 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** Legislators' mileage allowance.
-- Passed: 39,364 to 11,236

1894 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** Superintendent of schools' term.
-- Failed: 11,241 to 27,705.
- Subject:** Women's suffrage in school elections.
-- Failed: 17,010 to 22,682.
- Subject:** Homesteads exempt from court orders.
-- Failed: 10,733 to 29,315.

1896 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** Increase local debt limit.
-- Passed: 28,490 to 14,789.
- Subject:** Abolish Regents' Board of Trustees.
-- Passed: 31,061 to 11,690.
- Subject:** Render monopolies illegal.
-- Passed: 36,763 to 9,136.
- Subject:** Repeal prohibition.
-- Passed: 31,901 to 24,910.

1898 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** Women's suffrage.
-- Failed: 19,698 to 22,983.
- Subject:** State control of liquor.
-- Passed: 22,170 to 20,557.
- Subject:** Initiative and referendum.
-- Passed: 23,816 to 16,483.

1900 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** Investment of school funds by counties.
-- Passed: 49,989 to 15,653.
- Subject:** Repeal state control of liquor.
-- Passed: 48,673 to 33,927.

1902 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** County seat relocation.
-- Passed: 36,436 to 14,612.
- Subject:** Lower interest rate on school funds.
-- Passed: 46,472 to 9,001.
- Subject:** Increase municipal debt for street railways and lighting.
-- Passed: 32,810 to 13,599.

1904 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** Attorney general's salary.
-- Failed: 32,328 to 43,974.
- Subject:** Move state capital to Mitchell.
-- Failed: 41,155 to 58,617.
- Subject:** Investment of school money.
-- Passed: 38,681 to 21,424.

1906 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** Qualifications for superintendent of schools.
-- Passed: 35,806 to 15,971.
- Subject:** Municipal courts in larger cities.
-- Passed: 29,417 to 18,755.
- Subject:** Assessments for agricultural drainage.
-- Passed: 31,151 to 18,799.
- Subject:** Twine plant at penitentiary.
-- Passed: 33,285 to 19,895.

1908 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** Revise taxation articles.
-- Failed: 34,915 to 47,732.
- Subject:** Attorney general's salary.
-- Failed: 43,908 to 52,437.

Initiated Measures:

- Subject:** Local liquor option.
-- Failed: 39,075 to 41,405.

Referred Laws:

- Subject:** Action for divorce.
-- Passed: 60,211 to 38,794.
- Subject:** Protection of quail.
-- Passed: 65,340 to 32,274.
- Subject:** Against Sunday performances.
-- Passed: 48,378 to 48,006.

1910 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** School land use.
-- Passed: 48,152 to 44,220.
- Subject:** Attorney general's salary.
-- Failed: 35,932 to 52,397.

- Subject:** Women's suffrage.
-- Failed: 35,290 to 57,709.

- Subject:** Add to debt for school construction.
-- Failed: 32,613 to 52,243.

- Subject:** Change state tax structure.
-- Failed: 29,830 to 52,943.

- Subject:** Popular approval of new institutions.
-- Failed: 36,128 to 47,625.

Referred Laws:

- Subject:** Require headlights on locomotives.
-- Failed: 37,914 to 49,938.
- Subject:** Removal of state and local officers.
-- Failed: 32,160 to 52,152.
- Subject:** Embalmers.
-- Failed: 34,560 to 49,496.
- Subject:** Organizing congressional districts.
-- Failed: 26,918 to 48,883.
- Subject:** Militia.
-- Failed: 17,852 to 57,440.

1912 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** Uniform taxation of corporations.
-- Passed: 70,686 to 31,110.

Initiated Measures:

- Subject:** Richards primary election law.
-- Passed: 58,139 to 33,256.

Referred Laws:

- Subject:** Require headlights on locomotives.
-- Passed: 93,136 to 20,523.
- Subject:** Damages for trespass of animals.
-- Passed: 56,782 to 30,643.
- Subject:** County seat removal.
-- Passed: 49,373 to 27,179.

1914 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Lengthen legislative terms to four years.
-- Failed: 29,746 to 45,051.

Subject: Reduce interest on purchase of school lands.
-- Passed: 45,554 to 35,102.

Subject: Superintendent of schools' term.
-- Failed: 32,092 to 45,733.

Subject: Initiative and referendum in municipalities.
-- Failed: 28,226 to 43,162.

Subject: Changes in state institutional boards.
-- Failed: 29,601 to 44,107.

Subject: Women's suffrage.
-- Failed: 39,605 to 51,519.

Subject: Disqualification of Supreme Court justices.
-- Failed: 36,317 to 36,543.

Subject: State control and promotion of irrigation.
-- Failed: 32,958 to 40,457.

Initiated Measures:

Subject: Local liquor option.
-- Failed: 38,000 to 51,779.

Subject: Coffey primary election law.
-- Failed: 37,106 to 44,679.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Course of study at the Northern Normal School.
-- Failed: 27,538 to 49,382.

