

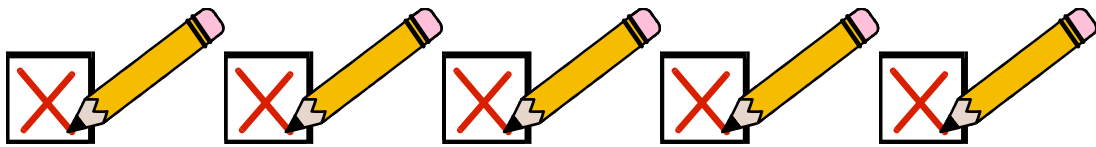
2004 South Dakota Election Guide

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STATEWIDE CANDIDATE LIST

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Democratic: Jim Burg, Wessington Springs (I)

Constitution: Steve Willis, Sioux Falls

Libertarian: Tony Ryan, Sioux Falls

ELECTION CALENDAR

October 24-November 1: Statewide candidates and committees must file supplemental reports with the Secretary of State if they receive an aggregate contribution of \$500 or more within the nine days immediately preceding the election. The report must be filed within 48 hours of receipt of the contribution.

October 26: Deadline for statewide candidates and committees to file pre-general campaign finance reports of receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State. Report covers May 23 through October 23.

November 2: GENERAL ELECTION DAY. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time.

November 5: Last day for the county canvass of election returns.

November 8: Last day for filing a recount petition by county candidates, assuming the canvass was completed on November 5.

November 9: Last day for convening the state board of canvassers.

November 12: Deadline for petition for recount in precinct by voters of the precinct.

November 15: Last day for filing recount petition by legislative or statewide candidates, assuming state canvass was completed on November 9. Last day for a county candidate to initiate action to contest, assuming canvass was completed on November 5 and no recount is in progress.

November 19: Last day for filing petition for recount on a ballot question. Last day for initiating a contest by a legislative or statewide candidate, or by citizens on behalf of a ballot question, assuming the state canvass was completed on November 9 and no recount is in progress.

December 31: Deadline for legislative and county general election candidates to file final reports of receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State or county auditor.

February 1, 2005: Last day for statewide candidates and committees to file year-end reports of campaign finance receipts and expenditures with the Secretary of State. Report covers October 24 through December 31.

U.S. SENATE

South Dakota's U.S. Senate race has drawn national attention as former Rep. John Thune, a Republican, challenges Sen. Tom Daschle, the leader of the Senate Democratic minority. The contest has focused on many of the same issues that dominated the 2002 race in which Thune lost by only 524 votes to Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson. In both instances, President Bush persuaded Thune to run in an attempt to shore up Republican strength in the Senate.

Bush and other Republicans particularly want to get rid of Daschle because they see him as a major impediment to Bush's proposals on a number of issues, such as Senate approval of judicial nominees. Key issues in the race include the same ones featured in the presidential contest, but South Dakotans also see it as a battle between two well-known candidates who have been popular in their home state.

Republicans have a substantial advantage over Democrats in terms of registered voters in South Dakota, but Daschle has never lost a race in his 26-year political career. Daschle won four terms in the House and three in the Senate. Thune won three House elections before giving up his seat to run for the Senate in 2002. Polls throughout the spring and summer indicated a close race, with most showing Daschle leading, so much of the strategy will involve swaying the small group of undecided voters and working to get each candidate's supporters to the polls on November 2.

One of the main issues in this year's campaign, much as it was in 2002, has been which candidate would give South Dakota the most clout if elected. Daschle argues that as leader of the Senate Democrats he can make sure South Dakota's priorities are addressed, and most of his campaign ads have touted the money he has obtained for education, water, and other projects in the state. Thune counters that South Dakota would be better off with a Republican senator because the GOP is expected to retain control of the Senate and he expects Bush will be re-elected. Thune in particular has criticized Daschle for failing to win passage of an energy bill that would increase use of ethanol, but Daschle has said the bill was defeated because Republicans would not remove a controversial provision giving legal immunity to companies that made the MTBE fuel additive.

For the first time in many years, there is no third-party candidate in the 2004 Senate race.

U.S. SENATE BIOGRAPHIES

JOHN THUNE, Republican

John Thune was born Jan. 7, 1961, and grew up in Murdo. He now lives in Sioux Falls. Thune received a bachelor's degree in business administration at Biola University in La Mirada, Calif., in 1983 and a master's degree in business administration at the University of South Dakota in 1984. Thune worked as a legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. Jim Abdnor in 1985 and 1986.

