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Special Report: Legislative Term Limits

This information was published before the 2018 legislative session convened. With the end of session at hand and the filing deadline for legislators to decide if they are going to seek another term, the information is again relevant and timely.

The 2018 legislative session is the final session for five members of the House of Representatives and four members of the Senate. Elected to these seats in 2010, and reelected in 2012-2016, each of these individuals have served the full four terms (eight sessions) allowed under South Dakota term limits.

Those facing term limits have several choices.

1. They can seek election to the other legislative body – this works best if the person filling that seat(s) is willing to switch or, better yet, has reached their own term limit.
2. Stay out for a term or two and run to regain the seat which would restart the term limit clock. This can prove to be awkward since the person who filled the seat is eligible to run for their second term. But what the heck, this isn't a game of "hide and seek" and there is no base.

South Dakota uses a system that technically has two people representing each legislative district in the House of Representatives* (and one Senator from each district). To be clear, House members who have reached their term limit cannot run for the "other seat" and stay in the House; they must run for the Senate or leave the legislature.

*There are two legislative districts that have been divided and have one person elected from each half of the entire district – Districts 26 & 28 have House districts 26A/26B and 28A/28B, respectively.

Below you will find a listing of the legislators who are term limited and the situation of the other legislators from that district.

Senators

Jason Frerichs: Dist. 1 (D) Wilmont

House members are:

- Steven McCleerey (D) Sisseton – 2nd term
- Susan Wismer (D) Britton – 1st term - Democrat nominee for Governor in 2014; Served in the House 2009-2014

Deb Peters: Dist. 9 (R) Hartford

House members are:

- Michael Clark (R) Hartford – 1st term
- Wayne Steinhauer (R) Hartford – 1st term (was appointed to the 2016 session by Governor Daugaard)

Billie H. Sutton: Dist. 21 (D) Burke – Seeking Democratic Party nomination for Governor

House members are:

- Julie Bartling (D) Gregory – 3rd term – Served in the House 2001-04 and the Senate 2005-10
- Lee Qualm (R) Platte – 3rd term

Larry Tidemann: Dist. 7 (R) Brookings

House members are:

- Spencer Hawley (D) Brookings – 4th term
- Tim Reed (R) Brookings – 1st term

Representatives

Kristin Conzet: Dist. 32 (R) Rapid City – Initially appointed by Governor Daugaard

- Other House Member: Sean McPherson (R) Rapid City – 1st term
- Senator: Alan Solano (R) Rapid City – 2nd term – appointed by Governor Daugaard

Spencer Hawley: Dist. 7 (D) Brookings

- Other House Member: Tim Reed (R) Brookings – 1st term
- Senator: Larry Tidemann (R) Brookings – 4th term

Tona Rozum: Dist. 20 (R) Mitchell

- Other House Member: Lance Carson (R) Mitchell – 1st term – Served in House 2007-2014
- Senator: Joshua Klumb (R) Mount Vernon – 1st term – served in House 2015-16

James G. Schaefer: Dist. 26B (R) Kennebec

- Other House Member: None - Single member district
- Senator: Troy Heinert (D) Mission – 2nd term – served in House 2013-14

Burt E. Tulson: Dist. 2 (R) Lake Norden

- Other House Member: Lana Greenfield (R) Doland – 2nd term
- Senator: Brock Greenfield (R) Clark – 2nd term

Nearing the End!

The following legislators will be completing their **3rd terms** during the 2018 legislative session and are eligible to run in 2018 for the same seat and their 4th term.

Senators

Bob Ewing – Dist. 31 (R) Spearfish
 Phil Jensen – Dist. 33 (R) Rapid City
 Jeff Monroe – Dist. 24 (R) Pierre
 Ernie Otten – Dist. 6 (R) Tea
 Deb Soholt – Dist. 14 (R) Sioux Falls
 Jim White – Dist. 22 (R) Huron

Representatives

Julie Bartling – Dist. 21 (D) Gregory
 Blaine B. Campbell – Dist. 35 (R) Rapid City
 Mary Duvall – Dist. 24 (R) Pierre
 Leslie Heinemann – Dist. 8 (R) Flandreau
 Timothy R. Johns – Dist. 31 (R) Lead
 Dan Kaiser – Dist. 3 (R) Aberdeen
 Isaac Latterell – Dist. 6 (R) Tea
 Elizabeth May – Dist. 27 (R) Kyle
 Mark Mickelson – Dist. 13 (R) Sioux Falls
 Herman Otten – Dist. 6 (R) Lennox
 Lee Qualm – Dist. 21 (R) Platte
 Nancy Rasmussen – Dist. 17 (R) Hurley

Ray Ring – Dist. 17 (D) Vermillion
Tim Rounds – Dist. 24 (R) Pierre
Kyle Schoenfish – Dist. 19 (R) Scotland
Karen Soli – Dist. 15 (D) Sioux Falls
Mike Stevens – Dist. 18 (R) Yankton

Terms of the Entire Legislature

Each of these legislators may have served prior terms or served previously in the other body. The term limits apply strictly to their current seats as of the current session.

- 4th term – 9 legislators (4 Senators; 5 Representatives)
- 3rd term – 23 legislators (6 Senators; 17 Representatives)
- 2nd term – 22 legislators (8 Senators; 14 Representatives)
- 1st term – 48 legislators (17 Senators; 31 Representatives)

Election Dates from the Secretary of State's Office

Date of South Dakota's 2018 Primary Election - June 5, 2018

Voter Registration Deadline - May 21, 2018

Absentee voting begins April 20, 2018

Date of South Dakota's 2018 General Election - November 6, 2018

Voter Registration Deadline - October 22, 2018

Absentee voting begins September 21, 2018

Petition filing deadlines:

- March 27, 2018 for Primary Election candidates
- April 24, 2018 for Independent candidates
- **Candidate Financial Interest Statements** (FIS) must be filed within 15 days after filing in the office where the candidate nominating petition or convention nomination certification was filed.

The South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry conducts an annual event called Youth Business Adventure. It is the mission of Youth Business Adventure to help South Dakota high school students and teachers to better understand the American private enterprise system and how business operates within it.

You can help by becoming a company advisor! This year's campus will be June 17-22 at the University of South Dakota. Visit YBA's [website](#) for more information or contact YBA Executive Director [Jasper Diegel](#).

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