

GENERAL ELECTION

VOTER
GUIDE
2024

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Elevate Rapid City created this guide to serve as an education tool as you make your election decisions. You will find explanations of the ballot issues, as well as any recommendations Elevate has made based on the impact the issues would have on the business environment.

One senator and two representatives from each district serve as citizen legislators in Pierre. Elevate Rapid City contacted candidates to ask about their campaign platform, policy priorities, and how they plan to support and improve local business economic development.

The information in this guide is directly copied from what the candidates submitted – Elevate is not responsible for grammatical or spelling errors.



September 20, 2024
Absentee Voting Begins

October 21, 2024
Voter Registration Deadline

November 5, 2024
Election Day

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES DID NOT RESPOND TO OUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

CURT VOIGHT

SD Senate | *District 33*

PHIL JENSEN

SD House of Representatives | *District 33*

JASON LIND

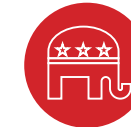
SD House of Representatives | *District 35*

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SD House of Representatives | *District 35*



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SD Senate | District 30



OCCUPATION

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CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

I am a budding election law lawyer, the daughter of a disabled Vietnam veteran, and a hometown constitutional conservative. I grew up on my parents' ranch. After graduating from the University of South Dakota, I had the honor of serving alongside Governor Kristi Noem and President Donald Trump. In the crucible of America's capital, I attended law school at Georgetown Law, refined my skills, and fortified my convictions through an unwavering commitment to Christ, the Constitution, and traditional American values. Now, I have come home and stepped up to represent our community, to preserve and protect our way of life for future generations of South Dakotans as a fresh voice for District 30.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

I champion economic growth by limiting government intrusion and red tape, prioritizing job creation, fostering economic development, and providing job training opportunities to retain our valuable youth workforce in South Dakota. Our state's future depends on keeping our young talents here, which means providing vibrant communities and ample opportunities for personal and professional growth. It should be an easy choice to come home to the communities they call home. I also recognize the urgent need to invest in infrastructure and am committed to addressing challenges and providing necessary resources to ensure our small businesses' success and the vitality of our communities.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Tackle rising property taxes
- Save the VA
- Support our brave first responders, veterans, and active duty service members
- Support our teachers
- Create strong economic development

BRETT SWANSON



SD Senate | District 30



OCCUPATION

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CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

I am running for the Senate for District 30 because I, like many me have spoken with, wants a Senator who will focus on the needs of the 30th Legislative District, rather than working on national issues, nuisance bills that have no place in our legislative agenda, or grandstanding.

I vow to listen to your needs, HEAR you, regardless of your political philosophy, and work hard to advocate for the needs of the 30th.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

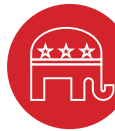
Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

I will work hard to improve teacher pay. Additionally, he will make sure our local infrastructure needs are met. I am a strong believer that our local economy will prosper if the business environment is amenable to local entrepreneurs. I also wants the 30th LD to be attractive to larger employers who will help strengthen wages and economic prosperity.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Property tax reform
- Water quality
- Local infrastructure
- Women's health rights
- Teacher salaries
- Improved relationships with the tribes

TIM GOODWIN



SD House of Representatives | District 30



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

Three things:

- Property tax reform
- Property tax reform
- Property tax reform

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

By switching a property tax system to a consumption tax system.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Reform property tax

OCCUPATION

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TRISH LADNER



SD House of Representatives | District 30



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

Faith – Faith to me is to love your neighbor and practice it in all aspects of your life. I have supported legislation that protects our Christian faith, and ensures the freedom to freely exercise not only that faith but our voices.

Family – Strong families are vital to our state and our country. I have supported legislation and resolutions that promote strong families, better education and the protection of life. My record reflects that.

