

Equality South Dakota Political Action Committee

Voters Guide to Legislative Candidates Favorability on LGBTQ Equality Issues



EQUALITY
SOUTH DAKOTA
Political Action Committee
<http://pac.eqsd.org/>

Candidates endorsed by EqSD PAC based upon legislative voting record or response to survey.

Candidates NOT endorsed by EqSD PAC based upon legislative voting record or response to EqSD PAC survey.

Candidates with a mixed voting record or survey response. EqSD PAC is neutral on these candidates.

Newcomer candidates on which EqSD PAC does not have any information.

Bolded Names are candidates that do not have any opposition and therefore will become legislators.

| District | Race | Name | Party | Home Town | Survey Response | Voting Record |
|-------------|--------|----------------------------|-------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| District 01 | Senate | Jason Frerichs | DEM | Wilmont | | positive |
| District 01 | House | Steven D. McCleerey | DEM | Sisseton | positive | positive |
| District 01 | House | Susan Wismer | DEM | Britton | positive | |
| District 02 | Senate | Brock L. Greenfield | REP | Clark | | negative |
| District 02 | House | John Graham | DEM | Mansfield | | |
| District 02 | House | Lana Greenfield | REP | Doland | | negative |
| District 02 | House | Burt Tulson | REP | Lake Norden | | negative |
| District 03 | Senate | Cory Heidelberger | DEM | Aberdeen | positive | |
| District 03 | Senate | Al Novstrup | REP | Aberdeen | | negative |
| District 03 | House | Nikki Bootz | DEM | Aberdeen | | |
| District 03 | House | Brooks Briscoe | DEM | Aberdeen | | |
| District 03 | House | Drew Dennert | REP | Aberdeen | | |
| District 03 | House | Daniel Kaiser | REP | Aberdeen | | excused |
| District 04 | Senate | Kathy Tyler | DEM | Big Stone City | positive | |
| District 04 | Senate | John Wiik | REP | Big Stone City | | negative |
| District 04 | House | Matt Rosdahl | DEM | Clear Lake | positive | |
| District 04 | House | Peggy Schuelke | DEM | Reville | positive | |
| District 04 | House | Jason W. Kettwig | REP | Milbank | | |
| District 04 | House | John Mills | REP | Volga | | |
| District 05 | Senate | Neal Tapio | REP | Watertown | | |
| District 05 | House | Michele Alvine | DEM | Watertown | positive | |
| District 05 | House | Alanna Silvis | DEM | Watertown | | |
| District 05 | House | Charles Haan | IND | Watertown | | |
| District 05 | House | Hugh M. Bartels | REP | Watertown | | |
| District 05 | House | Nancy York | REP | Watertown | | |
| District 06 | Senate | Kyle C. Boese | DEM | Harrisburg | | |
| District 06 | Senate | Ernie Otten | REP | Tea | | negative |
| District 06 | House | Clara Hart | DEM | Sioux Falls | positive | |
| District 06 | House | Kyle Rogers | DEM | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 06 | House | Isaac Latterell | REP | Tea | | negative |
| District 06 | House | Herman Otten | REP | Lennox | | negative |
| District 07 | Senate | Mary J. Perpich | DEM | Brookings | positive | |
| District 07 | Senate | Lary Tidemann | REP | Brookings | | positive |
| District 07 | House | Linda A. Brandt | DEM | Brookings | positive | |
| District 07 | House | Spencer Hawley | DEM | Brookings | | positive |
| District 07 | House | Tim Reed | REP | Brookings | | |
| District 08 | Senate | Scott Parsley | DEM | Madison | | positive |
| District 08 | Senate | Jordan Youngberg | REP | Madison | | |
| District 08 | House | Kory Rawstern | DEM | Madison | | |
| District 08 | House | Jason Unger | DEM | Flandreau | | |
| District 08 | House | Leslie Heinemann | REP | Flandreau | | negative |
| District 08 | House | Mathew Wollmann | REP | Madison | | negative |
| District 09 | Senate | John Koch | DEM | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 09 | Senate | Deb Peters | REP | Hartford | | positive |
| District 09 | House | Mark G. Guthmiller | DEM | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 09 | House | Michael Saba | DEM | Hartford | | |
| District 09 | House | Michael Clark | REP | Hartford | mixed | |
| District 09 | House | Wayne H. Steinhauer | REP | Hartford | | negative |
| District 10 | Senate | Jim Powers | DEM | Sioux Falls | positive | |
| District 10 | Senate | Jenna Haggar | REP | Sioux Falls | | negative |
| District 10 | House | Dean Kurtz | DEM | Brandon | | |
| District 10 | House | Paul Vanderlinde | DEM | Brandon | | |
| District 10 | House | Don Haggar | REP | Sioux Falls | | negative |