Miscellaneous:

Subject: Call a constitutional convention.
-- Failed: 34,832 to 51,585.

1916 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: State construction and maintenance of irrigation.
-- Passed: 58,775 to 44,238.

Subject: Increase certain state salaries.
-- Failed: 39,169 to 61,223.

Subject: Prohibition.
-- Passed: 65,334 to 53,380.

Subject: Abolish five-year leases on school lands.
-- Failed: 41,379 to 61,798.

Subject: Rural credits system.
-- Passed: 57,569 to 41,957.

Subject: Women's suffrage.
-- Failed: 53,432 to 58,350.

Subject: Change state revenue and finance structure.
-- Failed: 43,793 to 55,568.

Subject: Change number of members at a constitutional convention.
-- Failed: 35,377 to 56,432.

Subject: Allow state to supply coal and build and maintain roads.
-- Passed: 75,922 to 33,521.

Initiated Measures:

Subject: Richards primary election law.
-- Failed: 52,410 to 52,733.

Subject: Create Department of Banking and Finance.
-- Failed: 47,715 to 52,205.

Subject: Create State Banking Board.
-- Failed: 47,925 to 50,226.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Issuance of liquor permits.
-- Failed: 49,174 to 54,422.

Subject: Five-sixths of a jury may render a verdict.
-- Failed: 49,601 to 51,529.

1918 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Replacement of disqualified Supreme Court justices.
-- Passed: 41,646 to 24,778.

Subject: Women's suffrage.
-- Passed: 49,318 to 28,934.

Subject: Reduce down payment on sale of school lands.
-- Passed: 45,809 to 21,855.

Subject: Graduated individual income tax.
-- Passed: 50,970 to 25,047.

Subject: Allow internal improvement works.
-- Passed: 42,097 to 24,424.

Subject: Allow debt for state development.
-- Passed: 34,821 to 27,886.

Subject: Allow state to develop and supply waterpower.
-- Passed: 41,658 to 24,429.

Subject: Allow state to manufacture and sell cement.
-- Passed: 38,108 to 25,702.

Subject: Increase certain state salaries.
-- Failed: 26,784 to 42,779.

Subject: Allow state to offer hail insurance.
-- Passed: 41,162 to 25,896.

Subject: Allow state to build and operate grain elevators and warehouses, and to enter the flour and meatpacking business.
-- Passed: 41,292 to 25,545.

Subject: Allow state to mine and sell coal.
-- Passed: 40,632 to 25,922.

Initiated Measures:

Subject: Richards primary election law.
-- Passed: 47,891 to 34,705.

1920 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Replace State Board of Charities and Corrections.
-- Failed: 60,763 to 77,285.

Subject: Allow Legislature to fix state salaries.
-- Failed: 70,831 to 77,987.

Subject: Allow cities to incur debt for street railways and lighting.
-- Failed: 66,734 to 72,226.

Subject: Allow state credits for homebuilding.
-- Passed: 80,062 to 61,674.

Subject: Provide soldiers' bonus.
-- Passed: 93,459 to 56,366.

Initiated Measures:

Subject: Primary election law.
-- Failed: 65,107 to 82,012.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Amend prohibition laws.
-- Failed: 75,860 to 87,986.

1922 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Increase signature requirements for initiative and referendum.
-- Failed: 49,019 to 96,201.

Subject: Allow Legislature to organize counties.
-- Failed: 30,110 to 113,170.

Subject: Allow special assessments on land subject to river drainage.
-- Failed: 33,937 to 106,144.

Subject: Allow Legislature to fix state salaries.
-- Failed: 41,343 to 110,215.

Initiated Measures:

Subject: Build and operate state hydroelectric powerplants and transmission systems.
-- Failed: 55,563 to 106,409.

Subject: Abolish the state constabulary.
-- Failed: 64,221 to 96,241.

Subject: Against Sunday performances.
-- Failed: 56,320 to 99,848.

Subject: Establish state owned banks.
-- Failed: 33,032 to 122,807.

Subject: Move state university from Vermillion to
Sioux Falls.
-- Failed: 11,863 to 141,973.

1924 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Referred Laws:

Subject: Attach Todd County to Tripp County.
-- Failed: 68,463 to 89,440.

Subject: Nonpolitical judicial elections.
-- Failed: 54,966 to 102,339.

Subject: Primary election law.
-- Failed: 54,163 to 102,240.

Subject: Amend public warehouses law.
-- Failed: 45,974 to 107,859.

Miscellaneous:

Subject: Call a constitutional convention.
-- Failed: 60,235 to 117,086.

1926 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Increase state salaries.
-- Failed: 55,670 to 117,866.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Repeal depositors guarantee fund.
-- Failed: 79,823 to 95,830.

1928 South Dakota Ballot Questions

(There were no ballot questions in 1928.)

1930 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Permit suspension of sentence on first
conviction.
-- Passed: 81,697 to 76,358.

Subject: Give fines to county where collected.
-- Passed: 88,092 to 68,434.

Subject: Allow Legislature to classify property for
school taxation.
-- Passed: 81,870 to 69,414.

