

Chapter 8
2007 South Dakota
Legislative Manual
Elections



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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FOR GOVERNOR, JUNE 6, 2006

	Jack Billion	Dennis Wiese
AURORA	154	157
BEADLE	520	380
BENNETT	115	95
BON HOMME	265	196
BROOKINGS	632	379
BROWN	833	799
BRULE	256	212
BUFFALO	98	92
BUTTE	226	120
CAMPBELL	22	10
CHARLES MIX	555	464
CLARK	108	177
CLAY	549	196
CODINGTON	508	428
CORSON	71	128
CUSTER	203	112
DAVISON	520	311
DAY	287	299
DEUEL	231	246
DEWEY	138	170
DOUGLAS	41	45
EDMUNDS	97	134
FALL RIVER	286	162
FAULK	60	76
GRANT	211	155
GREGORY	163	180
HAAKON	55	52
HAMLIN	167	165
HAND	114	91
HANSON	64	98
HARDING	21	25
HUGHES	403	224
HUTCHINSON	129	98
HYDE	39	37
JACKSON	39	23
JERAULD	93	74
JONES	16	14
KINGSBURY	141	139
LAKE	402	254
LAWRENCE	387	149
LINCOLN	799	263
LYMAN	144	100
MARSHALL	125	208
MCCOOK	166	139
MCPHERSON	29	30
MEADE	392	260
MELLETTTE	43	46
MINER	124	102
MINNEHAHA	5342	1633
MOODY	264	592
PENNINGTON	3438	1318
PERKINS	53	99
POTTER	72	117
ROBERTS	156	167
SANBORN	70	70
SHANNON	111	94
SPINK	284	355
STANLEY	137	90
SULLY	39	36
TODD	241	141
TRIPP	199	188
TURNER	261	158
UNION	269	174
WALWORTH	87	73
YANKTON	406	181
ZIEBACH	57	62
TOTALS	36389	22527
PERCENTAGE		13862
		61.91%
		38.09%

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE – GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2006

	Bruce W. Whalen - Rep	Stephanie Herseth - Dem	Larry Rudebusch - Lib	
AURORA	406	1049	23	
BEADLE	2049	5435	100	
BENNETT	368	811	12	
BON HOMME	773	2367	34	
BROOKINGS	2761	8630	286	
BROWN	4306	11378	162	
BRULE	657	1624	22	
BUFFALO	161	504	9	
BUTTE	1405	2313	94	
CAMPBELL	307	510	3	
CHARLES MIX	1144	2514	32	
CLARK	474	1399	32	
CLAY	983	4179	112	
CODINGTON	3039	7714	148	
CORSON	332	701	23	
CUSTER	1436	2356	97	
DAVISON	2245	5510	95	
DAY	617	2368	34	
DEUEL	532	1605	24	
DEWEY	305	1381	22	
DOUGLAS	908	864	16	
EDMUNDS	658	1372	23	
FALL RIVER	1129	2118	98	
FAULK	366	763	15	
GRANT	919	2657	48	
GREGORY	724	1451	35	
HAAKON	438	634	20	
HAMLIN	869	1621	62	
HAND	662	1356	27	
HANSON	792	1011	20	
HARDING	266	393	19	
HUGHES	2364	5617	88	
HUTCHINSON	1230	2396	29	
HYDE	269	563	9	
JACKSON	367	598	22	
JERAULD	258	808	15	
JONES	199	441	8	
KINGSBURY	660	1945	31	
LAKE	1189	4078	97	
LAWRENCE	3408	6757	277	
LINCOLN	4996	10915	173	
LYMAN	403	1101	19	
MARSHALL	407	1436	17	
MCCOOK	814	2001	36	
MCPHERSON	555	732	5	
MEADE	3390	6174	228	
MELLETTE	242	508	16	
MINER	302	939	19	
MINNEHAHA	18511	47943	944	
MOODY	660	2411	40	
PENNINGTON	13756	24068	779	
PERKINS	567	869	28	
POTTER	524	904	24	
ROBERTS	963	3214	75	
SANBORN	299	915	13	
SHANNON	359	2054	24	
SPINK	924	2352	28	
STANLEY	414	1064	19	
SULLY	322	503	10	
TODD	451	1382	25	
TRIPP	918	1749	36	
TURNER	1137	2883	53	
UNION	1867	3699	84	
WALWORTH	868	1542	37	
YANKTON	2103	6703	161	
ZIEBACH	137	616	14	
TOTALS	333562	97864	230468	5230
PERCENTAGE		29.34%	69.09%	1.57%

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR – GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2006

	Mike Rounds Dennis Daugaard - R	Steven J. Willis Larry Johnsen - C	Jack Billion Eric Abrahamson -D	Tom Gerber Bette Rose Ryan -L
AURORA	903	13	551	11
BEADLE	5500	48	2055	48
BENNETT	715	21	422	15
BON HOMME	2117	44	998	22
BROOKINGS	7174	102	4358	113
BROWN	10092	140	5460	158
BRULE	1575	19	734	13
BUFFALO	305	5	360	6
BUTTE	2502	74	1181	58
CAMPBELL	648	8	162	4
CHARLES MIX	2470	30	1194	15
CLARK	1226	23	653	30
CLAY	2555	41	2622	71
CODINGTON	7118	74	3672	71
CORSON	618	31	374	20
CUSTER	2231	79	1515	91
DAVISON	5104	69	2662	40
DAY	1626	31	1356	21
DEUEL	1336	26	781	12
DEWEY	934	24	724	21
DOUGLAS	1454	10	331	9
EDMUNDS	1539	22	506	11
FALL RIVER	1867	97	1316	71
FAULK	867	10	270	6
GRANT	2415	30	1176	15
GREGORY	1471	22	702	17
HAAKON	830	22	230	6
HAMLIN	1697	31	822	15
HAND	1561	16	484	9
HANSON	1305	15	504	7
HARDING	388	43	223	18
HUGHES	5675	78	2325	55
HUTCHINSON	2837	40	823	22
HYDE	645	8	177	12
JACKSON	621	36	332	10
JERAULD	674	6	396	10
JONES	472	10	165	5
KINGSBURY	1703	17	917	12
LAKE	3237	56	2065	54
LAWRENCE	6129	159	3994	222
LINCOLN	10450	156	5547	88
LYMAN	968	14	545	14
MARSHALL	1171	13	672	13
MCCOOK	1932	39	867	21
MCPHERSON	1046	14	231	9
MEADE	6270	210	3227	158
MELLETTE	471	19	220	14
MINER	812	19	438	9
MINNEHAHA	38518	744	28246	584
MOODY	1716	24	1347	24
PENNINGTON	22929	515	14861	505
PERKINS	981	65	402	25
POTTER	1063	15	368	8
ROBERTS	2396	48	1785	34
SANBORN	774	13	438	14
SHANNON	644	77	1597	42
SPINK	2275	32	999	20
STANLEY	965	20	511	14
SULLY	620	11	198	10
TODD	764	50	980	30
TRIPP	1948	25	739	21
TURNER	2559	51	1473	22
UNION	3633	58	1915	57
WALWORTH	1805	49	567	23
YANKTON	5765	81	3114	84
ZIEBACH	379	18	347	13
TOTALS	335508	206990	121226	3282
PERCENTAGE		61.69%	36.13%	.98%