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| District 10 | House | Steven Haugaard | REP | Sioux Falls | | negative |
| District 11 | Senate | Tom Cool | DEM | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 11 | Senate | Jim Stalzer | REP | Sioux Falls | | negative |
| District 11 | House | Leola Wieland | DEM | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 11 | House | Paul Schipper | DEM | Sioux Falls | positive | |
| District 11 | House | Chris Karr | REP | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 11 | House | Mark K Willadsen | REP | Sioux Falls | | negative |
| District 12 | Senate | Jim Sanden | DEM | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 12 | Senate | Blake Curd | REP | Sioux Falls | | mixed |
| District 12 | House | Bob Benson | DEM | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 12 | House | Susan Randall | DEM | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 12 | House | Arch Beal | REP | Sioux Falls | | negative |
| District 12 | House | Greg Jamison | REP | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 13 | Senate | Denny Pierson | DEM | Sioux Falls | positive | |
| District 13 | Senate | Jack Kolbeck | REP | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 13 | House | P. James Eckhoff Jr | DEM | Sioux Falls | positive | |
| District 13 | House | G. Mark Mickelson | REP | Sioux Falls | | negative |
| District 13 | House | Ellee Spawn | DEM | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 13 | House | Sue Lucas-Peterson | REP | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 14 | Senate | Deb Soholt | REP | Sioux Falls | | positive |
| District 14 | Senate | Tyler Swanger | IND | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 14 | House | JR LaPlante | DEM | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 14 | House | Valerie Loudenback | DEM | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 14 | House | Tom Holmes | REP | Sioux Falls | | mixed |
| District 14 | House | Larry P. Zikmund | REP | Sioux Falls | | negative |
| District 15 | Senate | Reynold F. Nesiba | DEM | Sioux Falls | positive | |
| District 15 | House | Jamie Smith | DEM | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 15 | House | Karen Soli | DEM | Sioux Falls | positive | positive |
| District 15 | House | Eric Leggett | IND | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 15 | House | Mike Myers | IND | Sioux Falls | | |
| District 16 | Senate | Chad Skiles | DEM | Canton | | |
| District 16 | Senate | Jim Bolin | REP | Canton | | negative |
| District 16 | House | Ted Curry | DEM | Elk Point | | |
| District 16 | House | Ann Tornberg | DEM | Beresford | positive | |
| District 16 | House | David L. Anderson | REP | Hudson | | negative |
| District 16 | House | Kevin D. Jensen | REP | Canton | | |
| District 17 | Senate | Shane Merrill | DEM | Parker | | |
| District 17 | Senate | Arthur Rusch | REP | Vermillion | | mixed |
| District 17 | House | Ray Ring | DEM | Vermillion | | mixed |
| District 17 | House | Mark Winegar | DEM | Vermillion | positive | |
| District 17 | House | Debbie Pease | REP | Centerville | | |
| District 17 | House | Nancy Rasmussen | REP | Hurley | | negative |
| District 18 | Senate | Craig Kennedy | DEM | Yankton | | |
| District 18 | House | David Allen | DEM | Yankton | | |
| District 18 | House | Peter Rossiter | DEM | Yankton | | |
| District 18 | House | Jean M. Hunhoff | REP | Yankton | | mixed |
| District 18 | House | Mike Stevens | REP | Yankton | | negative |
| District 19 | Senate | Russell Graeff | DEM | Scotland | | |
| District 19 | Senate | Stace Nelson | REP | Fulton | negative | |
| District 19 | House | Kent S. Peterson | REP | Salem | | negative |
| District 19 | House | Kyle Schoenfish | REP | Scotland | mixed | mixed |
| District 19 | House | Melissa Mentele | DEM | Emery | | |
| District 20 | Senate | Quinten L. Burg | DEM | Wessington Springs | positive | |
| District 20 | Senate | Joshua Klumb | REP | Mount Vernon | | negative |
| District 20 | House | Lance Carson | REP | Mitchell | | |
| District 20 | House | Tona Rozum | REP | Mitchell | positive | positive |
| District 21 | Senate | Billie H. Sutton | DEM | Burke | | positive |
| District 21 | House | Juile Bartling | DEM | Gregory | | positive |
| District 21 | House | Gary Burrus | DEM | Herrick | | |
| District 21 | House | Lee Qualm | REP | Platte | | negative |
| District 22 | Senate | Eric Bliss | DEM | Huron | | |
| District 22 | Senate | Jim White | REP | Huron | | positive |
| District 22 | House | Carmen Dannenbring | DEM | De Smet | | |
| District 22 | House | Joan Wollschlager | DEM | Lake Preston | | |