Subject: Local taxing districts may tax rural credit
lands.
-- Passed: 101,527 to 55,100.

Subject: Allow Legislature to fix state salaries.
-- Failed: 67,165 to 81,797.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Provide for a registration tax on motor
vehicles.
-- Failed: 46,109 to 142,425.

1932 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Extend terms of superintendents of
schools.
-- Failed: 98,033 to 138,684.

Subject: Allow Legislature to fix state salaries.
-- Failed: 106,585 to 108,184.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Change normal schools to teachers'
colleges.
-- Failed: 86,253 to 147,303.

Subject: Impose a ten-cents-per-pound tax on
butter substitutes.
-- Passed: 152,638 to 84,750.

1934 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Prohibit state from extending credit or engaging in new works of internal improvement, excepting highways.
-- Failed: 113,717 to 121,918.

Subject: Repeal prohibition.
-- Passed: 142,853 to 108,648.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Abolish the Railroad Commission and create a Utilities Commission.
-- Failed: 106,844 to 157,836.

1936 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Reduce Legislature's membership and provide for reapportionment.
-- Passed: 125,597 to 92,961.

Subject: Limit state treasurer to two terms and make election of superintendent of public instruction nonpartisan.
-- Passed: 137,247 to 82,611.

Subject: Make election of superintendents of schools nonpartisan and extend terms.
-- Passed: 134,836 to 82,647.

Subject: Allow the state to engage in internal improvements, with debt limit of 0.5 percent of state properties.
-- Passed: 109,703 to 94,571.

Subject: Make state bank shareholders and stockholders individually responsible, unless bank is FDIC member.
-- Passed: 109,154 to 96,760.

1938 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Increase Legislature's membership.
-- Failed: 60,428 to 166,326.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Abolish the Unemployment Compensation Commission.
-- Failed: 106,493 to 118,007.

1940 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Provide that motor vehicle and gasoline taxes go to highways.
-- Passed: 142,782 to 109,259.

Subject: Allow Governor to make appointments to fill legislative vacancies.
-- Failed: 97,748 to 140,564.

Subject: Reduce interest required on county investment of permanent school funds.
-- Failed: 93,013 to 149,486.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Abolish the Unemployment Compensation Commission.
-- Failed: 117,722 to 121,786.

1942 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Increase salary of Governor and judges.
-- Failed: 55,773 to 84,920.

Subject: Change investment restriction on permanent school funds.
-- Failed: 40,951 to 85,907.

Subject: Channel endowment land lease money to school districts in proportion to school tax.
-- Failed: 43,009 to 80,556.

Subject: Channel lease money or land income to school districts in proportion to school tax.
-- Failed: 44,508 to 77,922.

Subject: Increase salary of Supreme Court justices.
-- Failed: 39,969 to 85,206.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Create state oil and gas bond.
-- Failed: 66,585 to 67,038.

1944 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Restrict loans on education funds to one-third of value.
-- Failed: 77,021 to 92,842.

Subject: Reclassify educational and charitable institutions.
-- Passed: 86,392 to 72,253.

1946 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Allow Legislature to fix state salaries.
-- Passed: 86,496 to 48,911.

Subject: Add the right to work to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota.
-- Passed: 93,035 to 39,257.

Subject: Require only two readings before the passage of any legislative act.
-- Passed: 85,975 to 39,404.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Regulate hospitals and related institutions.
-- Passed: 89,638 to 52,316.

1948 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Grant World War II veterans' bonus.
-- Passed: 120,462 to 76,636.

Subject: Provide legislative reapportionment in 1951 and every ten years thereafter.
-- Passed: 111,674 to 69,402.

Subject: Allow Governor to make appointments to fill legislative vacancies.
-- Passed: 103,396 to 78,505.

Subject: Allow lessees of school and public lands an option on new lease.
-- Passed: 95,949 to 85,378.

Subject: Allow local units to tax state public shooting areas.
-- Passed: 106,458 to 71,942.

Initiated Measures:

Subject: Prohibit sale of liquor where food is sold.
-- Failed: 110,017 to 127,615.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Prescribe age of liquor sold and size of container.
-- Failed: 106,271 to 119,743.

1950 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Provide legislative reapportionment in 1951 on the basis of the 1950 census.
-- Failed: 92,512 to 106,203.

Subject: Limit school district indebtedness to ten percent of assessed property value.
-- Failed: 75,191 to 120,032.

Subject: Transfer educational fund investments to commissioner of school and public lands.
-- Failed: 84,804 to 104,960.

Subject: Allow county officials to succeed themselves indefinitely.
-- Failed: 83,505 to 112,851.

Initiated Measures:

Subject: Prohibit sale of liquor where food is sold.
-- Failed: 108,855 to 138,959.

1952 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Reduce voting age to eighteen years.
-- Failed: 128,231 to 128,916.

Subject: Restrict investment of educational funds.
-- Passed: 116,463 to 112,290.

Subject: Change composition of Board of Pardons.
-- Failed: 110,213 to 114,142.