SECRETARY OF STATE – GENERAL ELECTION November 7, 2006

		Chris
		Nelson - R
AURORA		1044
BEADLE		5031
BENNETT		653
BON HOMME		2034
BROOKINGS		7958
BROWN		10224
BRULE		1537
BUFFALO		289
BUTTE		2633
CAMPBELL		635
CHARLES MIX		2476
CLARK		1305
CLAY		3140
CODINGTON		7148
CORSON		569
CUSTER		2622
DAVISON		5552
DAY		1887
DEUEL		1391
DEWEY		862
DOUGLAS		1294
EDMUNDS		1350
FALL RIVER		2067
FAULK		763
GRANT		2442
GREGORY		1467
HAAKON		816
HAMLIN		1793
HAND		1396
HANSON		1157
HARDING		520
HUGHES		6417
HUTCHINSON		2349
HYDE		600
JACKSON		622
JERAULD		743
JONES		505
KINGSBURY		1789
LAKE		3593
LAWRENCE		6755
LINCOLN		11262
LYMAN		1016
MARSHALL		1116
MCCOOK		1892
MCPHERSON		902
MEADE		6632
MELLETTE		477
MINER		808
MINNEHAHA		42352
MOODY		1900
PENNINGTON		24734
PERKINS		1011
POTTER		1034
ROBERTS		2385
SANBORN		782
SHANNON		564
SPINK		2337
STANLEY		1111
SULLY		608
TODD		758
TRIPP		1990
TURNER		2820
UNION		3657
WALWORTH		1675
YANKTON		5910
ZIEBACH		357
TOTALS	217518	217518
PERCENTAGE		100.00%

ATTORNEY GENERAL – GENERAL ELECTION November 7, 2006

	Larry Long - R	Ron Volesky - D	Randy Ristesund - L	
AURORA	931	468	28	
BEADLE	4711	2559	176	
BENNETT	756	386	32	
BON HOMME	1939	1021	56	
BROOKINGS	7059	3714	281	
BROWN	9125	5566	285	
BRULE	1479	683	44	
BUFFALO	229	420	12	
BUTTE	2622	879	144	
CAMPBELL	599	171	11	
CHARLES MIX	2347	1216	41	
CLARK	1255	569	42	
CLAY	2503	2236	155	
CODINGTON	6872	3419	180	
CORSON	482	490	35	
CUSTER	2392	1184	157	
DAVISON	5394	2101	141	
DAY	1590	1281	45	
DEUEL	1344	686	33	
DEWEY	720	901	29	
DOUGLAS	1415	295	22	
EDMUNDS	1352	558	44	
FALL RIVER	1993	1045	161	
FAULK	801	283	20	
GRANT	2300	1123	56	
GREGORY	1496	607	44	
HAAKON	838	173	31	
HAMLIN	1782	668	35	
HAND	1437	518	39	
HANSON	1233	502	19	
HARDING	477	146	18	
HUGHES	6393	1419	151	
HUTCHINSON	2698	791	52	
HYDE	599	188	18	
JACKSON	621	300	41	
JERAULD	693	355	17	
JONES	497	114	11	
KINGSBURY	1692	820	56	
LAKE	3215	1788	137	
LAWRENCE	6098	3260	509	
LINCOLN	11088	4015	270	
LYMAN	990	476	32	
MARSHALL	1036	721	24	
MCCOOK	1915	797	748	
MCPHERSON	961	233	23	
MEADE	6379	2616	365	
MELLETTE	465	250	20	
MINER	757	428	38	
MINNEHAHA	41189	21754	1681	
MOODY	1750	1159	77	
PENNINGTON	23712	11797	1253	
PERKINS	943	383	52	
POTTER	1063	311	26	
ROBERTS	2244	1775	69	
SANBORN	782	374	34	
SHANNON	437	1804	64	
SPINK	2035	1125	55	
STANLEY	1092	328	52	
SULLY	633	182	11	
TODD	590	1132	51	
TRIPP	1961	662	59	
TURNER	2759	1096	80	
UNION	3154	2060	120	
WALWORTH	1659	617	58	
YANKTON	5184	2880	215	
ZIEBACH	322	389	19	
TOTALS	320250	207079	8904	
PERCENTAGE		64.66%	32.56%	2.78%

STATE AUDITOR – GENERAL ELECTION November 7, 2006

		Rich
		Sattgast – R
AURORA		868
BEADLE		4860
BENNETT		621
BON HOMME		1832
BROOKINGS		7300
BROWN		9346
BRULE		1382
BUFFALO		253
BUTTE		2509
CAMPBELL		580
CHARLES MIX		2242
CLARK		1199
CLAY		2789
CODINGTON		6667
CORSON		527
CUSTER		2464
DAVISON		5038
DAY		1717
DEUEL		1280
DEWEY		807
DOUGLAS		1195
EDMUNDS		1255
FALL RIVER		1949
FAULK		717
GRANT		2219
GREGORY		1367
HAAKON		765
HAMLIN		1671
HAND		1305
HANSON		1049
HARDING		503
HUGHES		5920
HUTCHINSON		2074
HYDE		569
JACKSON		589
JERAULD		637
JONES		474
KINGSBURY		1678
LAKE		3304
LAWRENCE		6478
LINCOLN		10337
LYMAN		929
MARSHALL		1030
MCCOOK		1701
MCPHERSON		865
MEADE		6203
MELLETTTE		437
MINER		699
MINNEHAHA		38118
MOODY		1732
PENNINGTON		23415
PERKINS		925
POTTER		979
ROBERTS		2250
SANBORN		741
SHANNON		507
SPINK		2187
STANLEY		1046
SULLY		564
TODD		681
TRIPP		1865
TURNER		2514
UNION		3456
WALWORTH		1597
YANKTON		5260
ZIEBACH		335
TOTALS	200372	200372
PERCENTAGE		100.00%

STATE TREASURER – GENERAL ELECTION November 7, 2006

Vernon L.

Larson – R

AURORA	865	
BEADLE	4807	
BENNETT	661	
BON HOMME	1861	
BROOKINGS	7357	
BROWN	9499	
BRULE	1421	
BUFFALO	260	
BUTTE	2460	
CAMPBELL	591	
CHARLES MIX	2256	
CLARK	1196	
CLAY	2819	
CODINGTON	6589	
CORSON	548	
CUSTER	2433	
DAVISON	5054	
DAY	1712	
DEUEL	1299	
DEWEY	824	
DOUGLAS	1170	
EDMUNDS	1279	
FALL RIVER	1868	
FAULK	715	
GRANT	2208	
GREGORY	1383	
HAAKON	780	
HAMLIN	1691	
HAND	1332	
HANSON	1008	
HARDING	494	
HUGHES	6139	
HUTCHINSON	2062	
HYDE	566	
JACKSON	609	
JERAULD	630	
JONES	518	
KINGSBURY	1679	
LAKE	3282	
LAWRENCE	6238	
LINCOLN	10248	
LYMAN	1042	
MARSHALL	1035	
MCCOOK	1688	
MCPHERSON	850	
MEADE	6148	
MELLETTE	458	
MINER	699	
MINNEHAHA	38667	
MOODY	1799	
PENNINGTON	22988	
PERKINS	918	
POTTER	1013	
ROBERTS	2225	
SANBORN	744	
SHANNON	539	
SPINK	2186	
STANLEY	1081	
SULLY	569	
TODD	721	
TRIPP	1914	
TURNER	2573	
UNION	3407	
WALWORTH	1581	
YANKTON	5310	
ZIEBACH	343	
TOTALS	200909	200909
PERCENTAGE		100.00%