Abdnor lost a re-election bid and was appointed head of the Small Business Administration, where Thune worked as special assistant in 1987 and 1988.

Thune returned to South Dakota in 1989 to become executive director of the South Dakota Republican Party. Thune was director of the state Railroad Division and became executive director of the South Dakota Municipal League in 1993. Thune took a leave of absence from that job to run for Congress in 1996. In his first bid for elected office, he defeated Lt. Gov. Carole Hillard to win the Republican nomination and won the general election. Thune was re-elected in 1998 and 2000 and served on the House Agriculture, Small Business, and Transportation and Infrastructure committees.

Thune said the idea of running for Congress was first raised by the late Gov. George Mickelson, who told him he should run if then-Rep. Tim Johnson vacated the seat. Johnson ran for the Senate in 1996, and Thune captured the House seat for the GOP. He pledged to serve no more than three House terms. There was speculation he would run for governor in 2002, but after personal persuasion from President Bush, Thune announced for the U.S. Senate. He lost that race to the incumbent, Democrat Tim Johnson, by 524 votes. Powerful Republicans persuaded Thune to run for the Senate again in 2004, this time taking on Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle.

Thune and his wife, Kimberley, have two daughters.

TOM DASCHLE, Democrat

Tom Daschle was born in Aberdeen on Dec. 9, 1947. He received a bachelor's degree from South Dakota State University in 1969 and served in the Air Force from 1969 to 1972. Daschle worked as a representative for a financial investment firm, then served as legislative aide to Democratic Sen. James Abourezk from 1973 to 1977.

He was elected to the U.S. House in 1978 as a political newcomer, winning his seat by 139 votes over Republican Leo K. Thorsness, a former prisoner of war in Vietnam. Daschle served four terms in the House and was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986. He was selected to be Senate minority leader in December 1994. He became majority leader in June 2001, but after the 2002 midterm election, Democrats lost their slim majority and Daschle again became minority leader.

The Republican Party identified Daschle as one of their top targets in the nation in 2004, calling him the chief obstructionist to President Bush's judicial nominees, tax-cutting plans and other proposals.

Daschle was first elected to the Senate with 52 percent of the vote, ousting the incumbent, Abdnor. He was re-elected in 1992 with nearly 65 percent of the vote and in 1998, with 62 percent of the vote.

Daschle is married to Linda Hall Daschle and has three children from a previous marriage.

U.S. HOUSE

Democrat Stephanie Herseth comes from a strong political family. Her grandfather, Ralph Herseth, was governor from 1959-1961; her grandmother, Lorna Herseth, was secretary of state from 1973-1979; her father, Lars Herseth, was in the state Legislature for 20 years.

Herseth, 33, first ran for office in 2002, losing to Republican Bill Janklow, a former four-term governor. Herseth announced in 2003 she would run for the House again. Janklow resigned from office early in 2004 after being convicted of second-degree manslaughter for a traffic death. She won a special election on June 1 against Republican Larry Diedrich, claiming victory by 3,005 votes for the open House seat. The two meet again in the general election for the next two-year House term beginning in January 2005.

Diedrich, 47, served nearly eight years in the South Dakota Legislature before resigning in January to run for the U.S. House. He had started a House run in the 2002 election when John Thune decided to run for the U.S. Senate. But Diedrich quickly bowed out after the better-known Janklow decided to seek the Republican nomination in that House race. Diedrich grew up on the family farm near Elkton. After graduating from South Dakota State University with an animal science degree, he returned to the farm to raise corn, soybeans and hogs with his brother.

Along with his work as a farmer and legislator, Diedrich points to his experience as past president of the South Dakota Soybean Association and as president and chairman of the American Soybean Association as trump cards in his quest to become the state's lone House member.

U.S. HOUSE BIOGRAPHIES

LARRY DIEDRICH, Republican

Larry Diedrich was born June 25, 1957, and lives on his family farm near Elkton. He graduated from South Dakota State University with a degree in animal science. He later purchased the farm and raises soybeans, corn and hogs. He served as president of the South Dakota Soybean Association and in 1994 became president of the National Soybean Association.

In 1996, Diedrich was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives, where he served for four years. He was elected to the state Senate in 2000 and resigned in 2004 to run for the House seat left vacant after Rep. Bill Janklow resigned. He narrowly lost a June 1 special election to fill the remainder of Janklow's term. Stephanie Herseth, his November opponent, won that contest.