Freedom – Having the opportunity to freely voice opinions and perspectives in a civil manner is freedom. I will fight to protect our rights and our voice.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

I recently attended an AI conference in Boulder Colorado to study the pros & cons of AI in business. This is going to be a key factor in business growth, domestically and globally going forward for South Dakota businesses. The success of our small businesses is the backbone of our local counties and state. I will support legislation that promotes education and critical financial support that will help to create new opportunities to grow existing businesses and boost the economy throughout South Dakota.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Property tax reform
- Rancher support and agriculture sustainability
- Proactive planning and investment in water infrastructure
- Valuing relationships, collaboration, and constituent input

OCCUPATION

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SUSAN SCHEIRBECK



SD House of Representatives | District 30



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

As a 34 year successful business owner and community development participant I would like to use my retirement years helping communities in District 30 be healthier.

I'm a pretty middle of the road person and have friends from all walks of life. I want people to have good lives and leaders that will work for them.

OCCUPATION

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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

Quality childcare allows choice in returning to the job market and providing for families.

As a state we are not addressing the conversation around climate change and the importance of evaluating current and future water needs.

Countries all over the world are focusing on smaller clustered housing with less sprawl to lesson the burden on taxpayers for continual highway and infrastructure upgrades.

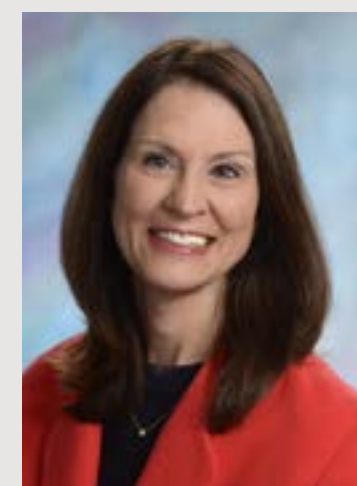
POLICY PRIORITIES

- Quality affordable childcare
- Obviously, we need to address property taxes
- We need serious conversation about climate change and associated water issues
- Smaller affordable homes are needed.

HELENE DUHAMEL



SD Senate | District 32



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

My only priority is to do what is best for Rapid City. West River and South Dakota. I champion meat and potato issues that impact people's lives and pocketbooks: clean source of water, public safety, low tax burden, workforce housing, quality education, mental health solutions. The list goes on, I am a common sense, effective conservative willing to dig into big issues and fight for solutions.

OCCUPATION

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BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

Far too long has South Dakota exported its best and brightest. Working with Elevate, I support growing a business climate where our young families can stay and find great paying jobs. I advocate for legislation that strategically increases job creation, promotes smart growth and improves the business climate. I am leading the charge on bringing Missouri River water to Western South Dakota. I am also bringing voice to our workforce shortage and its link to affordable and available housing and childcare.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Secure water source for Western South Dakota
- Public Safety—from crime to courts to corrections
- Job creation
- Smart growth
- Low tax burden
- Affordable workforce housing

KAREN M. MCNEAL



SD Senate | District 32



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

Fearless defender of Children, Freedom, Faith, Family and Property.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

Small business is the backbone of our state's economy and represents a large portion of revenue and income for SD families. Both of my grandfathers were small business owners; one a grocer in Lead, SD and the other a local entrepreneur here in Rapid City. Businesses need to have a winning value proposition to offer the community in order to thrive. Legislators can help by reducing/eliminating onerous regulation/red tape and excessive taxation.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Support education, be it public, private or homeschool.
- Parents know best and should have choices for their children
- Protect children from harmful content on the internet
- Taxation – Government needs to live within a budget, like the rest of us
- Protect private property rights

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BROOK KAUFMAN



SD House of Representatives | District 32



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

Our community deserves strong representation in Pierre. We are outnumbered and often overlooked when it comes to our funding priorities compared to the rest of the state. I am running for House District 32 to not only serve, but to champion policies that help our friends and neighbors thrive. That includes policies that create jobs, keep taxes low and foster an environment where we can continue to enjoy our personal freedoms.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