**COMMISSIONER OF SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LANDS
GENERAL ELECTION November 7, 2006**

	Jarrod Johnson - R	Bryce Healy - D	Jade Ager - L
AURORA	612	762	19
BEADLE	3196	3759	127
BENNETT	502	541	30
BON HOMME	1204	1640	53
BROOKINGS	5154	5377	272
BROWN	6615	7929	276
BRULE	715	1477	33
BUFFALO	152	466	16
BUTTE	2276	1086	189
CAMPBELL	512	252	12
CHARLES MIX	1548	1934	45
CLARK	914	865	34
CLAY	1688	2936	154
CODINGTON	5312	4689	164
CORSON	413	542	30
CUSTER	2127	1316	156
DAVISON	3687	3476	132
DAY	1086	1732	51
DEUEL	948	1016	40
DEWEY	548	1015	45
DOUGLAS	1075	550	19
EDMUNDS	951	1035	30
FALL RIVER	1752	1189	167
FAULK	533	524	18
GRANT	1510	1759	61
GREGORY	975	1041	34
HAAKON	684	303	25
HAMLIN	1331	1030	34
HAND	960	941	28
HANSON	866	758	18
HARDING	480	149	21
HUGHES	3845	3922	84
HUTCHINSON	1902	1391	49
HYDE	431	365	9
JACKSON	531	382	32
JERAULD	435	595	9
JONES	401	207	10
KINGSBURY	1206	1229	42
LAKE	2095	2690	120
LAWRENCE	5264	3718	591
LINCOLN	8417	6165	225
LYMAN	647	811	21
MARSHALL	522	1239	20
MCCOOK	1138	1507	40
MCPHERSON	741	427	15
MEADE	5526	3146	374
MELLETTE	345	342	30
MINER	431	716	21
MINNEHAHA	29889	30512	1390
MOODY	1227	1598	52
PENNINGTON	20560	13663	1310
PERKINS	841	470	46
POTTER	767	567	23
ROBERTS	1410	2417	89
SANBORN	503	632	24
SHANNON	288	1805	95
SPINK	1443	1647	43
STANLEY	738	710	25
SULLY	443	351	16
TODD	461	1206	75
TRIPP	1368	1180	37
TURNER	1863	1860	64
UNION	2690	2438	129
WALWORTH	1350	878	41
YANKTON	3150	4711	205
ZIEBACH	276	414	17
TOTALS	309176	148000	7706
PERCENTAGE	49.64%	47.87%	2.49%

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONER
GENERAL ELECTION November 7, 2006**

	John Koskan – R	Steve Kolbeck - D	Ben Sutter - L	
AURORA	549	751	30	
BEADLE	3070	3495	211	
BENNETT	555	460	47	
BON HOMME	1157	1559	73	
BROOKINGS	4575	5309	372	
BROWN	6034	7680	471	
BRULE	889	1145	46	
BUFFALO	136	447	24	
BUTTE	2094	1113	192	
CAMPBELL	508	229	12	
CHARLES MIX	1587	1820	51	
CLARK	806	882	49	
CLAY	1477	2982	168	
CODINGTON	4587	4954	246	
CORSON	381	523	48	
CUSTER	1951	1357	171	
DAVISON	3308	3593	162	
DAY	970	1710	75	
DEUEL	815	1066	41	
DEWEY	496	1013	49	
DOUGLAS	1053	547	28	
EDMUNDS	935	846	55	
FALL RIVER	1576	1207	210	
FAULK	562	428	25	
GRANT	1433	1736	68	
GREGORY	1302	741	45	
HAAKON	822	183	26	
HAMLIN	1228	1046	46	
HAND	961	849	45	
HANSON	778	801	27	
HARDING	433	144	32	
HUGHES	4311	3091	193	
HUTCHINSON	1807	1346	58	
HYDE	373	380	17	
JACKSON	566	339	37	
JERAULD	404	558	23	
JONES	445	170	12	
KINGSBURY	1094	1255	55	
LAKE	1872	2704	197	
LAWRENCE	4891	3870	586	
LINCOLN	7369	6759	287	
LYMAN	826	611	31	
MARSHALL	629	994	40	
MCCOOK	746	1990	32	
MCPHERSON	763	363	27	
MEADE	5059	3107	491	
MELLETTE	431	281	28	
MINER	348	796	20	
MINNEHAHA	25329	33375	1725	
MOODY	930	1776	81	
PENNINGTON	19068	13770	1568	
PERKINS	813	433	57	
POTTER	788	515	30	
ROBERTS	1346	2300	107	
SANBORN	453	619	52	
SHANNON	233	1797	117	
SPINK	1303	1619	89	
STANLEY	804	581	42	
SULLY	486	285	19	
TODD	469	1164	88	
TRIPP	1768	866	62	
TURNER	1749	1839	94	
UNION	2483	2545	155	
WALWORTH	1288	899	56	
YANKTON	3344	4018	311	
ZIEBACH	240	405	21	
TOTALS	299845	141856	148036	9953
PERCENTAGE		47.31%	49.37%	3.32%

