

**Abortion Issues:** Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding abortion.

- a) Abortions should always be illegal.
- b) Abortions should always be legal.
- c) Abortions should be legal only within the first trimester of pregnancy.
- d) Abortions should be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape.
- e) Abortions should be legal when the life of the woman is endangered.
- f) Prohibit public funding of abortions and to organizations that advocate or perform abortions.
- g) Require clinics to give parental notification before performing abortions on minors.
- h) Should South Dakota repeal the current ban on abortions, which makes abortion illegal except when the life of the woman is endangered?  
 Yes  No  Undecided
- i) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Budget and Tax Issues:**

**State Budget:** Using the key, indicate the funding levels (#1-6) you will support for the following general categories. **Select one level per category.**

<p><b>KEY</b></p> <p>1 = <i>Greatly Increase</i></p> <p>2 = <i>Slightly Increase</i></p> <p>3 = <i>Maintain Status</i></p> <p>4 = <i>Slightly Decrease</i></p> <p>5 = <i>Greatly Decrease</i></p> <p>6 = <i>Eliminate</i></p>
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- a) Education (Higher)
- b) Education (K-12)
- c) Emergency preparedness
- d) Environment
- e) Health care
- f) Law enforcement
- g) South Dakota Public Broadcasting
- h) South Dakota State Fair
- i) Transportation and highway infrastructure
- j) Welfare
- k) Other or expanded categories \_\_\_\_\_

**State Taxes:** Indicate the tax levels (#1-6) you will support. **Select one level per tax.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a) Alcohol taxes       | <input type="checkbox"/> f) Sales taxes                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b) Capital gains taxes | <input type="checkbox"/> g) Vehicle taxes                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c) Cigarette taxes     | <input type="checkbox"/> h) Other or expanded categories _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d) Corporate taxes     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> e) Gasoline taxes      |  |

- i) Should the state sales taxes be extended to Internet sales?  Yes  No  Undecided
- j) Should accounts such as a "rainy day" fund be used to balance the state budget?  Yes  No  Undecided
- k) Should fee increases be used to balance the state budget?  Yes  No  Undecided
- l) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Campaign Finance and Governmental Reform Issues:** Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding campaign finance and government reform.

- a) Do you support the current limit of terms for South Dakota governors?  Yes  No  Undecided
- b) Do you support the current limit of terms for South Dakota state senators and representatives?  Yes  No  Undecided
- c) Do you support limiting the following types of contributions to gubernatorial candidates?
  - 1) Individual  Yes  No  Undecided
  - 2) PAC  Yes  No  Undecided
  - 3) Corporate  Yes  No  Undecided
  - 4) Political Parties  Yes  No  Undecided
- d) Do you support requiring full and timely disclosure of campaign finance information?  Yes  No  Undecided
- e) Do you support imposing spending limits on state level political campaigns?  Yes  No  Undecided
- f) Do you support adopting statewide standards for counting, verifying and ensuring accuracy of votes?  Yes  No  Undecided
- g) Do you support prohibiting media exit polling of voters until all polling locations in South Dakota are closed?  Yes  No  Undecided
- h) Should South Dakota recognize civil unions between same-sex couples?  Yes  No  Undecided
- i) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ District No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**Crime Issues:** Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding crime.

- a) Increase state funds for construction of state prisons and hiring of additional prison staff.
- b) Support the death penalty in South Dakota.
- c) Support programs to provide pris on inmates with vocational and job-related skills and job-placement assistance when released.
- d) End parole for repeat violent offenders.
- e) Implement penalties other than incarceration for certain non-violent offenders.
- f) Decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana.
- g) Strengthen penalties and sentences for drug-related crimes.
- h) Minors accused of a violent crime should be prosecuted as adults.
- i) Require that crimes based on race, ethnic background, religious belief, sex, age, disability, or sexual orientation be prosecuted as hate crimes.
- j) Increase state funding for community centers and other social agencies in areas with at-risk youth.
- k) Increase state funding for state and local emergency agencies to prevent or respond to terrorism.
- l) Strengthen sex-offender laws.
- m) Support the restriction of the sale of products used to make methamphetamine (e.g. tablets containing pseudophedrine, ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine).
- n) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Education Issues:** Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding education.