Diedrich and his wife, Jackie, have four children and two foster children.

STEPHANIE HERSETH, Democrat

Stephanie Herseth was born Dec. 3, 1970. She lives in Brookings.

Herseth is the granddaughter of former Gov. Ralph Herseth, who served from 1959-1961, and the daughter of former Democratic lawmaker Lars Herseth of Houghton. She grew up on her family's farm near Houghton. Her grandmother, Lorna B. Herseth, had been South Dakota's secretary of state.

She graduated from Georgetown University and from the Georgetown University Law Center, where she served on the faculty. Herseth worked with U.S. District Judge Charles B. Kornmann in Pierre and Aberdeen and served as a law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Herseth's first try for public office was the 2002 U.S. House election. She lost by 7 percentage points to former Gov. Bill Janklow. Janklow resigned after being convicted of causing a traffic crash that killed a man, and Herseth announced she would run for the House again. She won a June 1 special election to fill the remainder of Janklow's term.

TERRY BEGAY, Libertarian

Terry Begay, 52, a retired corrections officer, is from Volin.

Begay became a Libertarian in January 2002 when he decided he did not want to be bound by the Democratic Party line.

Begay, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, was raised in a foster home and attended both public school and boarding school. He graduated from Rapid City Central High School, served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1975. His jobs have included stints with the Pennington County Sheriff's Department; South Dakota State Penitentiary; Federal Bureau of Prisons at Englewood, Colo., from 1979-96; and the Yankton Federal Prison Camp. He retired from that job last year.

Begay ran for the House in 2002 and received just under 1 percent of the vote.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The Public Utilities Commission has three commissioners who serve six-year terms. The terms are staggered so one of the seats is up in each election year. The PUC regulates various utilities, including telephone, gas, electrical, power, trucking and grain elevators.

PUC BIOGRAPHIES

DUSTY JOHNSON, Republican

Dustin "Dusty" Johnson, 27, won the Republican nomination to run for the Public Utilities Commission at the GOP convention this summer. Johnson, who works as adviser to Gov. Mike Rounds on energy, economic development, tourism, corrections and transportation, was unopposed for the nomination.

Johnson also has worked on Rounds' 2010 Initiative. Before joining the governor's staff, Johnson worked for the private sector, local governments and the National Rural Development Partnership, a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Johnson grew up in the Pierre area. He graduated from the University of South Dakota and earned a masters in public administration from the University of Kansas.

He and his wife, Jacquelyn, live in Mitchell.

JIM BURG, Democrat

Jim Burg was born April 22, 1941, in Mitchell, but has lived most of his life on a farm near Wessington Springs. He received a bachelor's degree in animal science from South Dakota State University in 1963. He had a long stint as a top officer in the South Dakota National Guard, and was a farmer for 20 years.

Burg was a member of the state House of Representatives from 1975 until 1984, when he was elected to the state Senate. He was assistant Democratic leader in the House in 1978-1984 and was assistant Democratic leader in the Senate in 1985-1986.

Burg was nominated to run for the PUC in 1986 after he lost the Democratic congressional primary to Tim Johnson. Burg won his first six-year term on the PUC in 1986 and was re-elected in 1992 and 1998. He unsuccessfully sought the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1994.

Burg and his wife, Bernice, have five children.

Also on the PUC ballot are Steve Willis of Sioux Falls, a Constitution Party candidate, and Tony Ryan of Sioux Falls, a Libertarian.

LEGISLATURE

Republicans are once again nearly certain to maintain control of the South Dakota Legislature because they fielded candidates for far more races than Democrats did.

Each of South Dakota's 35 legislative districts elects one senator and two at-large House members, with the exception of District 28 in northwestern South Dakota. District 28 elects one senator but is split into two House districts, each of which picks its own representative.

Republicans currently have a 26-9 advantage over Democrats in the Senate and a 48-21 edge in the House. One House seat is vacant because Rep. Matt McCaulley, R-Sioux Falls, resigned earlier this year and no replacement has been named.

Democrats failed to run candidates for 10 of the 35 Senate seats and for 23 of the 70 House seats. Republicans failed to field candidates for only two Senate seats and two House seats. The disparity means that in either chamber, Democrats would have to win three quarters of the contested races to take control of that chamber.