1954 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Pool the oil, gas, and mineral lease money of school and public lands.
-- Passed: 122,804 to 64,431.

Subject: Increase school district debt limit to ten percent of assessed property value.
-- Passed: 96,370 to 87,265.

Subject: Allow county sheriffs to succeed themselves.
-- Passed: 97,059 to 93,073.

Subject: Assessment and taxation of agricultural lands.
-- Failed: 75,830 to 96,499.

1956 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Allow county officials to succeed themselves indefinitely.
-- Failed: 128,447 to 133,273.

Referred Laws:

Subject: Administration of the state soldiers' home.
-- Failed: 127,392 to 132,475.

1958 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Municipal home rule.
-- Failed: 94,599 to 104,138.

Subject: Exempt public highway property from taxation.
-- Passed: 110,565 to 89,347.

Subject: Modify gubernatorial succession.
-- Passed: 120,511 to 76,628.

Subject: Reduce voting age to eighteen years.
-- Failed: 71,033 to 137,942.

Subject: Maintain old voting residence in state until new one acquired.
-- Passed: 127,541 to 71,675.

1960 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Allow county officials to succeed themselves indefinitely.
-- Passed: 133,954 to 115,915.

Subject: Allow no county more than two senators.
-- Failed: 112,573 to 124,455.

Subject: Constitute a Board of Pardons and Paroles.
-- Passed: 131,185 to 99,832.

Subject: Provide for continuity of state operations in the event of an emergency caused by an enemy attack.
-- Passed: 165,290 to 65,018.

1962 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Taking private property for public use.
-- Passed: 99,119 to 97,456.

Subject: Annual legislative sessions.
-- Passed: 101,548 to 88,118.

Subject: Home rule for municipalities.
-- Passed: 95,737 to 87,888.

1964 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

Subject: Amendment notification.
-- Failed: 117,317 to 123,504.

Subject: County offices.
-- Passed: 120,998 to 118,973.

Subject: Property Classification.
-- Failed: 98,454 to 132,235.

Referred Laws:

- Subject:** Indian jurisdiction.
-- **Failed: 58,289 to 201,389.**
- Subject:** Unemployment compensation.
-- **Failed: 107,515 to 132,296.**
- Subject:** Voter registration.
-- **Failed: 98,544 to 140,199.**

1966 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** Reclassifying farm property.
-- **Passed: 92,235 to 87,833.**
- Subject:** Allow counties to eliminate county
superintendent.
-- **Passed: 101,090 to 78,499.**
- Subject:** Change county court systems.
-- **Passed: 105,554 to 69,391.**

1968 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendments:

- Subject:** School land sales.
-- **Failed: 110,327 to 118,202.**
- Subject:** Building authority and debt limit.
-- **Failed: 80,670 to 138,153.**
- Subject:** Powers of retired judges.
-- **Failed: 109,065 to 113,398.**
- Subject:** Reinvestment of school funds.
-- **Passed: 116,403 to 101,684.**
- Subject:** Appointive superintendent of public
instruction.
-- **Failed: 72,514 to 148,618.**

Referred Laws:

- Subject:** Abstain from daylight savings time.
-- **Failed: 108,712 to 158,637.**
- Subject:** School district reorganization.
-- **Passed: 120,336 to 118,631.**

1970 – 1978

1970 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Subject: Residency requirements.
-- Passed: 110,266 to 92,354.

Amendment B:

Subject: Initiative and referendum.
-- Failed: 58,605 to 132,992.

Amendment C:

Subject: Retired judges.
-- Passed: 111,040 to 82,980.

Amendment D:

Subject: Games of chance.
-- Passed: 117,269 to 81,746.

Amendment E:

Subject: Four-year terms.
-- Failed: 94,108 to 101,497.

Amendment F:

Subject: Voting age.
-- Failed: 78,320 to 117,367.

Amendment G:

Subject: Presidential elections.
-- Passed: 115,292 to 74,528.

Amendment H:

Subject: School lands.
-- Failed: 65,189 to 118,306.

Amendment I:

Subject: Constitutional revision.
-- Failed: 69,459 to 111,427.

Initiated Measure 1:

Subject: Fluoridation.
-- Failed: 104,430 to 111,568.

Initiated Measure 2:

Subject: Income tax.
-- Failed: 85,812 to 134,410.

1972 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Subject: Voting age.
-- Passed: 206,170 to 75,765.

Amendment B:

Subject: Executive reorganization.
-- Passed: 182,248 to 96,914.

Amendment C:

Subject: Judicial reorganization.
-- Passed: 177,235 to 89,358.

Amendment D:

Subject: Local government reorganization.
-- Passed: 152,474 to 107,296.

Amendment E:

Subject: Constitutional revision.
-- Passed: 173,541 to 84,939.

Initiated Measure 1:

Subject: Dove bill.
-- Failed: 96,103 to 192,350.

1974 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Subject: Legislative department.
-- Failed: 86,293 to 138,590.

Amendment B:

Subject: Elections and right of suffrage.
-- Passed: 132,120 to 88,524.

