2011 State Fair Opinion Poll Minnesota State Senate Survey Results

September 6, 2011

To: All Senators, staff and interested citizens

Attached are the results of our State Fair opinion poll survey. This is an unscientific survey. It is simply a measurement of the opinions expressed by those individuals that visited the Senate Fair Booth within the Education Building and took the time to fill out our questionnaire.

Our main purpose in conducting this opinion poll was to familiarize fair-goers with some of the issues that were considered during the past year, or may be dealt with in 2012.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Respondents should be of voting age. Please mark one answer per question.

8324 TOTAL RESPONDENTS

1.	Sho	ould the school year be allowed to start before Labor	Day?	
	Α.	Yes	54.46% (4490)	
	В.	No	36.97% (3048)	
	C.	Undecided/No Opinion	8.56% (706)	
2.	Wo	ould you support legislation allowing liquor stores to	be open on Sundays and	
	ho	idays?		
	Α.	Yes	63.50% (5239)	
	В.	No	31.02% (2559)	
	C.	Undecided/No Opinion	5.48% (452)	
3.	Would you support a constitutional amendment that would require individuals to			
	provide a photo ID before they are given an election ballot for voting?			
	Α.	Yes	46.71% (3856)	
	Β.	No	50.35% (4156)	
	С.	Undecided/No Opinion	2.94% (243)	
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 Every state has a different budget process. For example, if a budget is not passed by July 1 in Wisconsin, the current budget remains unchanged and funding continues on a month-by-month basis. In Minnesota, government services shut down if a new budget is not approved by June 30th. Should the Minnesota legislature enact a change in the budget process to avoid a government shutdown in the event of a budget deadlock?

- A. No, continue to require budgets to be completed or risk shutdown. **34.68% (2847)**
- B. Yes, change state law to reflect language similar to Wisconsin law. 58.51% (4803)

6.81% (559)

- C. Undecided/No Opinion
- 7. Should the teacher tenure system be changed so that teachers are retained for performance and not by seniority?

Α.	Yes	62.31% (5124)
В.	No	25.87% (2127)
C.	Undecided/No Opinion	11.82% (921)

8. Would you support a constitutional amendment that would provide for some limits on the maximum growth in state spending?

Α.	Yes	39.95% (3283)
В.	No	48.84% (4013)
C.	Undecided/No Opinion	11.21% (921)

9. What should the state's involvement in a new Vikings Stadium be?

Α.	None	47.57% (3911)
В.	Support with roads and infrastructure	26.07% (2143)
C.	Allow local city/county to increase taxes	11.52% (947)
D.	Pay one-third of the cost	8.22% (676)
Ε.	Undecided/ No Opinion	6.62% (544)

10. Should Minnesota remain in control of its health care system, rather than be mandated to implement a federally run program?

Α.	Yes	43.88% (3344)
В.	No	42.37% (3229)
C.	Undecided/No Opinion	13.75% (1048)

11. Current fishing laws only allow one line per angler. Do you support increasing this to two lines (or more) per angler?

Α.	Yes, allow two or more lines	11.67% (891)
В.	Yes, allow up to two lines	16.37% (1250)
C.	No, only allow one line	48.62% (3712)
D.	Undecided/No Opinion	23.34% (1782)

- 12. Currently, Minnesota has 74 state parks and recreation areas. Future state budgets may require operating reductions in the park system. If the state were to reduce the operating costs of state parks, how should it be accomplished?
 - A. Completely close a small number of state parks that have the smallest amount of annual visitors. **12.14% (920)**
 - B. Reduce overall park services, such as park hours, park upkeep, maintenance, etc.
 11.76% (891)
 - C. I favor increasing park fees to avoid any reductions. **68.03% (5153)**
 - D.
 Undecided/No opinion
 8.07% (611)