Republicans who will win Senate races uncontested are: Sen. Lee Schoenbeck, Watertown; Sen. Gene Abdallah, Sioux Falls; Sen. Ed Olson, Mitchell; Sen. Jay Duenwald, Hoven; Sen. Clarence Kooistra, Garretson;

Sen. Jerry Apa, Lead; Sen. Mac McCracken, Rapid City; former Rep. Mike Broderick, Canton; and Bob Gray, Pierre. Sen. Dave Knudson, Sioux Falls, has no Democratic opponent but is not guaranteed re-election because the Constitution Party has fielded a candidate in his district.

Democratic Senate candidates who will win unopposed are: Sen. Frank Kloucek, Scotland; and Rep. Gary Hanson, Sisseton, who is switching from the House to the Senate.

Republican House members who will win re-election unopposed include: Casey Murschel, Sioux Falls; Hal Wick, Sioux Falls; Joel Dykstra, Canton; Jean Hunhoff, Yankton; Matthew Michels, Yankton; Jim Putnam, Armour; Bill Van Gerpen, Tyndall; Justin Davis, Ipswich; Tom Hackl, Hoven; Ryan Olson, Onida; Tim Rounds, Pierre; Ted Klautt, Walker; and Larry Rhoden, Union Center. Non-incumbent Republicans who will win House races without opposition are: former Rep. Roger Hunt, Brandon; Shantel Krebs, Sioux Falls; and Thomas Brunner, Nisland.

On the Democratic side, Rep. Maggie Gillespie, Hudson, is the only House candidate to win without opposition.

LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Here are the candidates running for seats in the South Dakota Legislature. Each of the 35 legislative districts elects one senator and two at-large House members, except in District 28, which is split into two single-member House districts. Each single-member House district within District 28 elects its own representative. Incumbents are designated by (I)

DISTRICT 1

(Day, Marshall and Roberts counties)

HOUSE

Democrats

Clayton Halverson, Veblen
David Sigdestad, Pierpont (I)

Republican

Kirstin Lebert, Waubay
Ronald M. Olson, Waubay

SENATE

Democratic

Gary Hanson, Sisseton

Republican

None

DISTRICT 2

(Spink and part of Brown counties)

HOUSE

Democratic

H. Paul Dennert, Columbia
Burt Elliott, Aberdeen (I)

Republican

Norbert Barrie, Turton
Scott Ths. Layman, Barnard

SENATE

Democratic

Jim Hundstad, Bath

Republican

Brian Johnson, Frankfort

DISTRICT 3

(Part of Brown and McPherson counties)

HOUSE

Democratic

Thomas E. Black, Aberdeen

Teresa "Terry" Flamboe, Aberdeen

Republican

Larry E. Frost, Aberdeen (I)

Al Novstrup, Aberdeen (I)

SENATE

Democratic

Ted Kneebone, Aberdeen

Republican

Duane Sutton, Aberdeen (I)

DISTRICT 4

(Grant, Deuel and parts of Brookings and Moody counties)

HOUSE

Democratic

Dawn Jaeger, Goodwin

Steve Street, Reville

Republican

Val Rausch, Big Stone City

Sylvan TeKrony, Clear Lake

Libertarian

Larry Rudebusch, Bruce

SENATE

Democratic

Jim Peterson, Reville

Republican

Ed Nelson, Volga

DISTRICT 5

(Part of Codington County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Bruce Ford, Watertown

Kay A. Solberg, Watertown

Republican

Bob Faehn, Watertown

Al Koistinen, Watertown

SENATE

Democratic

None

Republican

Lee Schoenbeck, Watertown (I)

DISTRICT 6

(Clark, Hamlin and Kingsbury counties and parts of Beadle and Codington counties)

HOUSE

Democratic

Steven Burge, Lake Preston

Republican

Art Fryslie, Willow Lake (I)

Paul Nelson, Hetland

SENATE

Democratic

Ronald R. Larsen, Lake Preston

Republican

Brock L. Greenfield, Clark (I)

DISTRICT 7

(Part of Brookings County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Roger Prunty, Brookings

Rich Widman, Brookings

Republican

Sean O'Brien, Brookings (I)

Larry J. Tidemann, Brookings

SENATE

Democratic

Thomas R. Bezdichek, Brookings

Republican

Orville B. Smidt, Brookings

DISTRICT 8

(Lake, Miner and Sanborn counties and part of Moody County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Dave Gassman, Canova (I)

Gerald F. Lange, Madison (I)

Republican

David J. Jencks, Wentworth

Eric Saugstad, Madison

SENATE

Democratic

Dan Sutton, Flandreau (I)