1976 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Subject: Preamble change.
-- Failed: 75,174 to 183,548.

Amendment B:

Subject: Bill of rights.
-- Failed: 77,771 to 179,936.

Amendment C:

Subject: Legislative article.
-- Failed: 56,538 to 198,447.

Amendment D:

Subject: Repeal Article III, § 26 of the State Constitution.
-- Failed: 45,100 to 208,909.

Amendment E:

Subject: School and public lands.

-- Failed: 66,287 to 188,012.

Amendment F:

Subject: Arrangement of the State Constitution.

-- Failed: 57,710 to 194,039.

1978 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Subject: Forty-day legislative session.

-- Failed: 104,367 to 122,429.

Amendment B:

Subject: Flexibility in investing school money.

-- Failed: 106,461 to 113,742.

Amendment C:

Subject: Protect school land mineral rights.

-- Passed: 115,871 to 104,264.

Amendment D:

Subject: Limit the Legislature in tax increases.

-- Passed: 116,647 to 103,621.

Initiated Measure 1:

Subject: Lifeline utility rate reform.

-- Failed: 91,707 to 140,899.

Initiated Measure 2:

Subject: Repeal dairy marketing act.

-- Passed: 120,813 to 109,109.

Initiated Measure 3:

Subject: New obscenity statutes.

-- Failed: 60,051 to 176,152.

1980 – 2024

1980 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the appointment of Supreme Court justices and circuit court judges.

-- Passed: 158,490 to 135,062.

Amendment B:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to real property taxation.

-- Failed: 113,863 to 192,116.

Amendment C:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota prohibiting the Legislature from substantially changing or re-enacting any law enacted or defeated by a vote of the people.

-- Failed: 126,181 to 140,632.

Amendment D:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the legislative prerogative to amend initiated or referred laws.

-- Failed: 77,225 to 140,406.

Amendment E:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the length of a legislative session.

-- Passed: 156,630 to 120,703.

Initiated Measure 2:

Title: An initiated measure relating to the regulation of uranium mining, construction of nuclear power plants, and disposal of nuclear waste.

-- Failed: 146,381 to 156,293.

Referred Law 1:

Title: An Act to allow the hunting of mourning doves.

-- Passed: 182,180 to 129,478.

1982 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota providing for single-member Senate districts in the Legislature.

-- Passed: 122,703 to 112,184.

Amendment B:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the remittance of fines and the establishment of interest rates in Article VII.

-- Passed: 130,637 to 104,435.

Amendment C:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the opening day of the Legislature.

-- Passed: 137,262 to 99,001.

Amendment D:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the authorization of certain games of chance.

-- Failed: 107,552 to 147,146.

1984 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota combining the duties of the treasurer and the commissioner of school and public lands.

-- Failed: 142,985 to 143,276.

Initiated Measure 1:

Subject: An initiated measure requiring the approval of the voters on questions of disposal of nuclear waste or participation in nuclear waste disposal compacts.

-- Passed: 182,952 to 112,161.

Initiated Measure 2:

Subject: An initiated measure establishing the opening day of elementary and secondary school after Labor Day.

-- Passed: 145,472 to 144,908.

Initiated Measure 3:

Subject: An initiated measure requiring the Governor to inform the federal government that South Dakota mandates a verifiable nuclear freeze.

-- Failed: 135,307 to 148,705.

1986 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the duties of the lieutenant governor.

-- Failed: 122,221 to 144,976.

Amendment B:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the authorization of a state lottery.

-- Passed: 163,005 to 110,153.

Amendment C:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the loan of nonsectarian textbooks.

-- Passed: 148,813 to 127,530.

Initiated Measure 1:

Subject: An initiated measure establishing the legal observance of Memorial Day as the last Monday in May.

-- Passed: 164,732 to 117,063.

1988 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to initiatives.

-- Passed: 153,168 to 140,188.

Amendment B:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota permitting gambling in the city of Deadwood.

-- Passed: 191,745 to 106,444.

Amendment C:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to limitations on property taxes.

-- Failed: 116,240 to 184,452.

Amendment D:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to charitable and penal institutions.

-- Passed: 171,282 to 121,410.

Initiated Measure 1:

Subject: An initiated measure relating to surface mining reclamation.

-- Failed: 123,738 to 181,729.

Initiated Measure 2:

Subject: An initiated measure relating to an additional tax on surface mining.

-- Failed: 105,859 to 196,037.

Initiated Measure 3:

Subject: An initiated measure relating to a ban on corporate hog farms.

-- Passed: 178,955 to 120,605.

Referred Law 4:

Subject: An Act to revise the regulation of certain interstate telecommunication services and to make certain trade regulation laws applicable to certain telecommunication services.

-- Passed: 161,173 to 142,695.

1990 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to disposition of private property taken for public use.

-- Failed: 104,973 to 133,643.

Amendment B:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to eligibility for legislative office.

-- Failed: 82,358 to 152,175.

Amendment C:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the imposition of an income tax.

-- Failed: 114,215 to 119,037.

