

Minnesota State Senate

2010 State Fair Poll

Respondents should be of voting age.
Please mark one answer per question with the exception of number 14.
Please read each question carefully.

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this:

<p>Where do you live?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Minneapolis/St. Paul</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rural</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Suburban</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Regional hub (Rochester, Duluth, etc.)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Another state</p>	<p>4. Do you think debt collectors should be required to verify they have the correct debtor and the correct amount of the debt before filing a lawsuit against an alleged debtor?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Undecided/No opinion.</p>
<p>What is your age group?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 18-24</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 25-44</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 45-64</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 65 and above</p>	<p>5. Would you be willing to pay higher electric rates for electric energy that produced less pollution than coal-generated electricity? If so how much?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. No, not any higher.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. Yes, ten percent higher.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Yes, 25 percent higher.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> d. Yes, 50 percent or higher.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> e. Undecided/No opinion.</p>
<p>What is your party affiliation?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> DFL Party</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Republican Party</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Independence Party</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Independent or other</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No comment</p>	<p>6. When there is a budget shortfall, how should the Legislature resolve it?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Increase state revenue.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. Reduce state spending.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. A combination of a and b.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> d. Undecided/No opinion.</p>
<p>1. Should commercial dog and cat breeders be licensed by the state of Minnesota and their facilities inspected by state inspectors?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Undecided/No opinion.</p>	<p>7. Currently, the Minnesota Legislature is constitutionally responsible for legislative and congressional redistricting and redrawing of legislative and congressional district boundaries. Would you support legislation creating a nonpartisan redistricting commission composed of retired judges to do this work?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Undecided/No opinion.</p>
<p>2. Should the Legislature require all wireless telecommunications service providers to alert customers whose usage approaches or exceeds their contract limit?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Undecided/No opinion.</p>	<p>8. Is it important for the Minnesota Legislature to resolve the Vikings stadium issue before their lease expires at the end of the 2011 season?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes, because the team will likely be sold or relocated.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No, the team will likely remain in Minnesota.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. This issue is not important to me.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> d. Undecided/No opinion.</p>
<p>3. Minnesota law allows individuals and corporations to buy wind rights easements over large areas of agricultural land. However, the purchaser loses those rights if a commercial wind operation is not in place within seven years of the purchase. The seven-year provision is scheduled to be repealed on June 1, 2012. Should the Legislature extend that provision or allow it to lapse?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> a. Yes, extend the provision.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> b. No, allow it to lapse.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> c. Undecided/No opinion.</p>	

Please continue voting on the other side:

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9. The Legislature recently considered changing teacher licensure requirements to allow an alternative method for an individual to become a teacher. This would allow teachers from programs such as "Teach for America" or mid-career professionals to teach in our classrooms provided they pass the teacher licensure exam. Would you support an alternative method for licensing skilled professionals to teach Minnesota's students or do you support the traditional method for training and licensing teachers in Minnesota?

- a. Yes, I would support an alternative method.
- b. No, I oppose an alternative method.
- c. Undecided/No opinion.

10. The Legislature has considered proposals to increase funding for early childhood education. Some proposals provide funding directly to established programs. Other proposals provide funding directly to parents who select a program from a qualified list. Which approach would you favor?

- a. Fund established programs.
- b. Send funding to parents who select a qualified provider.
- c. I don't support increased funding for early childhood.
- d. Undecided/No opinion.

11. Would you support an increase in the state income tax if the money generated was used to reduce your local property taxes?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.
- c. Undecided/No opinion.

12. Should a company be allowed to consider an applicant's credit history as a basis for hiring employees to work in nonfinancial positions?

- a. Yes.
- b. No.
- c. Undecided/No opinion.

13. Under current law, a prisoner in a state or local correctional facility must serve a minimum of 66.7% of their sentence before being eligible for supervised release. As part of a budget-balancing strategy intended to lessen cuts in other areas, would you support reducing this minimum period to 60% of a prisoner's sentence?

- a. Yes.
- b. Yes, but not for violent offenders.
- c. No.
- d. Undecided/No opinion.

14. If the 2011 Legislature decides to cut funding to resolve a general fund budget shortfall, currently projected to be 15% of the budget, which areas should be cut? The percentages of the general fund budget are listed in parentheses. **Select up to three budget areas:**

- a. E-12 Education. (37.1%)
- b. Higher Education. (9.2%)
- c. Health and Human Services. (29.6%)
- d. Property Tax Aids and Credits. (9.7%)
- e. Corrections/Public Safety. (5.9%)
- f. State Government. (2.1%)
- g. Transportation. (0.5%)
- h. Environment/Pollution Control. (1.1%)
- i. Economic Development. (0.9%)

OR select one of the following:

- j. I would only support equal cuts across the board.
- k. I oppose any further cuts in state spending.
- l. Undecided/No opinion.