RETENTION OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 7, 2006

	John K. Konenkamp-1st		Richard W. Sabers-2nd		Steven L. Zinter-3rd		Judith K. Meierhenry-4th		David Gilbertson-5th	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
AURORA	921	163	908	153	878	171	920	173	905	152
BEADLE	4835	791	4772	822	4708	832	4839	907	4787	746
BENNETT	638	277	616	277	580	299	614	267	565	285
BON HOMME	1861	406	1772	426	1773	430	1870	435	1792	399
BROOKINGS	7295	1175	7169	1233	7153	1209	7468	1226	7491	1053
BROWN	10552	1707	10299	1804	10464	1682	10659	1844	10783	1569
BRULE	1419	294	1378	298	1371	290	1449	315	1388	282
BUFFALO	320	199	310	195	307	197	343	189	312	191
BUTTE	2553	529	2412	605	2415	573	2469	582	2439	541
CAMPBELL	540	70	521	80	520	79	513	106	530	74
CHARLES MIX	2323	479	2242	500	2198	538	2369	501	2244	505
CLARK	1143	237	1106	246	1112	235	1150	252	1162	205
CLAY	3248	581	3171	615	3188	596	3350	641	3234	566
CODINGTON	7287	1186	7047	1307	7123	1208	7270	1335	7329	1123
CORSON	552	241	526	248	519	240	541	236	536	224
CUSTER	2489	548	2250	651	2288	613	2351	613	2292	594
DAVISON	5379	699	5339	713	5225	761	5448	797	5339	678
DAY	1967	350	1887	378	1894	363	2007	360	2128	324
DEUEL	1288	277	1239	301	1259	277	1291	292	1292	253
DEWEY	955	398	904	419	908	405	968	372	927	382
DOUGLAS	1099	156	1071	167	1049	156	1084	186	1055	159
EDMUNDS	1290	200	246	220	1278	189	1318	199	1303	187
FALL RIVER	2020	537	1762	676	1827	601	1857	642	1856	567
FAULK	703	144	671	154	679	139	694	156	705	130
GRANT	2363	413	2315	419	2339	410	2410	378	2363	394
GREGORY	1372	288	1307	304	1322	297	1516	299	1344	267
HAAKON	742	136	679	159	724	131	720	143	703	134
HAMLIN	1606	320	1538	358	1581	314	1597	360	1659	265
HAND	1232	283	1192	299	1197	290	1242	300	1219	263
HANSON	1120	162	1120	159	1109	165	1118	198	1116	151
HARDING	419	88	422	83	415	90	420	92	422	79
HUGHES	6097	797	5957	889	6701	695	6087	1034	6275	706
HUTCHINSON	2346	260	2286	269	2245	267	2340	335	2267	259
HYDE	535	113	511	128	543	106	532	122	513	118
JACKSON	610	199	545	237	557	219	599	205	555	214
JERAULD	659	139	643	142	620	159	668	156	657	128
JONES	420	95	409	91	426	87	435	92	413	81
KINGSBURY	1675	271	1648	279	1648	283	1719	279	1702	235
LAKE	3507	547	3521	543	3385	579	3589	638	3537	502
LAWRENCE	6605	1511	6263	1649	6267	1595	6449	1582	6323	1551
LINCOLN	10286	1489	10159	1597	10055	1558	10554	1880	10274	1413
LYMAN	908	254	878	271	906	248	941	264	893	253
MARSHALL	1120	242	1098	233	1100	221	1160	207	1302	191
MCCOOK	1823	283	1966	265	1784	281	1922	301	1820	257
MCPHERSON	765	150	742	148	723	158	751	149	745	138
MEADE	6416	1369	5923	1548	5907	1509	6100	1482	5958	1431
MELLETTE	430	169	406	180	412	174	450	161	412	180
MINER	749	146	781	108	737	140	790	138	771	114
MINNEHAHA	41393	6498	41095	6982	40349	6730	43467	8169	41575	6204
MOODY	1933	420	1877	442	1863	449	2029	422	1924	413
PENNINGTON	26466	4158	23686	4889	23817	4670	24453	4835	23972	4497
PERKINS	836	206	779	240	785	226	793	240	815	206
POTTER	898	190	870	194	877	192	930	183	901	181
ROBERTS	2552	686	2515	682	2477	698	2658	624	3137	571
SANBORN	784	132	769	135	747	143	789	146	759	126
SHANNON	1041	880	893	931	868	932	1053	798	961	860
SPINK	2144	401	2112	411	2123	394	2188	395	2187	368
STANLEY	1073	192	1052	198	1177	160	1073	224	1084	176
SULLY	559	97	542	104	597	74	583	98	560	90
TODD	788	685	772	665	762	665	933	554	787	649
TRIPP	1794	338	1757	337	1784	340	1858	380	1759	340
TURNER	2568	448	2520	462	2457	479	2592	549	2522	431
UNION	3577	725	3496	743	3477	757	3624	732	3543	699
WALWORTH	1612	286	1553	297	1554	300	1597	298	1555	273
YANKTON	5245	1226	5146	1255	5105	1294	5295	1331	5240	1186
ZIEBACH	347	232	322	243	326	229	358	203	348	214
TOTALS	212092	39168	203683	42056	204564	40791	213224	43602	209266	37997
PERCENTAGE	84.41%	15.59%	82.89%	17.11%	83.37%	16.63%	83.02%	16.98%	84.63%	15.37%
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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS - GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2006

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	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
AURORA	886	581	336	1103	144	1315	366	1055
BEADLE	4107	3441	1018	6334	720	6722	2177	4984
BENNETT	561	588	239	867	240	895	330	736
BON HOMME	1800	1349	700	2402	262	2865	746	2268
BROOKINGS	5544	6233	2196	9181	1074	10557	3802	7311
BROWN	8025	7712	2527	12843	1629	13945	4419	10647
BRULE	1328	1005	411	1870	197	2108	658	1565
BUFFALO	301	338	175	450	202	446	221	419
BUTTE	1957	1854	1007	2772	429	3382	989	2760
CAMPBELL	449	352	107	681	58	741	191	567
CHARLES MIX	2189	1476	659	2918	410	3205	1136	2390
CLARK	1009	896	403	1466	142	1739	533	1291
CLAY	1843	3475	823	4260	483	4762	1759	3265
CODINGTON	6110	4754	2204	8476	1121	9651	3393	7047
CORSON	481	562	233	785	170	859	362	635
CUSTER	1938	1985	1284	2583	449	3447	1060	2724
DAVISON	4469	3326	1308	6323	779	6936	2526	4905
DAY	1504	1496	557	2406	318	2670	752	2172
DEUEL	1218	935	434	1675	178	1944	541	1534
DEWEY	694	985	336	1305	323	1347	526	1089
DOUGLAS	1266	515	350	1400	137	1628	579	1124
EDMUNDS	1175	873	351	1631	191	1800	515	1403
FALL RIVER	1600	1742	940	2331	503	2826	945	2312
FAULK	570	564	170	932	98	1029	256	830
GRANT	1890	1720	559	2972	346	3219	1064	2409
GREGORY	1258	950	531	1627	225	1959	593	1502
HAAKON	573	519	214	855	86	1000	254	798
HAMLIN	1511	1047	535	1956	222	2305	633	1805
HAND	1111	934	377	1559	188	1805	515	1388
HANSON	1193	638	350	1423	182	1619	534	1203
HARDING	402	280	139	529	30	647	171	490
HUGHES	4055	4097	960	7084	740	7379	2593	5367
HUTCHINSON	2189	1468	595	2942	292	3275	1055	2351
HYDE	452	376	137	672	81	746	219	582
JACKSON	529	454	232	735	146	839	283	683
JERAULD	561	507	178	875	101	952	316	703
JONES	327	321	134	495	55	581	115	505
KINGSBURY	1278	1335	461	2114	230	2394	786	1734
LAKE	2703	2634	970	4313	510	4813	1487	3695
LAWRENCE	5043	5481	2750	7639	1096	9362	2965	7161
LINCOLN	8972	7197	2301	13547	1399	14676	5687	9757
LYMAN	738	785	293	1215	212	1307	432	1048
MARSHALL	902	950	295	1523	178	1651	495	1255
MCCOOK	1685	1159	441	2335	270	2530	851	1844
MCPHERSON	769	527	236	1026	134	1134	369	865
MEADE	5296	4618	3162	6612	1285	8611	2817	6764
MELLETTE	392	367	157	597	167	590	216	524
MINER	633	612	201	1018	105	1134	343	844
MINNEHAHA	33603	32838	9789	56204	6541	60242	23043	40690
MOODY	1573	1537	541	2489	386	2685	930	2037
PENNINGTON	19806	18991	13084	24957	4500	34046	13098	24168
PERKINS	873	605	239	1207	89	1383	395	1020
POTTER	773	668	217	1193	100	1311	308	1061
ROBERTS	2179	1991	810	3320	608	3555	1278	2737
SANBORN	656	595	210	999	134	1083	347	836
SHANNON	795	1467	567	1613	941	1297	982	1198
SPINK	1678	1602	565	2644	303	2928	786	2349
STANLEY	700	807	193	1300	156	1350	406	1070
SULLY	476	363	124	706	85	750	172	642
TODD	825	985	425	1329	736	1064	694	1035
TRIPP	1489	1222	575	2057	277	2414	646	1954
TURNER	2349	1753	700	3309	382	3671	1308	2586
UNION	2923	2704	959	4533	638	4860	1679	3643
WALWORTH	1271	1154	359	2018	215	2179	654	1662
YANKTON	4505	4461	1403	7286	861	7994	2521	5962
ZIEBACH	345	396	167	554	152	575	204	498
TOTALS	172305	160152	65903	260375	35641	294734	103026	215458
PERCENTAGE	51.83%	48.17%	20.20%	79.80%	10.79%	89.21%	32.35%	67.65%