Amendment D:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to sessions of Legislature.

-- Passed: 117,969 to 110,468.

Amendment E:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to a limit on the growth of taxes on real property.

-- Failed: 104,947 to 126,940.

Initiated Measure 1:

Title: An initiated measure relating to legislative approval for the siting, construction, or operation of a large-scale solid waste facility.

-- Passed: 130,465 to 115,894.

Initiated Measure 2:

Title: An initiated measure relating to large-scale gold or silver mining operation being granted a permit by the Board of Minerals and Environment under specific conditions.

-- Failed: 116,583 to 129,824.

1992 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Subject: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to term limitations.
-- **Passed: 205,074 to 117,702.**

Initiated Measure 2:

Title: An initiated measure providing an acreage regulation and reclamation incentive for large-scale gold or silver surface mining.
-- **Passed: 189,683 to 128,109.**

Initiated Measure 3:

Title: An initiated measure reducing property taxes and repealing the sales tax on groceries, clothing, and utilities by imposing a personal and corporate income tax and distributing the revenues therefrom.
-- **Failed: 80,171 to 235,871.**

Initiated Measure 4:

Title: An initiated measure repealing the video lottery.
-- **Failed: 122,298 to 207,607.**

Referred Law 1:

Title: An Act to approve the siting, construction, and operation of the Lonetree solid waste disposal facility.
-- **Failed: 93,556 to 217,051.**

1993 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Referred Law 1:

Title: An Act to revise certain provisions related to limited gaming in Deadwood.
-- **Failed: 71,422 to 89,106.**

1994 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the taxation of leased school and public lands.

-- Passed: 176,751 to 127,464.

Amendment B:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the minimum age to vote.

-- Failed: 76,921 to 228,444.

Amendment C:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the investment of permanent educational funds.

-- Failed: 130,785 to 168,232.

Amendment D:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the qualifications for legislative office.

-- Failed: 51,458 to 255,166.

Amendment E:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the state lottery and video games of chance.

-- Passed: 165,185 to 147,680.

Initiated Measure 1:

Subject: An initiated measure relating to property tax reform.

-- Failed: 152,048 to 155,435.

Referred Law 2:

Title: An Act to require the use of safety belt systems in passenger vehicles.

-- Passed: 158,705 to 151,005.

1996 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the investment of permanent education funds.

-- Passed: 191,771 to 112,659.

Amendment B:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the vote required to impose or increase taxes.

-- Passed: 229,580 to 79,493.

Initiated Measure 1:

Title: An initiated measure requiring South Dakota's congressional delegation to use their powers to adopt a congressional term limits amendment to the United States Constitution.

-- Passed: 205,852 to 98,696.

1998 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota concerning the taxation of real property for school purposes.

-- Failed: 56,957 to 198,256.

Amendment B:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota concerning the authority of a special interim legislative committee to approve the transfer of appropriated funds.

-- Failed: 81,976 to 166,373.

Amendment C:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota concerning legislative conflicts of interest.

-- Failed: 53,020 to 194,689.

Amendment D:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota authorizing local initiatives to provide for the cooperation and organization of local government.

-- Failed: 121,880 to 122,184.

Amendment E:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota concerning ownership and interest in farming.

-- Passed: 149,470 to 105,282.

Amendment F:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota concerning the classification of property for purposes of taxation.

-- Failed: 92,447 to 153,230.

Amendment G:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota permitting the investment of permanent school funds in certain stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other financial instruments.

-- Failed: 96,975 to 150,907.

Amendment H:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the age qualifications for legislative office and the age qualifications for Governor and lieutenant governor.

-- Passed: 150,680 to 99,834.

Referred Law 1:

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Referred Law 2:

Title: An Act to transfer the unclaimed property office from the state treasurer's office to the secretary of revenue.

-- Failed: 71,379 to 174,790.

2000 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the classification of property for purposes of taxation.

-- Passed: 167,117 to 137,081.

Amendment B:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota authorizing local initiatives to provide for the cooperation and organization of local government.

-- Passed: 165,346 to 133,780.

Amendment C:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota concerning the taxation of inheritances.

-- Passed: 251,316 to 62,334.

Amendment D:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota repealing the video lottery.

-- Failed: 146,428 to 169,642.

Amendment E:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota permitting the investment of permanent school funds in certain stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other financial instruments and to use a certain portion of the interest and income to increase the principal in the fund.

-- Passed: 168,896 to 132,181.

Initiated Measure 1:

Title: An initiated measure raising the maximum bet limits for limited card games and slot machines authorized within the city of Deadwood.

-- Passed: 161,249 to 151,244.

2001 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota authorizing the creation and administration of a trust fund for the proceeds of the sale of the state cement plant.

-- Passed: 69,309 to 18,657.

Amendment B:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota authorizing the creation and administration of trust funds for health care and education.

-- Passed: 63,484 to 24,086.

2002 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Amendment A:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the rights of a criminal defendant.

-- Failed: 68,659 to 246,097.