Republican

Chad J. Liedtke, Nunda

DISTRICT 9

(Part of Minnehaha County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Richard A. Engels, Hartford (I)

Elaine A. Roberts, Sioux Falls

Republican

Daryl J. Christensen, Sioux Falls (I)

Deb Peters, Hartford

SENATE

Democratic

Barbara J. Himmel-Roberts, Sioux Falls
Republican
Thomas A. Dempster, Sioux Falls (I)

DISTRICT 10

(Part of Lincoln County and part of Minnehaha County)

HOUSE

Democratic

None

Republican

Roger Hunt, Brandon

Shantel Krebs, Sioux Falls

SENATE

Democratic

None

Republican

Gene G. Abdallah, Sioux Falls (I)

DISTRICT 11

(Parts of Lincoln and Minnehaha counties)

HOUSE

Democratic

Shawn Anderson, Sioux Falls

Marie Y. Williams, Sioux Falls

Republican

Kari K. Weems, Sioux Falls (I)

Mark K. Willadsen, Sioux Falls

SENATE

Constitution

D. Scott Bartlett, Sioux Falls

Democratic

Lance Moran, Sioux Falls

Republican

Jason M. Gant, Sioux Falls

DISTRICT 12

(Parts of Lincoln and Minnehaha counties)

HOUSE

Democratic

None

Republican

Casey Murschel, Sioux Falls (I)

Hal Wick, Sioux Falls (I)

SENATE

Democratic

John R. McIntyre, Sioux Falls

Republican

William F. Earley, Sioux Falls (I)

DISTRICT 13

(Part of Minnehaha County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Mary Patterson, Sioux Falls

Bill Thompson, Sioux Falls (I)
Republican
Phyllis Heineman, Sioux Falls (I)
Donald Hennies, Sioux Falls

SENATE
Democratic
Jeff Venekamp, Sioux Falls
Republican
Dick Kelly, Sioux Falls (I)

DISTRICT 14

(Part of Minnehaha County)

HOUSE
Democratic
Kevin Miles, Sioux Falls
Republican
Joni Cutler, Sioux Falls (I)
R. Shawn Tornow, Sioux Falls

SENATE
Constitution
Patrick J. Libby, Sioux Falls
Democratic
None
Republican
David L. Knudson, Sioux Falls (I)

DISTRICT 15

(Part of Minnehaha County)

HOUSE
Democratic
Mary Glenski, Sioux Falls (I)
Kathy Miles, Sioux Falls (I)
Republican
Gregory P. Allis, Sioux Falls
Karen Noonan, Sioux Falls

SENATE
Democratic
Gil Koetzle, Sioux Falls (I)
Republican
Paul Swenson, Sioux Falls

DISTRICT 16

(Union County and part of Lincoln County)

HOUSE
Democratic
Margaret V. Gillespie, Hudson (I)
Republican
Joel D. Dykstra, Canton (I)

SENATE
Democratic
None
Republican

Mike Broderick, Canton

DISTRICT 17

(Clay County and part of Turner County)

HOUSE

Democratic

James D. Johnson, Vermillion

John J. Reedy, Vermillion

Republican

Jamie M. Boomgarden, Chancellor

Donna J. Schafer, Vermillion (I)

SENATE

Democratic

Ben (BJ) Nesselhuf, Vermillion

Republican

Judy Clark, Vermillion

DISTRICT 18

(Yankton County)

HOUSE

Democratic

None

Republican

Jean Hunhoff, Yankton (I)

Matthew Michels, Yankton (I)

SENATE

Democratic

Garry A. Moore, Yankton (I)

Republican

Chris Turner, Yankton

DISTRICT 19

(Bon Homme, Douglas and Hutchinson counties and part of Turner County)

HOUSE

Democratic

None

Republican

J.E. "Jim" Putnam, Armour (I)

Bill L. Van Gerpen, Tyndall (I)

SENATE

Democratic

Frank J. Kloucek, Scotland (I)

Republican

None

DISTRICT 20

(Aurora and Davison counties)

HOUSE

Democratic

Gary Stadlman, Ethan

Kristin A. Wisnowski, Mitchell

Republican

Lou Sebert, Mitchell (I)

Mike Vehle, Mitchell
SENATE
Democratic
None
Republican
Ed Olson, Mitchell (I)

DISTRICT 21

(Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix and Gregory counties)