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	Yes	No
AURORA	776	695
BEADLE	3437	4129
BENNETT	463	665
BON HOMME	1715	1444
BROOKINGS	4697	7063
BROWN	7065	8712
BRULE	1140	1179
BUFFALO	272	384
BUTTE	1680	2158
CAMPBELL	469	344
CHARLES MIX	2060	1800
CLARK	841	1064
CLAY	1648	3646
CODINGTON	5375	5514
CORSON	626	415
CUSTER	1341	2578
DAVISON	3752	4055
DAY	1275	1735
DEUEL	991	1148
DEWEY	703	973
DOUGLAS	1350	441
EDMUNDS	1134	919
FALL RIVER	1315	2040
FAULK	585	549
GRANT	1820	1779
GREGORY	1150	1061
HAAKON	607	486
HAMLIN	1329	1223
HAND	1087	961
HANSON	1174	658
HARDING	300	380
HUGHES	3012	5124
HUTCHINSON	2338	1315
HYDE	372	452
JACKSON	436	554
JERAULD	401	670
JONES	268	373
KINGSBURY	1091	1540
LAKE	2238	3128
LAWRENCE	3845	6702
LINCOLN	7778	8470
LYMAN	547	991
MARSHALL	769	1067
MCCOOK	1766	1084
MCPHERSON	671	616
MEADE	4082	5834
MELLETTE	309	452
MINER	640	623
MINNEHAHA	29510	38581
MOODY	1336	1774
PENNINGTON	15238	23705
PERKINS	806	673
POTTER	781	657
ROBERTS	1938	2264
SANBORN	535	708
SHANNON	828	1486
SPINK	1509	1764
STANLEY	515	999
SULLY	399	443
TODD	754	1055
TRIPP	1354	1349
TURNER	2127	1989
UNION	2523	3117
WALWORTH	1243	1189
YANKTON	4203	4774
ZIEBACH	309	425
TOTALS	148648	185945
PERCENTAGE	44.43%	55.57%

INITIATED MEASURES - GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2006

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	Yes	No										
AURORA	871	593	583	872	609	839	786	534	481	983	495	954
BEADLE	4505	2991	4055	3249	3453	3973	3980	3329	2534	4960	2977	4412
BENNETT	514	623	428	668	515	614	636	457	264	870	299	826
BON HOMME	2010	1135	954	2102	1191	1928	1857	1227	964	2174	1191	1915
BROOKINGS	7986	3743	4607	6883	6078	5554	6083	5369	4023	7595	4645	6879
BROWN	9818	5958	6788	8670	7623	7999	8480	6876	5866	9643	5573	9907
BRULE	1393	926	831	1439	909	1385	1158	1107	624	1667	685	1609
BUFFALO	241	417	263	382	404	253	414	231	224	436	247	403
BUTTE	2068	1769	1612	2142	1682	2137	2043	1738	1052	2778	1641	2171
CAMPBELL	480	327	314	464	300	498	397	379	246	560	196	606
CHARLES MIX	2225	1434	1395	2200	1498	2134	1936	1648	1079	2573	1377	2229
CLARK	1085	815	907	951	798	1095	997	866	464	1433	592	1290
CLAY	3428	1876	1945	3174	3238	2023	3057	2105	1402	3853	1955	3218
CODINGTON	6905	4001	5090	5551	4583	6238	5808	4836	3683	7191	4330	6426
CORSON	505	521	377	637	454	565	517	482	249	776	286	732
CUSTER	2281	1625	1759	2090	1809	2101	2284	1566	1109	2807	1261	2627
DAVISON	5021	2759	3060	4548	3240	4498	4055	3526	2447	5337	2951	4737
DAY	1813	1199	1449	1475	1372	1618	1666	1289	870	2132	1080	1917
DEUEL	1312	828	977	1122	935	1183	1211	895	603	1535	760	1364
DEWEY	762	904	612	1029	912	754	937	889	366	1291	571	1081
DOUGLAS	1198	578	695	1033	451	1312	846	897	791	975	602	1156
EDMUNDS	1200	818	839	1107	941	1050	1071	894	624	1391	719	1278
FALL RIVER	1782	1569	1468	1806	1552	1803	1973	1313	972	2369	1166	2137
FAULK	699	431	448	647	529	604	530	572	327	805	412	714
GRANT	2277	1323	1359	2173	1397	2172	2002	1535	1013	2583	1195	2362
GREGORY	1326	876	703	1464	894	1299	1246	913	587	1614	835	1356
HAAKON	540	550	382	680	371	707	506	555	324	763	387	694
HAMLIN	1465	1096	1217	1276	1111	1424	1238	1238	980	1559	946	1561
HAND	1216	775	748	1177	786	1183	977	958	644	1362	662	1295
HANSON	1214	602	549	1192	663	1135	899	870	545	1147	593	1193
HARDING	281	400	234	437	217	461	316	357	146	528	186	493
HUGHES	4735	3427	2787	5260	3625	4484	3299	4735	2238	5847	2901	5172
HUTCHINSON	2476	1157	1565	1985	1297	2318	1863	1642	1443	2184	1256	2331
HYDE	464	368	383	433	327	496	396	420	230	600	226	601
JACKSON	417	571	473	493	422	568	534	439	318	667	359	625
JERAULD	610	452	509	529	472	581	565	473	271	796	273	787
JONES	324	319	305	335	264	377	288	346	198	447	215	419
KINGSBURY	1545	1090	1214	1357	1219	1390	1325	1267	791	1834	1110	1485
LAKE	3092	2259	2340	2896	2525	2796	2810	2468	1618	3747	2110	3201
LAWRENCE	6190	4329	4624	5634	5402	5076	6091	4167	2667	7813	3932	6477
LINCOLN	10992	5283	6530	9398	7541	8646	8340	7583	6055	10168	7080	8998
LYMAN	722	821	658	853	721	809	807	703	411	1130	514	1009
MARSHALL	1117	714	800	983	865	952	999	789	517	1317	570	1247
MCCOOK	1807	1023	1104	1668	1259	1550	1482	1305	943	1896	1099	1706
MCPHERSON	814	459	568	680	495	779	631	618	464	810	412	857
MEADE	5588	4324	4497	5184	4503	5368	5360	4397	3031	6865	4202	5633
MELLETTE	373	381	315	417	328	434	414	335	230	528	271	479
MINER	768	482	504	711	539	702	666	551	368	879	414	823
MINNEHAHA	42380	25255	27659	38235	34870	32008	37539	28724	25934	41943	29691	37081
MOODY	1863	1234	1291	1734	1531	1553	1797	1247	947	2161	1321	1768
PENNINGTON	23945	14952	18731	19310	18919	19856	21971	16085	13732	25033	15425	23060
PERKINS	803	667	538	901	604	857	750	686	419	1048	366	1094
POTTER	759	669	566	819	625	783	721	686	332	1094	413	1002
ROBERTS	2407	1783	1952	2136	1879	2290	2552	1538	1071	3111	1428	2719
SANBORN	728	498	504	692	602	615	681	516	312	919	331	890
SHANNON	749	1542	1004	1218	1538	740	1291	893	644	1625	901	1367
SPINK	1946	1313	1329	1856	1432	1808	1604	1570	1011	2265	1187	2037
STANLEY	725	784	560	926	698	800	666	828	422	1084	749	927
SULLY	460	377	349	471	385	446	386	443	232	608	266	568
TODD	763	1038	820	938	1133	672	1115	644	526	1259	769	1017
TRIPP	1595	1114	1151	1476	1063	1624	1403	1261	705	1993	912	1767
TURNER	2517	1588	1769	2233	1947	2122	2240	1775	1516	2592	1831	2235
UNION	3459	2165	2275	3183	2852	2714	3378	2037	1263	4348	1928	3588
WALWORTH	1400	1017	836	1521	1003	1406	1264	1098	660	1752	811	1596
YANKTON	5532	3404	3051	5583	4217	4627	5097	3625	2832	6095	3521	5303
ZIEBACH	293	436	278	441	336	392	361	349	178	541	242	481
TOTALS	202779	130757	140487	185129	157953	173178	180592	145594	110032	222889	128551	198992
PERCENTAGE	60.80%	39.20%	43.14%	56.86%	47.70%	52.30%	55.36%	44.64%	33.05%	66.95%	39.38%	60.62%