Amendment B:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota clarifying the responsibility of the Legislature to provide for its own apportionment.

-- Failed: 116,495 to 187,242.

Amendment C:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota extending the time allowed for the Governor's review of legislation passed by the Legislature.

-- Passed: 166,969 to 141,326.

Initiated Measure 1:

Title: An initiated measure relating to industrial hemp.

-- Failed: 119,990 to 196,060.

2004 South Dakota Ballot Questions

General Election

Amendment A:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota providing for the merit selection of circuit court judges.

-- Failed: 138,368 to 227,577.

Amendment B:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota authorizing the provision of certain services to all children of school age.

-- Failed: 173,650 to 195,936.

Initiated Measure 1:

Title: An initiated measure exempting food from sales and use taxes.

-- Failed: 123,210 to 255,855.

2006 South Dakota Ballot Questions

General Election

Amendment C:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to marriage.

-- Passed: 172,305 to 160,152.

Amendment D:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to real property assessment for taxation.

-- Failed: 65,903 to 260,375.

Amendment E:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to judicial decisions.

-- Failed: 35,641 to 294,734.

Amendment F:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the Legislature.

-- Failed: 103,026 to 215,458.

Initiated Measure 2:

Title: An initiated measure increasing the tax on cigarettes and tobacco products and dedicating the revenues therefrom.

-- Passed: 202,779 to 130,757.

Initiated Measure 3:

Title: An initiated measure prohibiting the start of a school term prior to the last day of August.

-- Failed: 140,487 to 185,129.

Initiated Measure 4:

Title: An initiated measure providing safe access to medical marijuana for certain qualified persons.

-- Failed: 157,953 to 173,178.

Initiated Measure 5:

Title: An initiated measure placing certain restrictions on the use of state owned or leased aircraft.

-- Passed: 180,592 to 145,594.

Initiated Measure 7:

Title: An initiated measure repealing video lottery.

-- Failed: 110,032 to 222,889.

Initiated Measure 8:

Title: An initiated measure repealing the gross receipts tax on wireless telecommunication services.

-- Failed: 129,851 to 199,892.

Referred Law 6:

Title: An Act to establish certain legislative findings, to reinstate the prohibition against certain acts causing the termination of an unborn human life, to prescribe a penalty therefore, and to provide for the implementation of such provisions under certain circumstances.

-- Failed: 148,648 to 185,945.

2008 South Dakota Ballot Questions

General Election

Amendment G:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota repealing certain reimbursement restrictions for travel by legislators to and from a legislative session.

-- Failed: 147,763 to 211,413.

Amendment H:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota repealing certain provisions relating to corporations.

-- Failed: 103,172 to 229,985.

Amendment I:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota providing for a maximum of forty legislative days each year.

-- Passed: 184,722 to 167,751.

Amendment J:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota eliminating term limits for legislators.

-- Failed: 87,380 to 272,635.

Initiated Measure 9:

Title: An initiated measure making certain securities practices and transactions unlawful.

-- Failed: 146,872 to 191,596.

Initiated Measure 10:

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

-- Failed: 127,040 to 232,684.

Initiated Measure 11:

Title: An initiated measure prohibiting 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.

-- Failed: 167,560 to 206,535.

2010 South Dakota Ballot Questions

General Election

Amendment K:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot.

-- Passed: 241,896 to 63,783.

Amendment L:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota relating to the trust fund created from the proceeds of the state cement enterprise sales.

-- Failed: 114,321 to 167,594.

Initiated Measure 13:

Title: An initiated measure authorizing the possession, use, and cultivation of marijuana by and for persons with specified debilitating medical conditions registered with the Department of Health.

-- Failed: 115,667 to 199,552.

Referred Law 12:

Title: An Act to prohibit smoking tobacco or carrying lighted tobacco products in certain places and to require certain persons to inform violators of the prohibition.

-- Passed: 204,160 to 113,011.

2012 South Dakota Ballot Questions

General Election

Amendment M:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota regarding certain provisions relating to corporations.

-- Failed: 96,187 to 228,720.

Amendment N:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota repealing certain reimbursement restrictions for travel by legislators to and from a legislative session.

-- Failed: 125,715 to 215,675.

Amendment O:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota changing the method for distributions from the cement plant trust fund.

-- Passed: 186,956 to 142,410.

Amendment P:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota adding balanced budget requirements.

-- Passed: 215,659 to 118,165.

Initiated Measure 15:

Title: An initiated measure increasing state general sales and use taxes for additional K-12 public education and Medicaid funding.

-- Failed: 151,498 to 198,586.

Referred Law 14:

Title: An Act to establish the large project development fund.

-- Failed: 139,751 to 190,126.

Referred Law 16:

Title: An Act to establish a teacher scholarship program, create a program for math and science teacher bonuses, create a program for teacher merit bonuses, mandate a uniform teacher and principal evaluation system, and eliminate state requirements for teacher tenure.

-- Failed: 114,590 to 235,064.