HOUSE
Democratic
Thomas J. Glover, Burke
Mahylen D. Niles, Chamberlain
Republican
Thomas J. Deadrick, Platte (I)
Ron Madison, Chamberlain

SENATE
Democratic
Julie Bartling, Burke
Republican
Stephen N. Courneyer Jr., Marty

DISTRICT 22

(Hand and Jerauld counties and part of Beadle County)

HOUSE
Democratic
Pat Haley, Huron
Dale Hargens, Miller (I)
Republican
Chris Moen, Miller
Paula VanScharrel, Hitchcock

SENATE
Democratic
Quinten L. Burg, Wessington Springs
Republican
Tom Hansen, Huron

DISTRICT 23

(Campbell, Edmunds, Faulk, Hyde, Potter and Walworth counties and part of McPherson County)

HOUSE
Democratic
None
Republican
Justin J. Davis, Ipswich (I)
Tom Hackl, Hoven (I)

SENATE
Democratic
None
Republican
Jay L. Duenwald, Hoven (I)

DISTRICT 24

(Hughes, Sully and Stanley counties)

HOUSE

Democratic

None

Republican

Ryan P. Olson, Onida (I)

Tim G. Rounds, Pierre (I)

SENATE

Democratic

Candidate withdrew

Republican

Bob Gray, Fort Pierre

DISTRICT 25

(Hanson and McCook counties and part of Minnehaha County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Mike Kroger, Dell Rapids (I)

Republican

Roger Hofer, Bridgewater

Tim Rave, Baltic (I)

SENATE

Democratic

None

Republican

Clarence L. Kooistra, Garretson (I)

DISTRICT 26

(Haakon, Jackson, Jones, Lyman, Mellette and Tripp counties and part of Bennett County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Belva Emery, White River

Republican

Cooper Garnos, Presho (I)

Barry Jensen, White River

SENATE

Democratic

David Reis, Oacoma

Republican

John Koskan, Wood (I)

DISTRICT 27

(Shannon and Todd counties and part of Bennett County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Jim Bradford, Pine Ridge (I)

Paul Valandra, Mission (I)

Republican

Bruce W. Whalen, Pine Ridge

SENATE

Democratic

Theresa "Huck" Two Bulls, Pine Ridge

Republican

Michael LaPointe, Mission (I)

DISTRICT 28

(Corson, Dewey, Harding, Perkins and Ziebach counties and parts of Butte and Meade counties)

SENATE

Democratic

Dean Schrempp, Lantry

Republican

Eric H. Bogue, Dupree (I)

DISTRICT 28A

(Dewey and Ziebach counties and part of Corson County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Thomas James Van Norman, Eagle Butte (I)

Republican

Everett F. Hunt, Eagle Butte

DISTRICT 28B

(Harding and Perkins counties and parts of Butte, Corson and Meade counties)

HOUSE

Democratic

None

Republican

Ted A. Klaut, Walker (I)

DISTRICT 29

(Parts of Meade and Butte counties)

HOUSE

Democratic

None

Republican

Thomas J. Brunner, Nisland

Larry Rhoden, Union Center (I)

SENATE

Democratic

Richard W. Richter, Enning

Republican

Kenneth McNenny, Sturgis

DISTRICT 30

(Custer and Fall River counties and part of Pennington County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Lynn A. Moran, Custer

Elaine K. Whittlesy, Custer

Republican

Gordon Howie, Rapid City

Gordon Pederson, Wall (I)

SENATE

Democratic

Edward Meyer, Custer

Republican

Jim Lintz, Hermosa

DISTRICT 31

(Lawrence County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Glenn V. Umphrey, Spearfish

Republican

Tom Hills, Spearfish

Charles M. Turbiville, Deadwood

Independent

Tom Huhnerkoch, Lead

SENATE

Democratic

None

Republican

Jerry Apa, Lead (I)

DISTRICT 32

(Part of Pennington County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Anite Paige, Rapid City

Mike Wilson, Rapid City

Republican

Alan Hanks, Rapid City

Thomas Hennies, Rapid City (I)

SENATE

Democratic

Jim Ackerman, Rapid City

Republican

Stanford M. Adelstein, Rapid City

DISTRICT 33

(Part of Pennington and Meade counties)

HOUSE

Democratic

Jeanmarie Heriba, Rapid City

Republican

Mike Buckingham, Rapid City (I)

Donald Van Etten, Rapid City (I)

SENATE

Democratic

Richard Livesey, Box Elder

Republican

J.P. Duniphan, Rapid City (I)