2006 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 C

Title: An Amendment to Article XXI of the South Dakota Constitution, relating to marriage.

Attorney General Explanation

South Dakota statutes currently limit marriage to unions between a man and a woman. However, the State Constitution does not address marriage.

Amendment C would amend the State Constitution to allow and recognize marriage only between a man and a woman. It would also prohibit the Legislature from allowing or recognizing civil unions, domestic partnerships or other quasi-marital relationships between two or more persons regardless of sex.

A vote “Yes” will change the Constitution.

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

Constitutional Amendment D

Title: An Amendment to Article XI, Section 2 of the South Dakota Constitution, relating to real property assessment for taxation.

Attorney General Explanation

The State Constitution currently requires that all taxable property be valued for tax purposes at no more than its actual value, and that all property be classified and taxed uniformly.

The proposed amendment to the State Constitution would base the taxable value of property upon “acquisition value” for property sold after January 1, 2007. The Legislature may authorize the assessed value of such property to be annually adjusted by up to three percent, using the 2003 assessed property valuation as the base year.

The taxable value of the property may be further adjusted if the property has changed use or classification or has been subject to addition, improvement or destruction.

The limitations of this amendment will not apply to centrally assessed property or to any property sold prior to January 1, 2007.

A vote “Yes” will change the Constitution.

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

Constitutional Amendment E

Title: An Amendment to Article VI of the South Dakota Constitution, relating to judicial decisions.

Attorney General Explanation

Citizens serving on juries, school boards, city councils, county commissions, or in similar capacities, and prosecutors and judges, are all required to make judicial decisions. Their decisions may be reversed on appeal, or they may be removed from office for misconduct or by election. However, they cannot be made to pay money damages for making such decisions. This allows them to do their job without fear of threat or reprisal from either side.

The proposed amendment to the State Constitution would allow thirteen special grand jurors to expose these decision makers to fines and jail, and strip them of public insurance coverage and up to one-half of their retirement benefits, for making decisions which break rules defined by the special grand jurors. Special grand jurors are drawn from those who submit their names and registered voters.

The proposed amendment is retroactive. The special grand jurors may penalize any decision-maker still alive for decisions made many years ago.

If approved, the proposed amendment will likely be challenged in court and may be declared to be in violation of the US Constitution. If so, the State may be required to pay attorneys fees and costs.

A vote "Yes" will change the Constitution.

A vote "No" will leave the Constitution as it is.

Constitutional Amendment F

Title: An Amendment to Article III of the South Dakota Constitution, relating to the Legislature.

Attorney General Explanation

This proposed amendment to the State Constitution includes recommendations by the Constitution Revision Commission.

The amendment would remove the current limitation on expense reimbursements received by legislators, and would allow legislators to receive salary, per diem, expenses and mileage reimbursement as provided by law.

The amendment would remove the current specific prohibitions against enacting private or special laws. The Legislature would be restricted by a general prohibition against enacting a special law when a general or local law can be made applicable.

The amendment would remove the Congressional term limit, which the federal courts have found unconstitutional. The procedure for introduction of a bill would be shortened. The amendment would require a two-thirds vote to close a legislative session to the

public and prohibit any vote to be taken in a closed session. The amendment would allow the Legislature to exercise emergency powers in the event of man-made and natural disasters.

A vote “Yes” will change the Constitution.

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

2006 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 2

Title: An Initiative to increase the tax on cigarettes and tobacco products and to dedicate the revenues.

Attorney General Explanation

South Dakota currently taxes tobacco products. The proposed law would increase taxation on tobacco products sold in the state. The tax on a 20 stick cigarette package would be raised by \$1.00; the tax on a 25 stick cigarette package would be raised by \$1.25. The tax on all other tobacco products such as cigars, roll-your-own, and chewing tobacco, would increase from 10 percent to 35 percent of the wholesale price.

The proposed law would deposit up to \$30 million of tobacco tax revenue into the state general fund. The next \$5 million, if any, will be deposited in the tobacco prevention and reduction trust fund. Tobacco tax revenue in excess of \$35 million, if any, will be divided among the property tax reduction fund, the education enhancement trust fund, and the health care trust fund. The proposed law also establishes continuous appropriations out of the tobacco prevention and reduction trust fund for specified purposes.

A vote “Yes” will adopt the proposed law.

A vote “No” will reject the proposed law.

Initiated Measure 3

Title: An Initiative to prohibit starting a school term prior to the last day of August.

Attorney General Explanation

State law currently allows local school boards to establish the start of a regular school term on any date. The proposed law would prohibit local school boards from establishing the start of a regular school term prior to the last day of August.

A vote “Yes” will adopt the proposed law.

A vote “No” will reject the proposed law.

Initiated Measure 4

Title: An act to provide safe access to medical marijuana for certain qualified persons.

Attorney General Explanation

This initiative would allow persons, including minors with parental consent, with a debilitating medical condition, to be certified to grow (not more than six plants), possess (not more than one ounce) and use small amounts of marijuana for medical purposes.

“Debilitating medical condition” is defined to include cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, or a chronic, debilitating condition that produces cachexia, wasting syndrome, severe or chronic pain, severe nausea, seizures, including epileptic seizures, severe or persistent muscle spasms, including spasms caused by spinal injury, multiple sclerosis, Crohn’s disease or fibromyalgia or any other medical condition approved by the Department of Health.

Certification may be accomplished by submitting medical records to the Department of Health or by submitting a doctor’s recommendation.

A person may not drive while impaired by marijuana and may not smoke marijuana in any place where tobacco smoking is prohibited.

Growth, possession and use of marijuana will still be illegal under federal law but certification is a defense to criminal prosecution under state law.

A vote “Yes” will adopt the proposed law.

A vote “No” will reject the proposed law.

Initiated Measure 5

Title: An Initiative to place certain restrictions on the use of state owned or leased aircraft.

Attorney General Explanation

State law currently allows state employees to use vehicles owned or leased by the State only for state business. There is a limited exception for state employees with a supervisor’s approval. The Governor and certain law enforcement personnel are exempt.

The proposed law requires aircraft owned or leased by the State to be used only for state business, with no exceptions. A person violating this provision would now be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

A vote “Yes” will adopt the proposed law.

A vote “No” will reject the proposed law.

Initiated Measure 7

Title: An Initiative to repeal video lottery.

Attorney General Explanation

The State operates video lottery as authorized by State law. During the last year, the State received approximately one hundred twelve million dollars (\$112,000,000.00) from video lottery which is 11% of the state general fund budget.