2014 South Dakota Ballot Questions

General Election

Amendment Q:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota authorizing the Legislature to allow roulette, keno, and craps in Deadwood.

-- Passed: 152,265 to 116,326.

Initiated Measure 17:

Title: An initiated measure requiring health insurers to include all willing and qualified health care providers on their provider lists.

-- Passed: 166,401 to 102,792.

Initiated Measure 18:

Title: An initiated measure increasing the state minimum wage.

-- Passed: 150,819 to 123,167.

2016 South Dakota Ballot Questions

General Election

Amendment R:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota regarding postsecondary technical education institutes.

-- Passed: 178,209 to 173,945.

Amendment S:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota expanding rights for crime victims.

-- Passed: 215,565 to 146,084.

Amendment T:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota providing for state legislative redistricting by a commission.

-- Failed: 149,942 to 198,982.

Amendment U:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota limiting the ability to set statutory interest rates for loans.

-- Failed: 130,627 to 224,876.

Amendment V:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota establishing nonpartisan elections.

-- Failed: 157,870 to 196,781.

Initiated Measure 21:

Title: An initiated measure setting a maximum finance charge for certain licensed money lenders.

-- Passed: 270,312 to 87,355.

Initiated Measure 22:

Title: An initiated measure revising state campaign finance and lobbying laws, creating a publicly funded campaign finance program, creating an ethics commission, and appropriating funds therefor.

-- Passed: 180,634 to 169,199.

Initiated Measure 23:

Title: An initiated measure giving certain organizations the right to charge fees.

-- Failed: 71,250 to 279,481.

Referred Law 19:

Title: An Act to revise laws regarding elections and election petitions.

-- Failed: 98,657 to 242,113.

Referred Law 20:

Title: An Act lowering the minimum wage for non-tipped employees under age eighteen.

-- Failed: 104,185 to 256,686.

2018 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Primary Election

Amendment Y:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota revising certain provisions relating to the rights of crime victims.

-- Passed: 106,498 to 27,448.

General Election

Amendment W:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota changing campaign finance and lobbying laws, creating a government accountability board, and changing certain initiative and referendum provisions.

-- Failed: 142,769 to 174,081.

Amendment X:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota increasing the number of votes needed to approve a constitutional amendment.

-- Failed: 140,730 to 163,362.

Amendment Z:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota establishing that a proposed constitutional amendment may embrace only one subject and requiring proposed amendments to be presented and voted on separately.

-- Passed: 195,790 to 117,947.

Initiated Measure 24:

Title: An initiated measure prohibiting contributions to ballot question committees by non-residents, out-of-state political committees, and entities that are not filed with the secretary of state.

-- Failed: 170,960 to 140,172.

Initiated Measure 25:

Title: An initiated measure increasing the state tobacco tax and creating a postsecondary technical institute fund for the purposes of lowering student tuition and providing financial support to the state postsecondary technical institutes.

-- Failed: 148,775 to 182,414.

2020 South Dakota Ballot Questions

General Election

Amendment A:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota legalizing, regulating, and taxing marijuana; and requiring the Legislature to pass laws regarding hemp as well as laws ensuring access to marijuana for medical use.

-- **Passed: 225,260 to 190,477.**

Amendment B:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota authorizing the Legislature to allow sports wagering in Deadwood.

-- **Passed: 239,620 to 170,191.**

Initiated Measure 26:

Title: An initiated measure legalizing marijuana for medical use.

-- **Passed: 291,754 to 125,488.**

2022 South Dakota Ballot Questions

Primary Election

Amendment C:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota requiring three-fifths vote for approval of ballot measures imposing taxes or fees or obligating over \$10,000,000.

-- Failed: 59,125 to 122,417.

General Election

Amendment D:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota expanding Medicaid eligibility.

-- Passed: 192,057 to 149,616.

Initiated Measure 27:

Title: An initiated measure legalizing the possession, use, and distribution of marijuana.

-- Failed: 163,584 to 183,879.

2024 South Dakota Ballot Questions

General Election

Amendment E:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota updating references to certain officeholders and persons.

-- Failed: 180,365 to 242,866.

Amendment F:

Title: An amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota authorizing the state to impose work requirements on certain individuals who are eligible for expanded Medicaid.

-- Passed: 236,410 to 184,829.

Amendment G:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota establishing a right to abortion.

-- Failed: 176,809 to 250,136.

Amendment H:

Title: An initiated amendment to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota establishing top-two primary elections.

-- Failed: 141,570 to 270,048.

Initiated Measure 28:

Title: An initiated measure prohibiting taxes on anything sold for human consumption.

-- Failed: 129,261 to 290,969.

Initiated Measure 29:

Title: An initiated measure legalizing the recreational use, possession, and distribution of marijuana.

-- Failed: 189,916 to 237,228.

Referred Law 21:

Title: An Act to provide new statutory requirements for regulating linear transmission facilities, to allow counties to impose a surcharge on certain pipeline companies, and to establish a landowner bill of rights.

-- Failed: 165,682 to 242,459.