If elected, I will prioritize legislation that stimulates growth, creates jobs, and elevates the quality of life for all residents. Many people are working two and three jobs to make ends meet - we need to grow workforce AND strive to create better paying jobs. There is also an opportunity to explore legislation that gives communities new tools to facilitate future growth. I'd like to help advocate for these opportunities, so we are more competitive in attracting businesses and talent.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Protecting legacy industries
- Keeping the tax burden low
- Improving transportation infrastructure
- Maintaining our "business friendly" climate
- Responsible forest and land management
- Veterans' services

OCCUPATION

Tourism

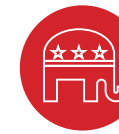
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STEVE DUFFY



SD House of Representatives | District 32



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

My Hope is to continue to help manage that growth so all of us benefit with jobs and opportunities. This means leveraging relationships with our educational institutions— South Dakota Mines, Black Hills State University, and Western Dakota Tech. I support legislation to help businesses start here, stay here, grow here, and remove roadblocks. In this divisive world, I'm a business guy who has a laser focus on business issues and strategically growing our economy.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

I will continue to prioritize smart economic growth with an eye on airport and Ellsworth infrastructure. Working with Elevate, my focus is to move obstacles, provide resources and do anything else I can to support the mission of bringing smart growth opportunities to our area. As a fourth generation West River South Dakotan who spent a career in small business, there will continue to be no stronger advocate for our region in the legislature.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Maintain the lowest possible tax structure
- Focus on needed transportation infrastructure, including airport/terminal funding
- Prioritize the needs of a growing Ellsworth Air Force Base
- Remove Unnecessary regulations/roadblocks to keep us competitive regionally and nationally
- Strategize on affordable workforce housing for employees and their families

OCCUPATION

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NICOLE UHRE-BALK



SD House of Representatives | District 32



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

As a third-generation South Dakotan, I am deeply committed to preserving the Black Hills and strengthening our future. With over 10 years of teaching experience and a background in science, I understand the importance of strong schools and informed decision-making. I mentor educators across the state and believe that prioritizing education and childcare is key to our community's success. I'm running to ensure District 32's diverse voices are heard, advocating for sustainable growth and solutions that benefit our families and local economy.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

Strong schools and accessible childcare are essential for attracting businesses and their families while developing a highly skilled workforce that drives economic growth. Preserving the natural beauty of the Black Hills is crucial, as it supports both our quality of life and a thriving tourism economy. Additionally, by prioritizing strategic affordable housing, we can ensure that Rapid City grows sustainability, meeting the needs of our community.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Advancing education
- Preserving the Black Hills
- Committed to collaborating with our Indigenous community
- Advocating for families with stronger women's healthcare and childcare
- Addressing the burden of property

OCCUPATION

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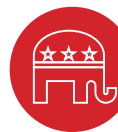
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CURT MASSIE



SD House of Representatives | District 33



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

It has been an honor to serve and represent District 33 in the House of Representatives and I look forward to continuing to serve District 33 and our area as I seek re-election. As a former South Dakota sales, use, and contractors' excise tax auditor with over 24 years of service, I know our tax laws well. I now own Dakota Business Tax LLC through which I provide South Dakota tax consulting services, so I understand the struggles businesses have with often complex and confusing tax laws. I believe a strong business community keeps our state and local economies strong. I will continue to be a strong advocate for businesses.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

Promoting entrepreneurship, business, and innovation development will keep our state and local economies strong while ensuring jobs, workforce housing, and the other necessities that contribute to the quality of life are available. In addition, we must keep our promise to businesses to keep our tax burden low while still providing adequate infrastructure.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Promoting entrepreneurship, business, and innovation development
- Manage and guide area growth by working with business and community leaders
- Ensure adequate workforce and workforce housing
- Ensure taxes do not burden business development
- Ensure adequate water for future growth

OCCUPATION

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KEHALA TWO BULLS



SD Senate | District 34



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

I will bring the leadership skills I have honed in nonprofit work to Pierre. I will focus on moving along legislation that has a positive impact on everyday working people in my district. Respecting individual rights and freedoms while collaborating on a future that all South Dakotans can be proud of.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

I will support and improve the local business and economic environment by making sure that Rapid City continues to develop as an appealing and sustainable location to do business. That means supporting infrastructure, education and workforce development while keeping childcare accessible so that young parents are well trained and ready to work!