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| District 22 | House | Roger Chase | REP | Huron | | |
| District 22 | House | Bob Glanzer | REP | Huron | | |
| District 23 | Senate | Justin R Cronin | REP | Gettysburg | | negative |
| District 23 | House | Spencer Gosch | REP | Glenham | | |
| District 23 | House | John A. Lake | REP | Gettysburg | | |
| District 24 | Senate | Jeff Monroe | REP | Pierre | | negative |
| District 24 | House | Mary Duvall | REP | Pierre | | negative |
| District 24 | House | Tim Rounds | REP | Pierre | | mixed |
| District 25 | Senate | Jeff Barth | DEM | Sioux Falls | positive | |
| District 25 | Senate | Kris Langer | REP | Dell Rapids | | negative |
| District 25 | House | Dan Ahlers | DEM | Dell Rapids | positive | |
| District 25 | House | David Haagenson | DEM | Baltic | | |
| District 25 | House | Roger Hunt | REP | Brandon | | negative |
| District 25 | House | Tom Pischke | REP | Dell Rapids | positive | |
| District 26 | Senate | Troy Heinert | DEM | Mission | | positive |
| District 26A | House | Shawn Bordeaux | DEM | Mission | | positive |
| District 26B | House | James Schaefer | REP | Kennebec | | negative |
| District 27 | Senate | Kevin Killer | DEM | Pine Ridge | | positive |
| District 27 | House | Jim Bradford | DEM | Pine Ridge | | positive |
| District 27 | House | Red Dawn Foster | DEM | Pine Ridge | | |
| District 27 | House | Everette L. McKinley | IND | Midland | mixed | |
| District 27 | House | Steve Livermont | REP | Martin | | |
| District 27 | House | Elizabeth May | REP | Kyle | | negative |
| District 28 | Senate | Ryan M. Maher | REP | Isabel | | |
| District 28A | House | Oren Lesmeister | DEM | Parade | | |
| District 28B | House | Sam Marty | REP | Prairie City | | negative |
| District 29 | Senate | LeRoy Kindler | IND | Newell | | |
| District 29 | Senate | Gary L. Cammack | REP | Union Center | | negative |
| District 29 | House | Thomas J. Brunner | REP | Nisland | | negative |
| District 29 | House | Larry Rhoden | REP | Union Center | | negative |
| District 30 | Senate | Karla R. LaRive | DEM | Hot Springs | | |
| District 30 | Senate | Lance Russell | REP | Hot Springs | | negative |
| District 30 | House | Sandy Arseneault | DEM | Custer | | |
| District 30 | House | Kristine Ina Winter | DEM | Hot Springs | | |
| District 30 | House | Julie Frye-Mueller | REP | Rapid City | | |
| District 30 | House | Tim R. Goodwin | REP | Rapid City | | |
| District 31 | Senate | Bob Ewing | REP | Spearfish | | negative |
| District 31 | House | Timothy R. Johns | REP | Lead | | mixed |
| District 31 | House | Charles M. Turbiville | REP | Deadwood | | |
| District 32 | Senate | David A. Hubbard | DEM | Rapid City | positive | |
| District 32 | Senate | Alan D. Solano | REP | Rapid City | | mixed |
| District 32 | House | Nik Aberle | DEM | Rapid City | | |
| District 32 | House | Susan Kelts | DEM | Rapid City | positive | |
| District 32 | House | Kristin A. Conzet | REP | Rapid City | | negative |
| District 32 | House | Sean McPherson | REP | Rapid City | | |
| District 33 | Senate | Phil Jensen | REP | Rapid City | | negative |
| District 33 | Senate | Haven Stuck | DEM | Rapid City | positive | |
| District 33 | House | Jim Hadd | DEM | Rapid City | | |
| District 33 | House | Ethan Marsland | DEM | Black Hawk | | |
| District 33 | House | Taffy Howard | REP | Rapid City | | |
| District 33 | House | David Johnson | REP | Rapid City | | |
| District 34 | Senate | Jay C. Shultz | DEM | Rapid City | positive | |
| District 34 | Senate | Jeffrey D. Partridge | REP | Rapid City | | negative |
| District 34 | House | Steve Stenson | DEM | Rapid City | | |
| District 34 | House | Dan Dryden | REP | Rapid City | positive | mixed |
| District 34 | House | Craig Tieszen | REP | Rapid City | | positive |
| District 35 | Senate | Terri L. Haverly | REP | Rapid City | | negative |
| District 35 | House | Deve Freytag | DEM | Rapid City | positive | |
| District 35 | House | Michael T Hanson | DEM | Box Elder | positive | |
| District 35 | House | Blaine Campbell | REP | Rapid City | | |
| District 35 | House | Lynne DiSanto | REP | Rapid City | | negative |

