



2019 Post Election/Pre-Legislative Session

Is It Safe to Come Out Now???

Voter Participation Rates

Overall – 62.75% - 341,546 of 544,282

Absentee Votes – 25%

- US House – 335,909
- **Governor – 339,154**
- Attorney Gen – 324,575
- Sec. of State – 323,816
- Treasurer – 312,727
- Auditor – 315,630
- Comm S/Pub – 310,151
- PUC Comm – 315,307
- IM-24 – 315,061
- **IM-25 – 331,109**
- Amend W – 316,782
- Amend X – 308,024
- Amend Z – 313,670

Initiative/Referendums

- Initiatives/ referendums = 5% votes cast in most recent election for Governor
- Total votes for Governor = 339,154
 - $339,154 \times 0.05 = 16,958$ (currently 13,871)
- Constitutional Amendments = 10%
 - 33,916 (currently 27,714)
- Increase of 22%
 - Will require gathering 6,000 more signatures

Source: Dakota Free Press

<u>Ballot Measure</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>	<u>Drop off</u>
W	316,782	6.60%
X	308,024	9.18%
Z	313,670	7.51%
24	315,061	7.10%
25	331,109	2.37%
Average	316,929	6.55%

Ballot Measures

- **IM-24 – Ban on out of state contributions to ballot issue committees – Yes 56%**
- **IM-25 – Tobacco Tax/ Tech Institutes –**
 - **No 55%**
- **Amend W – Ethics/ Finance – No 55%**
- **Amend X – Super Majority Amend – No 55%**
- **Amend Z – One Subject – Yes 62%**

The Next Legislature

- **Senate: 30 - 5** (was 29-6)
 - 27 Re-elected; 3 Crossovers; 1 Return; 4 Rookies
- **House: 59 - 11** (was 60-10)
 - 45 Re-elected; 1 Crossover; 3 Return; 21 Rookies
- **Totals:**
 - 72 Re-elected; 4 Crossovers; 4 Return; 25 Rookies
 - Last time (2017) had 29 rookies; 8 Return



Issues – New Administration

Expect Some Restructuring of Departments

- **Regulations and Boards**
 - Rounds – with DOR
 - Daugaard – with DOL
- **New Cabinet Members**
 - Shuffle vs. Replace
 - Moving to Pierre
- **Inspire public servant workforce while calling for change –**
 - Public doesn't know mgmt skills

Revenue from Remote Sales

- Total revenue estimate = \$35-52 million
- Internet sales 7% - 10% total retail sales
 - Higher percent over Christmas shopping
- Collected \$2-3 million voluntary compliance
- Collected more Amazon - \$4-5 million??
- SD vs. Wayfair
 - Collections started Nov 1st
 - SD businesses collect for other states
- \$20 Million = Reduce tax by 0.1%

Issue of Licensing Board

- Daugaard Kicked Off an Issue
- Noem Administration Decide to Continue
 - Workforce Issue – long training periods
 - Military Spouses – need to work
 - Rapid City Chamber Leading Concern
 - Sioux Falls Chamber – supporting w/DC fly-In.
- Drivers Licenses in Non-English

Bathrooms

- Regulate use of bathrooms based on “gender identity at birth”
 - School bathrooms
 - School locker rooms
 - Accommodation for transgender students
- Conservatives have waited – new Governor
- The economics of discrimination
 - NCAA will not award tournaments to states
- Balance Point??

Productivity System

Ag Property Taxes

- Updating the soil charts
- “Highest and Best Use” –
 - Not possible to achieve that use – adjustments
 - Tax pressure transition land – edge of town
- Actual use -
- Price declines – lower assessed values
 - 8 year rolling average

Another Shot at Gun Laws

- **Guns in Trunks**
- **Conceal/Carry**
- **Guarantee “Gun Free Zones” – Detectors/Staff**

Sports Gambling

- **US Supreme Court**
 - Struck down 1992 federal law
 - Prohibited states from authorizing sports gambling
 - “Affront to state sovereignty” – Alito
- **South Dakota – Constitutional Amendment**
 - Ask Legislature to place on ballot (HJR/SJR)
 - Filed an initiative as back up
 - Apply only to where gambling legal
 - Deadwood/Reservations

Interim Committees

Special Education Fund

- Increase in enrollment
 - Autism spectrum
- Extraordinary Cost Fund
Help cover costs
 - Distr has to have special ed levy at the maximum
 - \$4 million year

Access to Mental Health Services

- Reviewed mental health services
- Toured facilities
- Discussed commitment process
- Reviewed outpatient providers
- Final meeting November 19th.



- **Business Day – Thursday February 21st**
 - Business Caucus
 - Reception with buffet lines open
 - Program with awards/speaker
 - Early adjournment

Connect and be in the know

- **Two Conference Calls Each Week**
- Each Wednesday at 4 pm Central
 - For Gov't Affairs Directors/Interested Members
- Each Friday at Noon Central
 - Local Chamber Legislative Committees/Staff