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Responsible
- Community focused
- Pro family/public education
- Collaborative
- Pro business

OCCUPATION

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TAFFY HOWARD



SD Senate | District 34



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

I am committed to the principles of limited government that South Dakotans cherish. I will work to reduce the property tax burden on our citizens, strengthen our families, ensure our children receive the best education possible, reduce the regulatory and tax burden on our businesses, and secure our property rights. As a wife, mom, grandma, veteran, small business owner, and a former legislator and Vice Chair of House Appropriations, I will use my experience and the relationships I've built to advocate for District 34 and the hard-working citizens that make this state the best state in the union. Together, we can ensure a brighter, safer, and stronger South Dakota for future generations.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

Businesses thrive best in a robust free market with lower taxes/fees and less government red tape. We all desire a thriving business community that is deeper than one or two industries, because we know diversification in industry is great for our work force and great for our entire community. We also all have a desire to see our best and brightest stay here after graduating SDSM&T and Western Dakota Technical College.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Property Tax Relief
- Improve wellbeing and public safety, including addressing crime, homelessness, and the drug crisis
- Rigorous and adequately funded education, including proper training and funding for teachers
- Reduce Business regulations and taxes
- A healthcare system focused on patients' rights, privacy, and informed decision-making, while pushing back against federal overreach

OCCUPATION

EMAIL

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HEATHER BAXTER



SD House of Representatives | District 34



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

As a voice for the people, I will leverage my experience to represent our interests with integrity and passion. We can work together to boost our economy, create excellence in education, protect our private property rights while lowering taxes. I will always stand for every person's Right to Life!

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

First and foremost I will never support any legislation that would shut down our businesses. This damages our local economy and shutting down a business should be left to the discretion of the owner. I plan to support SD businesses applying, bidding and seeking contracts. We can work together to keep SD tax dollars reinvested in our communities across SD.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Preserving the free market
- Strengthening property rights
- Election integrity
- School choice with options that meet the students where their learning is
- Cutting taxes and regulations

OCCUPATION

Small Business Owner

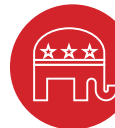
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MIKE DERBY



SD House of Representatives | District 34



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

Your tireless advocate for District 34 in Rapid City.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

I will continue to advocate the wants and needs of western South Dakota with Gov. Noem, her Cabinet and senior staff. We also need to create a better working relationship with the Governor's Office of Economic Development. As Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations, I am in a position to get in front of whoever will be the new Commissioner for GOED.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Continue to be fiscally responsible in balancing the State Budget
- Property tax reform and relief
- Support the timber industry
- Support the Rapid City Regional Airport and tourism
- Support Ellsworth AFB and the Douglas School System

OCCUPATION

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PAT CROMWELL



SD House of Representatives | District 35



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

The guiding principle for my campaign is the question "Who does this help and who and how might this hurt the individual or community?".

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

Healthy people are the infrastructure of dynamic communities. Health and education have a direct impact on economic development. Support for entrepreneurial activities is a must have in any community and supporting incubator programs and micro-enterprise projects are as important as land use for industry.

POLICY PRIORITIES

Adult use cannabis needs to be legalized. This would have a direct impact on those seeking cannabis for health. Medical cannabis regulations make medical use more expensive for people besides having to deal with a somewhat convoluted process to get a medical cannabis card.

