



Policy Update

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South Dakota Primary Election Next Tuesday

South Dakota's primary election is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2024. The primary election will provide registered South Dakota voters the opportunity to express their choice of candidates within each respective party. Candidates who receive the necessary affirmative vote in the primary election will proceed to the general election in November. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. local time. If you are a registered South Dakota voter, remember to bring your photo ID.

Click [here](#) to find your polling place.

Click [here](#) for more information on the 2024 primary election.

South Dakota Governor's Ag Summit Registration and Agenda

The 2024 South Dakota Governor's Ag Summit will be held in Huron on June 12-13, at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds. The goal of the Summit is to bring together policymakers, industry leaders, producers, and prospective farmers from South Dakota's farming and ranching communities to share their experiences and develop personal connections. This year's two-day Ag Summit agenda will include an ag-economic market outlook, policy updates, industry tours, and the presentation of the Ag Ambassador award. The first day will highlight speakers, award presentations, and policy updates. The second day will involve industry tours and a concert at the newly constructed DEX.

Click [here](#) for more information and/or to register for the event.

Open Primaries Approved for the South Dakota Ballot

A petition to establish open primary elections in South Dakota has recently secured enough signatures from registered voters to be included on the November ballot. The proposed open primaries measure (Constitutional Amendment H) would change the election process in South Dakota. Currently, South Dakota has a traditional primary election where each political party selects their nominees for the fall general election.

Open primaries, which would include races for governor, the Legislature, U.S. Senate, U.S. House and elected county offices would change the current system. For example, open primaries would establish a single primary where all candidates for an office would compete, regardless of party affiliation. The top two candidates would then advance to the general election. An important thing to note is the advancing candidates could represent different parties or the same party.

Click [here](#) for more information on Constitutional Amendment H.

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