DISTRICT 34

(Part of Pennington County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Gary Loudner, Rapid City

Republican

Elizabeth Kraus, Rapid City (I)

Ed McLaughlin, Rapid City (I)

SENATE

Democratic

None
Republican
Royal "Mac" McCracken, Rapid City (I)

DISTRICT 35

(Party of Pennington County)

HOUSE

Democratic

Mike Howe, Rapid City
Theresa Spry, Rapid City

Republican

Jeffrey Haverly, Rapid City (I)
Alice McCoy, Rapid City (I)

SENATE

Democratic

Mike Reardon, Rapid City

Republican

William "Bill" Napoli, Rapid City (I)

2004 Ballot Measures

Constitutional Amendment A

Title: An amendment to Article V, section 7 of the South Dakota Constitution, providing for the merit selection of circuit court judges.

Full Text of Constitutional Amendment A:

Section 1. That [Article V, section 7 of the Constitution, of the State of South Dakota](#), be amended to read as follows:

~~§ 7. Circuit court judges shall be elected in a nonpolitical election by the electorate of the circuit each represents for an eight year term.~~

—A vacancy, as defined by law, in the office of a Supreme Court justice or circuit court judge, shall be filled by appointment of the Governor from one of two or more persons nominated by the judicial qualifications commission. The appointment to fill a vacancy of a ~~circuit court judge shall be for the balance of the unexpired term; and the appointment to fill a vacancy of a~~ Supreme Court justice or a circuit court judge shall be subject to approval or rejection as hereinafter set forth.

Retention of each Supreme Court justice or circuit court judge shall, in the manner provided by law, be subject to approval or rejection on a nonpolitical ballot at the first general election following the expiration of three years from the date of ~~his~~ appointment. Thereafter, each Supreme Court justice and circuit court judge shall be subject to approval or rejection in like manner every eighth year. All incumbent Supreme Court justices and circuit court judges at the time of the effective date of this amendment shall be subject to a retention election in the general election in the year in which their respective existing terms expire. Each Supreme Court justice shall be subject to a statewide retention election and each circuit court judge shall be subject to a retention election by the electorate of the circuit the judge represents.

Attorney General's Explanation:

Under the Constitution, circuit court judges are elected on a non-political ballot for eight year terms. The Governor appoints judges to fill vacancies for the balance of unexpired terms. Nominees for vacancies are selected by the judicial qualifications commission.

Amendment A would change the Constitution by establishing an appointment and retention election procedure. New judges would be appointed by the Governor from nominees selected by the judicial qualifications commission. Judges would be subject to a retention election on a non-political ballot three years after appointment, and every eight years after that, by the voters of the circuit the judge represents.

A vote "Yes" will change the Constitution.

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

Constitutional Amendment B

Title: An amendment to Article VIII, section 20 of the South Dakota Constitution to authorize the provision of certain services to all children of school age.

Full Text of Constitutional Amendment B:

§ 20. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3, Article VI and section 16, Article VIII, the Legislature may authorize the loaning of nonsectarian textbooks ~~to all~~ and may authorize the participation in transportation and food services for children of school age.

Attorney General's Explanation:

The Constitution generally prohibits the Legislature from giving state money or property to sectarian schools. However, the Constitution allows the Legislature to authorize the loan of nonsectarian textbooks to children of school age, including those attending sectarian schools.

Amendment B, if adopted, would change the Constitution to also allow the Legislature to authorize participation in food and transportation services for children of school age, including those attending sectarian schools.

A vote "Yes" will change the Constitution.

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

INITIATED MEASURE

The following initiated measure was proposed by petition for submission to the voters. This initiated measure will not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

Initiated Measure I

Title: An act to exempt food from sales and use taxes.

Full Text of Initiated Measure I:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED qualified voters of the state of South Dakota, petition that the following proposed law be submitted to the voters of the state of South Dakota at the general election on November 2, 2004 for their approval or rejection pursuant to the Constitution of the State of South Dakota. The substance of the proposed law is as follows:
Be it enacted by the people of South Dakota.

An act to exempt food from sales and use taxes.

Section 1. That chapter 10-45 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

There are exempted from the provisions of this chapter and the computation of the tax imposed by it, the gross receipts from the sale of food.