- Advocate for access to needed healthcare
- Oppose restrictions on women's healthcare and encourage OB-GYN specialty care providers to practice in South Dakota.
- Support access to gender-affirming care
- Legalization of Adult-Use Cannabis

OCCUPATION

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GREG BLANC



SD Senate | District 35



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

I align with the South Dakota Republican Party Platform, with its central tenets being: personal liberty, limited government, family integrity, and quality education.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

Quality of life is essential in any community, and the success of local business owner plays a vital role in why people love living in the Rapid City area. We should be strategic in supporting our private sector by limiting bureaucratic regulation and increasing opportunities for them prosper. This philosophy will attract other businesses, start-ups, and corporations that align with South Dakota values. Keeping taxation low and support of local business high, will always benefit the economy.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Support For Limited Government
- Support For Law Enforcement and Military
- Support For Family Value's
- Support For Lowering Property Taxes
- Support For Enhancing Education

OCCUPATION

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TINA L MULALLY



SD House of Representatives | District 35



CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

The citizens of District 35 can rest assured I will fight for their property rights, to secure election integrity and advocate to reduce spending.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Plan to support and improve the local business and economic environment

This country was developed by entrepreneurs who found a need then provided a solution. A good product, a fair price and customer service has proven to be the best business model. I will advocate to reduce regulations so the free market can work as it was designed to do.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Property rights
- Fair and secure elections
- Eliminate unnecessary spending
- Advocate and protect the Constitutional rights of American citizens

OCCUPATION

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BALLOT MEASURES

Constitutional Amendment

E

GENDER-NEUTRAL CONSTITUTIONAL LANGUAGE AMENDMENT

This amendment removes the use of generic male pronouns in the South Dakota Constitution when referring to state officials and general classes of people.

A **YES** vote changes the constitution to use gender neutral pronouns.

A **NO** vote keeps the constitution as is.

Initiated Measure


28

PROHIBITING TAXES ON ANYTHING SOLD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Initiated Measure 28 would prohibit the state from collecting sales tax on anything sold for human consumption. This includes all food and beverages, except for alcoholic beverages and prepared food. The measure would include repealing the tax on tobacco.

A **YES** vote prohibits the state from taxing anything sold for human consumption.

A **NO** vote maintains the current tax structure.

 Elevate recommends you vote **NO** on IM28

- IM 28 may lead to increased property taxes or a state income tax.
- IM 28 shifts the tax burden from tourists to South Dakotans.
- IM 28 is a serious threat to local budgets.

F

Constitutional Amendment

AUTHORIZE THE STATE TO IMPOSE WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPANDED MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY

The amendment allows the state to implement work requirements for working age, able bodied individuals who are eligible to receive benefits under the expanded Medicaid program. Proposed work requirements must be approved by the federal government.

Medicaid was originally expanded by amending the State Constitution. Any changes to the details of Medicaid also require a constitutional amendment.

A **YES** vote allows the legislature to adopt work requirements for able bodied, working age individuals to be eligible for expanded Medicaid coverage.

A **NO** vote prohibits the state from imposing work requirements for Medicaid Coverage.

 Elevate recommends you vote **YES** on Amendment F

- Amendment F will encourage participation in the labor force.
- Work Requirements will prevent government programs from being used as a long-term solution for able-bodied, working age individuals.

Initiated Measure

29

LEGALIZING THE RECREATIONAL USE, POSSESSION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF MARIJUANA

Initiated Measure 29 would allow the recreational use of marijuana for adults 21 years of age or older. Driving under the influence of marijuana remains illegal. The measure includes restrictions on where marijuana may be used. Businesses are still able to make decisions about their employee's marijuana use.

A **YES** vote legalizes recreational marijuana use for adults 21 years of age or older.

A **NO** vote maintains the current illegal status.

Constitutional Amendment

G

ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO ABORTION IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION

Amendment G establishes a constitutional right to an abortion. The amendment allows women to get abortions without government restrictions during the first trimester. Any regulations established regarding the second trimester must be reasonably related to the physical health of the pregnant woman. The amendment allows the regulation or prohibition of abortion except in cases where the abortion is necessary to preserve the life or health of the pregnant woman during the third trimester.

A **YES** vote establishes a constitutional right to an abortion.

A **NO** vote maintains the constitution as is, leaving the regulation of abortion to the legislature.

H

Constitutional Amendment

ESTABLISHING TOP-TWO PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Amendment H would establish a single primary election where candidates of all parties run against each other. Candidates would be able to list any party affiliation next to their name on the ballot. Voters of all parties may vote for any candidate.

