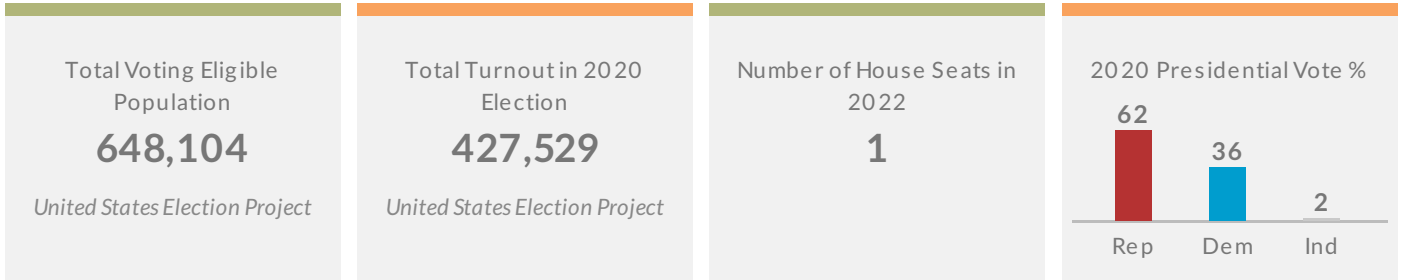
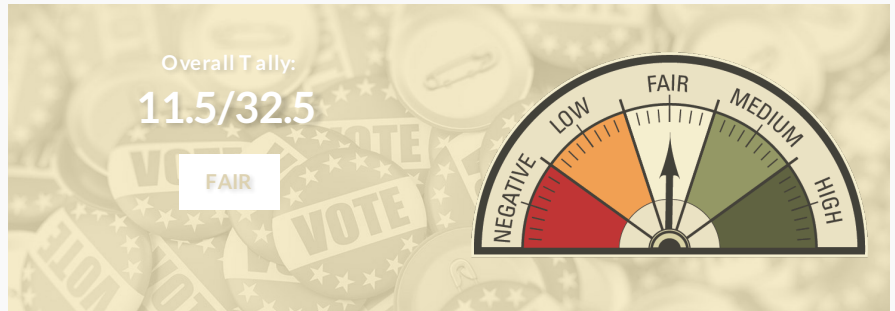


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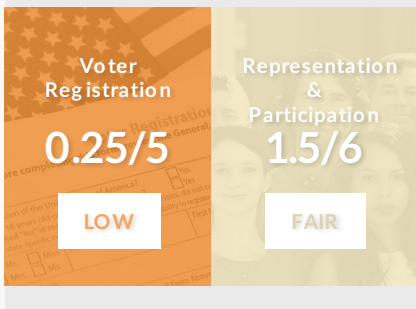
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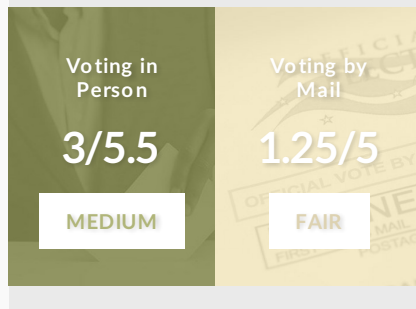
South Dakota's Democracy Tally



Who Votes: **1.75/11**



How to Vote: **4.25/10.5**







Protecting the Vote: **5.5/11**




South Dakota's Democracy and Election Laws and Policies

Click on each issue for more information and to see where the state fits into the national landscape.

KEY





-  Indicates state law or policy
-  Indicates local laws or policies and/or partial law
-  Indicates no law or policy
-  Enumeration not applicable

Who Votes

Voter Registration	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Automatic Voter Registration		0/1
Online Voter Registration		0/1
Registration Deadlines		0.5/1
Membership in Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)		0/1
Negative Law: Restrictions on Voter Registration Drives	NEGATIVE LAW	-0.5/-1
Voter Preregistration		0.25/1
Voter Registration Total	0.25/5	







Representation & Participation	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
National Popular Vote Compact States		0/1
Native American Voting Protections		0/1
Partisanship of State Primary Election Systems		0.5/1
Voter Registration Rates		0.5/1
Voter Turnout Percentage		0.5/1
Voting Rights for Formerly Incarcerated People		0/1
Representation & Participation Total	1.5/6	

How to Vote

Voting in Person	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Curbside Voting for Voters with Disabilities		0/0.5
Election Day Holidays and Paid Time Off to Vote		0.5/1
Adequate Early Voting Period		1/1
Negative Law: Voting Wait Time and Line Length		0/-1
Provisional Ballot Availability & Counting Procedures		0/1
Availability of Vote Centers (county wide polling places)		1/1
Voter Identification Requirements for In-Person Voting		0.5/1
Voting in Person Total	3/5.5	

Voting by Mail	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Availability of No-Excuse Absentee Voting		1/1
All-Mail Voting States		0/1
Negative Law: Added Requirements to Return Absentee Ballots		0/-0.5
Negative Law: Third Party Ballot Collection Policies	NEGATIVE LAW	-0.5/-0.5
Ballot Drop Box Policies & Availability		0/0.5
Mail Ballot Receipt Deadlines		0.5/0.5
Prepaid Ballot Postage		0/0.5
Online Absentee Ballot Application Availability		0/1
Permanent Absentee Voter List Availability		0.25/0.5
Voting by Mail Total	1.25/5	

Protecting the Vote

Election Security	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Ballot & Signature Cure Availability (Opportunity for Voter to Correct Errors)		0/1
Ballot Tracking for Mail Voting		1/1
Absentee/Mail Ballot Verification		1/1
Security of Voting Machines (Hand Marked Paper Ballots)		1/1
Post-Election Audits Required		0/1
Risk-Limiting Audits		0/1
Election Security Total	3/6	

Independence & Integrity	Score	
	Law Exists?	Tally
Negative Law: Election Officials Face Threats of Undue Criminal Penalties/Fines		0/-1.0
Negative Law: State Legislature Interference in Elections		0/-1
Efficient Absentee/Mail Ballot Processing		0/1
Guns in Polling Places		0/0.5
State Level Voting Rights Acts		0/1
"Voter Intent" Laws to Standardize Ballot Interpretation		0.5/0.5
Independence of State Congressional Redistricting		1/1
Nonpartisan Election Observation Policies		1/1
Negative Law: Bans on Private Funding of Election Offices		0/-1
Independence & Integrity Total	2.5/5	