Section 2. That § 10-45-1 be amended by adding thereto four NEW SUBDIVISIONS to read as follows:

“Food,” and “food ingredient,” any substance, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that is sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and is consumed for its taste or nutritional value. The term, food, does not include alcoholic beverages, tobacco, soft drinks, candy, or prepared food;

“Soft drinks,” any nonalcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. The term, soft drinks, does not include any beverage that contains milk or milk products, soy, rice or similar milk substitutes, or greater than fifty percent of vegetable or fruit juice by volume;

“Candy,” any preparation of sugar, honey, or other natural or artificial sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the form of bars, drops, or pieces. The term, candy, does not include any preparation containing flour and does not require refrigeration;

“Prepared food” any:

(a) Food sold in a heated state or heated by the seller;

(b) Two or more food ingredients mixed or combined by the seller for sale as a single item.

The term, prepared food, in this subsection does not include food that is only cut, repackaged, or pasteurized by the seller, and eggs, fish, meat, poultry, and foods containing these raw animal foods requiring cooking by the consumer as recommended by the Food and Drug Administration in chapter 3, part 401.11 of its Food Code as of January 1, 2003, so as to prevent food borne illnesses; or

(c) Food sold with eating utensils provided by the seller, including plates, knives, forks, spoons, glasses, cups, napkins, or straws. A plate does not include a container or packaging used to transport the food.

Section 3. That chapter 10-46 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

There are exempted from the provisions of this chapter and the computation of the tax imposed by it, the gross receipts from the sale of food.

Section 4. That § 10-46-1 be amended by adding thereto four NEW SUBDIVISIONS to read as follows:

“Food,” and “food ingredient,” any substance, whether in liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated form, that is sold for ingestion or chewing by humans and is consumed for its taste or nutritional value. The term, food, does not include alcoholic beverages, tobacco, soft drinks, candy, or prepared food;

“Soft drinks,” any nonalcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. The term, soft drinks, does not include any beverage that contains milk or milk products, soy, rice or similar milk substitutes, or greater than fifty percent of vegetable or fruit juice by volume;

“Candy,” any preparation of sugar, honey, or other natural or artificial sweeteners in combination with chocolate, fruits, nuts or other ingredients or flavorings in the form of bars, drops, or pieces. The term, candy, does not include any preparation containing flour and does not require refrigeration;

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(c) Food sold with eating utensils provided by the seller, including plates, knives, forks, spoons, glasses, cups, napkins, or straws. A plate does not include a container or packaging used to transport the food.

The effective date of this repeal will be July 1, 2005.

Attorney General's Explanation:

The state collects a sales and use tax on the sale of food. Many cities and towns also collect a municipal sales and use tax on the sale of food. Initiated Measure 1, if adopted, would exempt food from state and municipal sales and use taxes, and eliminate this source of revenue.

A vote "Yes" will change state law.

A vote "No" will leave state law as it is.

SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTION STATISTICS

JOHN THUNE

1996 House, Primary

Thune 41,322

Carole Hillard 28,139

1996 House

Thune 186,393

Rick Weiland 119,547

Stacey Nelson 10,397

Kurt Evans 6,866

1998 House

Thune 194,157

Jeff Moser 64,433

2000 House

Thune 230,509

Curt Hohn 78,263

Brian Lerohl 5,355

TOM DASCHLE

1978 1st District House Recount

Daschle 64,683

Leo Thorsness 64,544

1980 1st District House

Daschle 109,910

Bart Kull 57,155

1982 House
Daschle 142,122
Clint Roberts 133,530

1984 House
Daschle 181,401
Dale Bell 134,821

1986 Senate
Daschle 152,657
Jim Abdnor 143,173

1992 Senate
Daschle 217,095
Charlene Haar 108,733
Gus Hercules 4,453
Kent Hyde 4,314

1998 Senate
Daschle 162,884
Ron Schmidt 95,431
Byron Dale 3,796

LARRY DIEDRICH

2004 House special election
Stephanie Herseth 132,420
Diedrich 129,415

STEPHANIE HERSETH

2002 House
Bill Janklow 180,023
Herseth 153,656

2004 House special election
Herseth 132,420
Larry Diedrich 129,415

JIM BURG

1986 Democratic House primary
Tim Johnson 33,364
Burg 31,503
Dean Sinclair 4,830

1986 PUC

Burg 144,863
Jeff Solem 137,222

1992 PUC
Burg 172,821
Kenneth May 148,881

1994 gubernatorial primary
Jim Beddow 29,082
Red Allen 12,194
Burg 11,181
1998 PUC
Burg 163,098
Andy Fergel 88,389

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