The open primary process would apply to races for Governor, State Legislature, U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and elected county offices.

A **YES** vote establishes a top-two primary election system.

A **NO** vote maintains the current party primary system.

21

Referred Law

REGULATING LINEAR TRANSMISSION FACILITIES, TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO IMPOSE A SURCHARGE ON CERTAIN PIPELINE COMPANIES, AND TO ESTABLISH A LANDOWNER BILL OF RIGHTS

Referred Law 21 is a referendum on Senate Bill 201, passed by the legislature in 2024. The act allows counties to impose fees on certain pipeline operators and establishes a process for the distribution of those fees as property tax relief in counties where the pipelines are installed. The act also establishes minimum requirements for the installation of carbon dioxide pipelines.

A **YES** vote allows the act of the legislature to become law.

A **NO** vote rejects the law of the legislature.



YOU CAN SEE WHAT DISTRICT YOU ARE IN AND DOWNLOAD A SAMPLE BALLOT HERE.
www.sdsos.gov

BUSINESS LEADERS PLAY A KEY ROLE IN MAKING VOTING CONVENIENT AND ACCESSIBLE

Here are a few resources, sample language ideas, and tips to help encourage your employees to engage in the democratic process.

START NOW

Now until November 5th, encourage your employees to get registered and pledge to vote! Send this information to your employees.



REGISTER TO VOTE

STEP 1

Fill out the Voter Registration Form

STEP 2

Take it or mail to the County Auditor's Office

Pennington County Auditor's Office

130 Kansas City St., Ste. 230
 Rapid City SD 57701



CHECK VOTER REGISTRATION

STEP 1

Make sure your information is correct.

STEP 2

Check your polling location

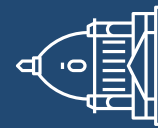
STEP 3

Find a sample ballot



HOLD REGISTRATION DRIVE

Discover how to hold a voter registration drive at the office.

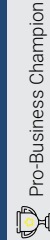


ELEVATE RAPID CITY PRO-BUSINESS

2024 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



Elevate took a position on 18 bills during the 2024 Legislative Session to advocate for the Rapid City business community. This pro-business scorecard reflects the voting record of local legislators on these key issues.



LEGISLATOR	APPROPRIATIONS			WORKFORCE			PUBLIC POLICY			EAFB		% OF PRO-BUS. VOTES					
	SB16 SUPPORT	SB45 SUPPORT	SB83 SUPPORT	SB134 SUPPORT	SB144 SUPPORT	HB1012 SUPPORT	HB1013 SUPPORT	HB1015 SUPPORT	HB1017 SUPPORT	HB1098 SUPPORT	SB111 SUPPORT		HB1163 SUPPORT	HB1194 SUPPORT	HB1041 SUPPORT	SB108 SUPPORT	HB1082 SUPPORT
Rep. Dennis Krull (30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rep. Kristin Conzet (32)*	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	100%
Rep. Steve Duffy (32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rep. Becky Drury (34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rep. Mike Derby (34)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sen. Helene Duhamel (32)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sen. Mike Walsh (35)*	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	100%
Sen. David Johnson (33)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	100%
Rep. Trish Ladner (30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	94%
Rep. Curt Massie (33)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	94%
Rep. Phil Jensen (33)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	44%
Rep. Tina Mulally (35)	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	38%
Rep. Tony Randolph (35)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	33%
Sen. Julie Frye-Mueller (30)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	28%

✓ Support Elevate's position

✗ Oppose Elevate's position

- Did not vote

*Rep. Kristin Conzet (32) and Sen. Mike Walsh (35) were appointed midway through the session. Sen. Michael Diedrich (34) was excused due to health reasons.