EqSD PAC also endorses **Amendment T** which is on the ballot. Amendment T would create an independent commission to re-draw legislative districts every 10 years. This would eliminate gerrymandered districts.



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The mission of Equality South Dakota is to secure and protect the rights and well being of LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) South Dakotans and their families through full engagement in the political process. We seek dialogue with elected officials and invite them to use us as a resource in their decision making. In doing so, we give a voice to families that have been silent and fearful.

Equality South Dakota (EqSD) is the statewide organization advocating on behalf of LGBTQ South Dakotans. EqSD is a member of **Equality Federation** – the national network of statewide LGBTQ organizations.

EqSD was founded in 2007 in the wake of the passage of South Dakota’s (now invalid) “marriage” amendment, and is composed of three related organizations, all working to support our mission in different ways:

Equality South Dakota

EqSD is a 501(c)(4) non-profit political advocacy organization. EqSD’s activities include:

- Supporting and opposing state legislation affecting the LGBTQ community. EqSD along with other organizations defeated four anti-LGBT bills proposed in Pierre this year (including the transgender bathroom bill).
- Hosts a legislative day in Pierre where equality advocates from across the State of South Dakota meet each other to coordinate activities, learn about legislation, and meet with state legislators.
(See eqsd.org/pfund-video-reminds-us-why-were-here for a video about the event.)
- Tracks legislator voting records – see eqsd.org/sd-legislature-lgbt-voting-record-for-2016
- Has employed a part-time lobbyist to advocate on behalf of the LGBTQ community.

Equality South Dakota Political Action Committee (PAC)

EqSD PAC is allowed by the IRS to be directly involved with legislative elections. The PAC:

- Identifies and supports equality-friendly candidates.
- Distributes a candidate-specific Voters Guide through our website <http://pac.eqsd.org>

Equality South Dakota Institute

EqSD Institute is our 501(c)(3) non-political educational advocacy organization. The Institute:

- Encourages employers to include sexual orientation and gender identity non-discrimination in their employment policies. See our Champion Employers list <http://institute.eqsd.org/sd-champions-of-workplace-diversity/>
- Works with cities to improve their LGBT policies for the Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index.

Equality South Dakota needs your help!

- Get on our email list, visit www.eqsd.org --and like us on Facebook!
- Provide support to EqSD with your time and/or donations
- Come join us in Pierre next year at our Legislative Day