



Policy Update

October 18, 2024

Deadline to Register to Vote Approaching

The deadline to register to vote in the South Dakota General Election is **Monday, October 21, 2024**. Information on how to register can be accessed at the South Dakota Secretary of State's website or at your county courthouse.

The 2024 South Dakota General Election will have seven state ballot measures to vote on as well as presidential, state legislator, and local government elections.

Click [here](#) to learn more about registering to vote.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the 2024 South Dakota General Election ballot measures and SDFB's positions.

Department of Energy Announces Conditional Commitment to Gevo Net-Zero for Sustainable Aviation Fuel Facility in South Dakota

The Department of Energy (DOE) recently announced a conditional commitment for a \$1.46 billion loan guarantee to Gevo Net-Zero 1, LLC (Gevo NZ-1), excluding capitalized interest during construction, to help finance a large-scale corn starch-to-jet fuel facility in Lake Preston, South Dakota. The facility would utilize this low-carbon feedstock to produce sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), renewable diesel, and renewable naphtha. Gevo has expressed the need to use carbon capture and sequestration and renewable power to lower emissions. Annually, the facility would also produce approximately 1.3 billion pounds of high-value protein products, used in animal feed, and approximately 30 million pounds of corn oil.

For more information on the project and conditional commitment, please click [here](#).

Legislative Property Tax Assessment Methodology Committee Meets in Pierre

The interim summer study committee on property tax assessment methodology recently met in Pierre to discuss draft "concepts" that seek to improve how assessments of property are completed in South Dakota. Below are the six concepts discussed by the committee.

1. The Department of Revenue developing a compliance audit to be done at all equalization offices annually.
2. A review of the potential for a shared software to be used amongst counties that choose to opt in for purposes of property appraisal, property taxes, and related matters.
3. An education platform would be developed for new directors of equalization, covering appraisal manuals and other best practices.

4. Legislation clarifying the ability of counties to cooperate, collaborate, and share data with each other to complete assessment and equalization activities.
5. An education platform would be developed for members of county boards of equalization, many of whom have little experience with property assessments.
6. The Department of Revenue would share data on property tax assessments across South Dakota with lawmakers to ensure the fairness and efficiency of assessments.

The committee will now compile a report for the Legislative Executive Board to review at their November meeting.

Click [here](#) for more information on the Property Tax Assessment Methodology Committee.

Vote YES on Referred Law 21

SDFB is urging its members to vote YES on referred law 21. Below is a graphic debunking some of the myths around the law. Feel free to use this graphic on your social media pages! Click [here](#) for more information on RL-21.

VOTE YES RL-21!

Get to know the real **FACTS** about RL-21

MYTH #1: RL-21 will stop eminent domain.

FACT: RL-21 has nothing to do with eminent domain.

MYTH #2: RL-21 removes all local control.

FACT: County ordinances can still be made a requirement of the permit.

MYTH #3: Opposing RL-21 helps landowners.

FACT: A YES vote makes pipelines accountable and requires profit sharing.

MORE ELECTION INFORMATION AT
[HTTPS://SDSOS.GOV/ELECTIONS-VOTING/DEFAULT.ASPX](https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/default.aspx)

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