BILL TITLES

APPROPRIATIONS

- SB 16 – Passed Make appropriations for water and environmental purposes and to declare an emergency. The bill funds water projects across the state, including a \$1 million authorization for the Western Dakota Regional Water System.
- SB 45 – Passed Make an appropriation for the establishment of a Center for Quantum Information Science and Technology and to declare an emergency. The bill invests \$3 million in South Dakota Mines and Dakota State University for a new Center for Quantum Information Science and Technology.
- SB 53 – Passed Make an appropriation for eligible water and wastewater projects and to declare an emergency. Rapid City will be eligible to receive some of the \$117.38 million approved for water projects across the state.
- SB 83 – Passed Make an appropriation for the revised construction costs of maintenance shops for the Wildland Fire Suppression Division and to declare an emergency. The bill will provide \$700,000 to the Rapid City and Hot Springs Wildfire Suppression Division facilities (\$1.4 million total).
- SB 134 – Died Make an appropriation to create the healthy forest critical infrastructure relief and grant program and to declare an emergency. The bill would have established a \$6 million infrastructure relief and grant program for eligible businesses in the timber industry.
- SB 144 – Passed Make an appropriation for grants to support airport terminal infrastructure projects and terminal improvement and expansion. The bill will make \$10 million available to public airports throughout the state for terminal projects.
- House bills 1012, 1013, 1015, and 1017 will allow the state to enter into multi-state occupational licensing compacts. Once in effect, the compacts will make it easier for professionals licensed in other compact states to move to and work in South Dakota.
- HB 1012 – Passed Adopt the interstate counseling licensure compact and revise educational requirements to comply with the compact.

- HB 1013 – Passed Adopt the advanced practice registered nurse compact.
- HB 1015 – Passed Adopt the social work licensure compact.

HB 1017 – Passed Adopt the psychology interjurisdictional licensure compact.

HB 1098 – Passed Provide free birth certificates to persons experiencing homelessness. This will help individuals with the documentation necessary to re-enter the workforce.

HB 1131 – Passed Waive certain fees for nondriver identification cards for individuals who are homeless.

PUBLIC POLICY

SB 111 – Passed Revise requirements for mining and mineral exploration. The bill increases the surety and bond requirements for mining activities. The bill had support from mining industry partners as it helps prevent bad actors and limits the negative impacts of mining operations.

HB 1163 – Passed Amend provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code. The UCC is a set of rules that govern commerce between states. Updates to the rules need to be adopted by each of the states.

HB 1194 – Passed Clarify provisions pertaining to tax increment finance districts. The changes help counties cover administrative costs associated with Tax Increment Districts.

HB 1041 – Passed Modify the definition of public infrastructure to allow a federally recognized Indian tribe to be eligible for housing infrastructure grants and loans and to declare an emergency. The changes allow Tribes to apply for funds from the Housing Infrastructure Finance Program.

ELLSWORTH AFB & MILITARY

SB 108 – Passed Revise a provision related to retrocession of jurisdiction over federal enclaves. This change allows the state judicial system to better serve minors involved in criminal incidents on Ellsworth Airforce Base and makes the region more competitive for future projects.

HB 1082 – Passed Change the eligibility requirements, and the exempt value, of a property tax relief program for disabled veterans and surviving spouses. The bill increases the property tax exemption to \$200,000 for veterans who are rated as permanently and totally disabled from a service-connected disability.

What is a HOGHOUSE BILL?

A “hoghouse” is a procedure occasionally used in the Legislature where a committee or a member from the floor will move to strike everything after the enacting clause of a bill and insert the substance of an entirely new bill.

This is a complicated procedure to follow throughout the legislative process and speaks to the importance of following committee hearings as well as floor discussions. Sometimes hoghousing is the sole purpose behind filing a particular bill. Known as “vehicle bills,” these bills are written as an empty shell waiting for real content to be added later.

Hoghousing is typically a strategy to “rescue” bills that died at some point in the process, and it’s up to the majority of the body to decide whether the new bill text is germane as well as “passable.” As they say, if you have enough votes, you can do anything.

What does it mean to Declare an Emergency?

An emergency clause is a special provision that allows a bill to become effective immediately. In the case of appropriations bills, this allows funds to be made available immediately, rather than waiting for the next budget cycle.