

# How important is your vote?

Tim Johnson was re-elected to the United States Senate in 2002 by 524 votes which is a margin of less than 5/8 of a vote per precinct.

The 2000 presidential election was decided by less than 1000 votes in the state of Florida. If there was any question about the importance of each and every vote, it was settled as evidenced by the intense scrutiny of each ballot cast.

In 1998 Constitutional Amendment D lost by 304 votes statewide which is less than 1/2 vote per precinct.

In 1998 the District 12 House race ended with a recount finding John McIntyre the winner by 4 votes over Hal Wick.

South Dakota's 1996 District 12 House race ended in a tie between Hal Wick and John McIntyre. The winner, Hal Wick, was chosen by the House of Representatives.

If two voters per precinct in South Dakota had switched their votes on the "Dakota 1" property tax limitation measure in 1994, this measure would have passed.

The 1992 Stanley County State's Attorney race ended in a tie. The winner, Curt Mortenson, was chosen by the dealing of a poker hand.

Tom Daschle was elected to the United States Congress in 1978 by one fourth of one vote per precinct (139 total votes).

Numerous municipal and school board races end in tied races or victories of one or two votes each year.

**Your vote makes a difference!!**