- a) Support national standards and testing of public school students.
- b) Provide parents with state-funded vouchers to send their children to any public school.
- c) Provide parents with state-funded vouchers to send their children to any private or religious school.
- d) Increase state funds for school capital improvements (e.g. buildings and infrastructure).
- e) Increase funds for hiring additional teachers.
- f) Support teacher testing and reward with merit pay.
- g) Endorse voluntary prayer in public schools.
- h) Require public schools to administer high school exit exams.
- i) Provide state funding to increase teacher salaries.
- j) Increase funding for Head Start programs.
- k) Provide state funding for tax incentives and financial aid to help make college more affordable.
- l) Support sexual education programs that include information on abstinence, contraceptives, and HIV/STD prevention methods.
- m) Support abstinence-only sexual education programs.
- n) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment and Affirmative Action Issues:**

**Employment:** Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding employment.

- a) Increase funding for state job-training programs that retrain displaced workers and teach skills needed in today's job market.
- b) Reduce state government regulations on the private sector in order to encourage investment and economic expansion.
- c) Provide low interest loans and tax credits for starting, expanding, or relocating businesses.
- d) Provide tax credits for businesses that provide child care for children in low-income working families.
- e) Increase state funds to provide child care for children in low-income working families.
- f) Include sexual orientation in South Dakota's anti-discrimination laws.
- g) Increase the state minimum wage.
- h) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Affirmative Action:** Should race, ethnicity or gender be taken into account in state agencies' decisions on:

- a) Public employment \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided
- b) State college and university admissions \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided
- c) State contracting \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Undecided
- d) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Environment & Energy Issues:** Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding the environment and energy.

- a) Promote increased use of alternative fuel technology.
- b) Support increased production of traditional domestic energy sources (e.g. coal, natural gas, and oil).
- c) Use state funds to clean up former industrial and commercial sites that are contaminated, unused, or abandoned.
- d) Increase funding for improvements to South Dakota's power generating and transmission facilities.
- e) Support funding for open space preservation.
- f) Enact environmental regulations even if they are stricter than federal law.
- g) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Gun Issues:** Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding guns.

- a) Maintain and strengthen the enforcement of existing state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
- b) Ease state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
- c) Repeal state restrictions on the purchase and possession of guns.
- d) Allow citizens to carry concealed guns.
- e) Require background checks on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows.
- f) Require a license for gun possession.
- g) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Health Issues:** Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding health.

- a) Ensure that citizens have access to basic health care through managed care, insurance reforms, or state-funded care where necessary.
- b) Transfer current Medicaid recipients into managed care programs.
- c) Limit the amount of punitive damages that can be awarded in medical malpractice lawsuits.
- d) Support patients' right to sue their HMOs.
- e) Guaranteed medical care to all citizens is not a responsibility of state government.
- f) Legalize physician assisted suicide in South Dakota.
- g) Allow doctors to prescribe marijuana to their patients for medicinal purposes.
- h) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Welfare and Poverty Issues:** Indicate (✓) which principles you support (if any) regarding welfare.

- a) Support increased work requirements for able-bodied welfare recipients.
- b) Increase funding for employment and job training programs for welfare recipients.
- c) Increase access to public transportation for welfare recipients who work.
- d) Redirect welfare funding to faith-based and community-based private organizations.
- e) Use federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) funds to extend health and child care subsidies to the working poor.
- f) Support marriage promotion programs for welfare recipients.
- g) Eliminate government-funded welfare programs.
- h) Other or expanded principles \_\_\_\_\_

**Legislative Priorities:** *On an attached page, disk, or via email, please explain in a total of 75 words or less, your top two or three priorities if elected. If they require additional funding for implementation, please explain how you would obtain this funding.*

**CANDIDATE MUST SIGN SURVEY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DATABASE.**

Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_ State and District \_\_\_\_\_ Party \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ District No.: \_\_\_\_\_