The proposed law would repeal video lottery and eliminate this source of revenue.

A vote “Yes” will adopt the proposed law.

A vote “No” will reject the proposed law.

Initiated Measure 8

Title: An Act to repeal the gross receipts tax on wireless telecommunication services.

Attorney General Explanation

State laws impose a four percent tax on the gross receipts of companies providing wireless telecommunications (cell phone) services instead of a property tax.

Last year the State received approximately eight and one-half million dollars (\$8,500,000.00) from the cell phone tax. Forty percent (40%) of these revenues are distributed to counties based on population; the balance goes to the State.

The proposed law would repeal this tax, and eliminate this source of revenue.

A vote “Yes” will adopt the proposed law.

A vote “No” will reject the proposed law.

2006 Referred Laws

The following law was adopted by the Legislature and referred to the voters by petition. These laws will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

Referred Law 6

Title: Referral of HB 1215, entitled “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.”

Attorney General Explanation

Current South Dakota law generally allows a pregnant woman to 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 pregnant woman.

House Bill 1215 would prohibit any person, at any time, from providing any medicine or other substance to a pregnant woman for the specific purpose of terminating her pregnancy. However, a person may provide a contraception substance to a woman without penalty prior to the time her pregnancy could be determined by conventional medical testing.

HB 1215 would also prohibit any person, at any time, from using any instrument or procedure on a pregnant woman for the specific purpose of terminating her pregnancy, unless the person is a licensed physician performing a medical procedure to prevent the death of the pregnant woman.

Any person other than the pregnant woman who violates the provisions of HB 1215 would commit a felony.

If approved, HB 1215 will likely be challenged in court and may be declared to be in violation of the US Constitution. If so, the State may be required to pay attorneys fees and costs.

A vote "Yes" will allow the Act to become effective.

A vote "No" will reject the Act.

**South Dakota Republican Party
2006 Platform****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 and 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 21st 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, rear 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, biodiesel, and power created by water, wind and biomass, must become a larger piece of our nation's energy supply. South Dakota should work toward becoming a leader in the production of that energy.

6. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the mining, 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 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 mainstem 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 supports the continued development of the cooperative relationship between businesses and all levels of education.

17. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the continued use of innovative programs, such as the 2010 Initiative and other 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 supports the continued development of the former Homestake Mine for scientific and research purposes. We further support its designation as the best site for the national Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory, which would have long lasting economic impact throughout the entire state.

Health and Human Services

24. The South Dakota Republican Party affirms its commitment to the physical, mental, social “Tiospaye” (extended family) and spiritual well-being 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, 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 the lower 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 sexuality 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 sexuality 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 recognizes that the economy of the 21st Century will require new skills and continuing education for people. The Party supports a post-secondary technical and university system that will provide a quality education and job skills for all our citizens.

36. The South Dakota Republican Party recognizes that ethnic harmony is an on-going concern in our multi-cultural 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 U.S. Constitution, the Federalist Papers and other important historical documents, as well as the teaching of World, American, South Dakota, and American Indian history, emphasizing the principles and values upon which our nation was founded. The Party supports the recitation of the current Pledge of Allegiance in our schools. The Party also supports the display of the Ten Commandments in our schools if the display conforms to our state laws.

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 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.

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.

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 construction, repair, maintenance and development of quality transportation infrastructure in a fair 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.

Public Safety and Security

52. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the administration of justice to protect our citizens and their property, to assist the victims of crime, and to punish and 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 violence-free and illegal drug-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 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms and opposes any further attempts to restrict private firearms ownership.

56. The South Dakota Republican Party supports the continued development of a strong emergency response system in South Dakota.

57. The South Dakota Republican Party supports maintaining a strong and reasonable approach to homeland security, 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 on-line 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.

**South Dakota Democratic Party
2006 Platform****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 4-H, 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, concentration, and control of agricultural commodities is 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 and the right of counties to refer decisions of boards of adjustment.
4. State support and use of our homegrown, renewable fuels, including ethanol, bio-diesel, and other biomass fuels.
5. Require the use of ethanol and bio-diesel fuels in state vehicles and the purchase of flexible fuel vehicles.
6. 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.
7. 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. This applies to renewable fuels, wind energy, hydro generation, hydrogen fuels, and any other potential we have in South Dakota.
8. 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.
9. Supports the nation wide 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.
10. 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.

11. 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.

Economic Development

The South Dakota Democratic Party advocates long-term and diversified economic development for the purpose of improving the quality of life for all South Dakota citizens, improving employment opportunities, and increasing the resources for public services.

1. 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 including agricultural/natural resources/energy; manufacturing/construction; and services such as retailing/tourism, health care, education, and technology.
2. Our labor force should become a magnet for high-value, good-paying jobs. Economic development should be measured not only by the number, but the quality of jobs created.
3. The state's role is to promote the capacity of our businesses and employees by investing in education and training. Throughout our educational system we need to promote the development of a work-ready labor force with an entrepreneurial mindset. Special attention needs to be given to supporting technical education throughout South Dakota and to research and development in our institutions of higher learning.
4. The state should foster a climate where people can come together to work and labor in an environment that respects the diversity of skills and backgrounds that workers bring to the job.
5. Economic development should give primary focus to developing South Dakota talent, leveraging the special skills and resources in the state to compete in the global economy.
6. The state's investment in infrastructure, utilities, and technical support should enable rural areas throughout the state of South Dakota to compete effectively in the global information economy.

Education

Preamble:

Education is the most important investment that South Dakota can make. Life-long 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 need and deserve the best education possible.

The South Dakota Democratic Party supports:

1. Legislation, which guarantees that each student has equal access to all educational opportunities, including alternatives within the public educational framework.
2. The establishment of funding for universal public early childhood education.
3. The acceptance of the findings of the Education Alliance Adequacy report for K-12 funding.
4. The continued success and funding of the four Technical Institutes.
5. The continued development and success of the Tribal Colleges and Universities.
6. The continued success and funding of the public SD universities and the SD School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the SD School for the Deaf.
7. The continued support and funding of the Opportunity Scholarship Program.

Health Care

1. We recognize that universal access to healthcare is a fundamental human right.
2. We support the formation of a state health plan that offers affordable, accessible, quality healthcare to every individual in South Dakota.
3. We support a strong public health system to promote and support community wellness and prevention.
4. We support investigating how to create a state or multi-state compact to negotiate the price of prescription drugs for South Dakota citizens.
5. The South Dakota Democratic Party opposes any public policy measure that operates to take health insurance away from people.
6. We support requiring insurance coverage of comprehensive family planning services and contraceptives in order to support the health and well being of women and families in South Dakota.
7. We support access to comprehensive family planning, HIV/STD (sexually transmitted disease) prevention and for age-appropriate, medically accurate, comprehensive sexuality education.
8. We oppose government interference with family, patient, and doctor regarding medical and end of life decisions.
9. We support higher education in South Dakota for health care professionals to ensure the highest quality of healthcare services and encourage health professional graduates to practice in rural settings. Admission preference should go to South Dakota residents.
10. We support increased funding for mental and physical health care and rehabilitation for our veterans and state testing for radiation exposure for returning veterans.
11. We support insurance coverage for mental health on an equal basis as physical care.

