



Minnesota Senate Information Office

Minnesota Senate at the Fair

Come see us at the Fair! Take our opinion poll, ask questions about the legislative process, give us ideas of laws you want changed or better yet: talk to a State Senator about your ideas! Who will be at our booth? Check the schedule below. Check back after the fair to see the results of the poll displayed here.

Event Information:

- **What:** MN Senate State Fair Booth
- **When:** August 22, 2019 to Labor Day, September 2, 2019
- **Where:** Education building (north of Dan Patch on Cosgrove St. In the building we are on the east wall) [Click here for a building map](#)

September 3, 2019

All Senators, staff and interested citizens:

We would like to thank everyone who stopped by the Senate’s booth this year at the Minnesota State Fair. Many visitors had a chance to talk with one of the 34 Senators that made appearances at the booth. Thirty-two Senate staff members also spent time at the booth answering questions from fair-goers.

More than 6,900 people took our annual State Fair opinion poll survey. The non-scientific poll, which was offered exclusively at our booth in the Education Building, aimed to familiarize fair-goers with a sampling of issues that are currently being discussed at the Capitol. See below for the results of all 12 of the poll questions.

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

Sincerely,

Senate Information Office

651-296-0504

2019 State Fair Opinion Poll Minnesota State Senate Survey Results

Residence		
A) Minneapolis/St. Paul		37.80% (2602)
B) Rural		12.51% (861)
C) Suburban		43.74% (3011)
D) Regional hub of at least 40,000 people (Rochester, Duluth, St. Cloud, Mankato, Moorhead)		4.07% (280)
E) Another state		1.39% (96)
F) No answer		0.49% (34)
Total Votes:		6884
Age		
A) 18-24		7.25% (500)
B) 25-34		13.30% (917)
C) 35-49		16.27% (1122)
D) 50-64		30.80% (2124)
E) 65 and older		30.50% (2103)
F) No answer		1.87% (129)
Total Votes:		6895
1. Should Minnesota legalize betting on professional sports?		
A) Yes		31.57% (2172)
B) No		47.59% (3274)
C) Undecided / No opinion		20.83% (1433)

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2. Should Minnesota law be amended to provide a special tax credit for donations to nonprofit organizations that provide scholarships to low-income students to attend K-12 private schools?

A) Yes43.69% (2996)

B) No44.61% (3059)

C) Undecided / No opinion11.70% (802)

Total Votes:6857
3. Based on your knowledge of other states regarding the costs and benefits of recreational marijuana, should the use of marijuana for recreational purposes be legalized in Minnesota for individuals aged 21 or older?

A) Yes55.02% (3797)

B) No35.82% (2472)

C) Undecided / No opinion9.16% (632)

Total Votes:6901
4. After the 2020 Census, the state Legislature is constitutionally required to redraw the boundaries of the legislative and congressional districts. This process, known as redistricting, establishes districts that have roughly equal population. Who should be responsible for conducting redistricting?

A) The Legislature (as required by current law)14.67% (1004)

B) A redistricting commission made up of members that are not legislators56.61% (3875)

C) A redistricting commission that advises the Legislature, but the Legislature has the final responsibility16.49% (1129)

D) Undecided / No opinion12.23% (837)

Total Votes:6845
5. Should law enforcement agencies be authorized to petition a court to remove firearms from a person who the court determines is immediately dangerous to themselves or others and in which due process has been adequately ensured?

A) Yes84.96% (5839)

B) No10.87% (747)

C) Undecided / No opinion4.18% (287)

Total Votes:6873
6. Minnesota law currently prohibits regulators from permitting construction of new nuclear-powered electric generating plants. In order to lower greenhouse gas emissions, should the law be changed so that new nuclear energy power plants could be considered?

A) Yes50.31% (3443)

B) No32.93% (2254)

C) Undecided / No opinion16.76% (1147)

Total Votes:6844
7. Minnesota's roads and bridges are funded from a variety of revenues at the local, state and federal levels, including a state law change in 2017 in which a portion of the state sales tax on auto parts and repairs was dedicated to roads and bridges. One of these sources of revenue is the state's gas tax, which is currently 28.5 cents per gallon. Do you support increasing the state's gas tax to raise additional funds for roads and bridges?

A) No, I don't support an increase in the gas tax30.27% (2072)

B) Yes, by 5 cents per gallon37.83% (2590)

C) Yes, by more than 5 cents per gallon27.58% (1888)

D) Undecided / No opinion4.32% (296)

Total Votes:6846
8. In general, state funding for a K-12 Minnesota public school is not dependent on outcomes such as student achievement and growth, graduation rates, or other measures of student performance. Should the performance of students be considered in public school funding?

A) Yes, with more funding directed to lower-performing schools27.08% (1843)

B) Yes, with more funding directed to higher-performing schools8.11% (552)

C) No, maintain current law55.27% (3762)

D) Undecided / No opinion9.54% (649)

Total Votes:6806
9. State law requiring immunizations for children enrolled in public and private schools and child care facilities has an exemption for conscientiously held beliefs, which includes both religious beliefs and personal beliefs. Should the law be changed?