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 and 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 race, sexual orientation, gender, age, economic status, religion or marital status. Including:
 - a. Information regarding emergency contraception.
 - b. Full healthcare regardless of sexual orientation / gender assignment.
 - c. Treating HIV / AIDS as a health issue, not a legal issue.
7. Adequate funding of domestic violence shelters, sexual assault centers and visitation centers.
8. Quality, affordable childcare that meets with improved health and safety standards.
9. Reasonable alternatives to incarceration for those offenders who would benefit from

programs that promote rehabilitation and behavioral change commensurate with public safety, including restoration of educational opportunities.

10. Safety of juvenile offenders within the State of South Dakota including:
 - a. The fundamental purpose of our juvenile corrections system must be rehabilitation, not punishment.
 - b. Maintain accreditation of the Juvenile Department of Corrections system.
 - c. Maintain an ombudsman, guaranteed to be independent of political or bureaucratic pressure, fully qualified and empowered to act on behalf of young people.
 - d. A Bill of Rights for incarcerated youth and the parents and guardians of all children under jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections, affording due process of law.
11. The Americans with Disabilities Act and appropriate programs to ensure the dignity and support of persons with disabilities.
12. Appropriate staffing and funding for the South Dakota Human Rights Commission.

Labor and Employment

The South Dakota Democratic Party is committed to improving the lives of South Dakota's workers and their families. Therefore, the South Dakota Democratic Party:

1. Supports an improved standard of living for all South Dakotans. This includes increasing wages and benefits as to allow South Dakotans to live the American dream.
2. Supports increasing the State minimum wage.
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, workers compensation. The party also supports the absence of discrimination in the workplace on the basis of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religious or union affiliation.
4. Recognizes that organized labor is important to improve life in South Dakota. It is also recognized 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 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.
5. 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.
6. Opposes any action, which would undermine the ability of labor unions to educate their members and express political viewpoints.
7. Supports continued efforts towards equal pay for equal work for all workers in the state of South Dakota.
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 employees Equal Protection under the state bargaining statute and the right to binding arbitration.
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 the Family Leave Act.
13. Supports the raise in the unemployment compensation rate comparable to the National average.

14. Encourage the South Dakota Department of Labor to use fairness, impartiality and expeditiousness in its consideration of claims by employees.
15. Promotes assurances if a quality workforce in South Dakota through support of continued and expanded training programs at the State's Technical Institutes.

Native American Issues

We recognize the treaty status of the Native Americans in South Dakota as sovereign nations. We also recognize the unique relationship tribes have with the Federal Government. In addition, we recognize the need to foster a positive working relationship between the tribes, the South Dakota Democratic Party, the state and the local governments. We, the Democratic Party:

1. Recognize, respect, honor, and promote the positive values that have sustained the many Native American cultures.
2. Promote awareness of the relationship between the State of South Dakota and the sovereign nations of the Native Americans.
3. Aggressively support the creative pursuit of business and economic opportunities for Native Americans in South Dakota.
4. Support federal, state, tribal, and local coordination and cooperation in the protection of the environment and natural resources.
5. Support and encourage state cooperation to improve the living conditions of Native Americans through the development of infrastructure and housing.
6. Support and encourage state cooperation to improve the quality of life, health care services and delivery, and progressive educational opportunities for Native Americans.
7. Support, encourage, and promote the equal participation of Native Americans at all levels of the South Dakota Democratic Party and the political process.
8. Recognize the right of Native American children to grow up in a Native American setting and the interests of tribes in preserving that right as mandated by the Indian Child Welfare Act.
9. Recognize the spiritual significance of the Black Hills to Native Americans.

Natural Resources

The South Dakota Democratic Party recognizes the fact that protection of our water, air, land, and other natural resources is both essential and beneficial to positive economic development and also to our quality of life. Natural resources must be managed and protected in a way that enhances our quality of life and strengthens agriculture, tourism, manufacturing and South Dakota's other vital industries. South Dakota's unique lifestyle depends upon the protection of our environment and on responsible economic development. Management and regulatory policies must recognize the need to promote sound conservation practices geared toward long-term sustainability of our natural resources. Our resources need to be protected from pollution since they belong not only to us, but to future generations.

1. We support stricter oversight with adequate bonding to ensure restoration and enforcement of our state and federal environmental laws. Those responsible for polluting and/or degrading the quality of South Dakota land, air, and water should be held responsible for their actions. When necessary, prompt clean-up should be conducted at the expense of the polluters.
2. We encourage efforts to utilize ethanol, bio-diesel, wind, biomass, solar, hydro-power, hydrogen, geothermal steam, and other renewable energy. We recognize that development of alternative energy technologies will provide employment opportunities for many South Dakotans, and will minimize pollution caused by the use of fossil fuels.
3. We 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.
4. We 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 removal of dense brush and small diameter trees regardless of marketability of such material. Furthermore, we support the research and development of woody bio-mass utilization.
 5. We 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 aquifers, surface water, and other water resources.
 6. We support policies that provide enhanced outdoor recreational opportunities without damaging South Dakota's natural resources.
 7. We support adequate funding to maintain, improve and protect 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.
 8. We 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.
 9. We support the promotion of conservation districts and the utilization of their services for the development of each community's natural resources.
 10. We encourage increased public education regarding the numerous benefits of conservation and recycling.
 11. We encourage development of community based wind generation.

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 of South Dakota to recognize and appreciate the skills, leadership and expertise of our senior citizens and continue to formulate programs to make use of these resources
2. 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.
3. Support access to affordable prescription drugs, re-importation of prescription drugs from Canada and other foreign countries, and allowing the State to negotiate prescription drug prices as the Veterans Administration and insurance companies currently do.
4. Support access to telecommunications services for all senior citizens at reasonable and affordable rates.
5. Oppose all utility (including but not limited to electric, natural gas, cable, telephone – land based and cellular) company added surcharges and other company add-ons beyond the basic bill and government mandated fees and taxes. This does not apply to municipal-owned utilities.
6. Oppose deregulation of electric utilities in South Dakota.
7. Support policies that protect seniors from fraud and identity theft.

8. Support public policy that ensures the availability of affordable, reliable, and stable utility rates, affordable and safe housing and medical care.
9. Support funding and availability of transportation for seniors.
10. Support access and education for senior citizens and people with disabilities to gain Medicaid eligibility.
11. Promote Department of Social Services policies to encourage and get South Dakotans qualified for Medicaid assistance.
12. Support the elderly Nutrition Program and adequate funding for its delivery.
13. Support life long learning and encourage educational institutions to provide low or no cost educational opportunities.
14. Encourage the State of South Dakota to adopt building codes that provide handicap accessibility and removal of architectural barriers that make it difficult for the elderly and handicapped to use public facilities.
15. Encourage the state government and governor to lobby the federal government and CMS to eliminate any penalties for late Medicare Part D enrollment.
16. We support the repeal of the moratorium on nursing home construction.

State and Local Revenue

The South Dakota Democratic Party urges the State Legislature and the Executive Branch to improve the fairness of our antiquated tax structure. Our tax system should:

1. Be based on a tax structure which taxes all income levels fairly as allowed by the South Dakota State Constitution.
2. Adequately fund public education to secure the goals of the South Dakota adequacy study.
3. Provide for proper maintenance of the state and local infrastructure and government operations.
4. Address the continuing serious flaws in our current system of taxing property.
5. Provide replacement sources of revenue for local governments when current sources of revenue are insufficient
6. Remove the sales tax on food.
7. Repeal the contractors excise tax.
8. Adequately support the South Dakota State Fair in Huron.