A) Yes, the exemption for conscientiously held beliefs should be eliminated52.15% (3562)

B) Yes, the exemption should be amended so that religious beliefs remain exempt, but personal beliefs are not exempt21.71% (1483)

C) No, the existing exemption from immunizations should stay the same21.76% (1486)

D) Undecided / No opinion4.38% (299)

10.	Minnesota is one of 13 states that taxes a portion of Social Security income. Should the state make all Social Security income exempt from Minnesota taxation?	
	A) Yes	68.98% (4723)
	B) No	18.49% (1266)
	C) Undecided / No opinion	12.53% (858)
	Total Votes:	6847
11.	Minnesota's water recreation account is projected to run short of the money needed to pay for public water access and water safety projects. The account is supported by fees on boat licenses such as kayaks and motor boats, and also a portion of the gas tax attributed to watercraft. How should the situation be addressed?	
	A) Increase boat license fees	50.28% (3441)
	B) Reduce water access projects	3.65% (250)
	C) Restructure how the program operates	29.18% (1997)
	D) Undecided / No opinion	16.89% (1156)
	Total Votes:	6844
12.	Minnesota prisons are nearing full capacity. Which option would you prefer to address the issue of prison overcrowding?	
	A) Build a new prison or expand capacity at an existing prison	17.33% (1182)
	B) Expand an early release program for prisoners who are incarcerated for nonviolent criminal offenses	76.39% (5211)
	C) Undecided / No opinion	6.29% (429)
	Total Votes:	6822

2019 SCHEDULE OF SENATORS

LEGISLATORS TO MEET AND GREET AT
THE MINNESOTA SENATE STATE FAIR BOOTH
(Please check daily for updates)

Thursday, August 22nd

9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.: Senator Karin Housley (Senate District 39)
10 a.m. to Noon: Senator Roger Chamberlain (Senate District 38)

Friday, August 23rd

9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.: Senator David Senjem (Senate District 25)
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Senator Karla Bigham (Senate District 54)
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Senate Minority Leader Tom Bakk (Senate District 3)

Saturday, August 24th

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Senator Paul Anderson (Senate District 44)
10 a.m. to Noon: Senator John Hoffman (Senate District 36)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Senator Steve Cwodzinski (Senate District 48)
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Senator Paul Utke (Senate District 2)
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Senator Mark Koran (Senate District 32)
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Senator Andrew Mathews (Senate District 15)

Sunday, August 25th

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Senator Chris Eaton (Senate District 40)
10 a.m. to Noon: Senator Karla Bigham (Senate District 54)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Senator Paul Utke (Senate District 2)
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Senator David Osmek (Senate District 33)
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Senator Sandra Pappas (Senate District 65)
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Senator Mark Koran (Senate District 32)

Monday, August 26th

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Senator Ann H. Rest (Senate District 45)
10 a.m. to Noon: Senator Dan Hall (Senate District 56)
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Senator Karla Bigham (Senate District 54)
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Senator Greg Clausen (Senate District 57)
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Senator Mark Koran (Senate District 32)

Tuesday, August 27th

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Senator Bruce Anderson (Senate District 29)
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka (Senate District 9)
10 a.m. to Noon: Senator Melisa Franzen (Senate District 49)
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Senator Steve Cwodzinski (Senate District 48)
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Senator Justin Eichorn (Senate District 5)
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Senator Mark Koran (Senate District 32)

Wednesday, August 28th

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Senator David Osmek (Senate District 33)
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Senator David Tomassoni (Senate District 6)
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Senator Charles Wiger (Senate District 43)
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Senator Mark Koran (Senate District 32)

Thursday, August 29th

9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Senator Roger Chamberlain (Senate District 38)
10 a.m. to Noon: Senator Eric Pratt (Senate District 55)
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Senator Jim Abeler (Senate District 35)
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Senator Mark Koran (Senate District 32)

Friday, August 30th

10 a.m. to Noon: Senator John Marty (Senate District 66)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Senator Jim Carlson (Senate District 51)

Saturday, August 31st

10 a.m. to Noon: Senator Nick Frentz (Senate District 19)
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Senator Karla Bigham (Senate District 54)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Senator Scott Jensen (Senate District 47)
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Senator John Hoffman (Senate District 36)
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Senator Mark Koran (Senate District 32)

Sunday, September 1st

10 a.m. to Noon: Senator Matt Little (Senate District 58)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Senator Jerry Newton (Senate District 37)
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Senator Carla Nelson (Senate District 26)
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Senator John Jasinski (Senate District 24)

Monday, September 2nd

10 a.m. to Noon: Senator Mark Koran (Senate District 32)
Noon to 2 p.m.: Senator John Hoffman (Senate District 36)
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Senator Founq Hawj (Senate District 67)
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Senator Jim Carlson (Senate District 51)

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