



SD 42 Platform Resolutions 2026

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- 48 Proposed Resolutions
- 15 Not Applicable due to Federal vs State / Legislation vs Platform
- Many proposals (or parts of) were already covered in the platform
- 16 American Experiment - Education Savings Accounts
- 4 banning Sharia Law
- Misc – Pro life, election integrity, child sex exploitation, no sanctuary state,
- Similar amendments were combined
- **6 resolutions that are relevant and novel to move forward with voting**



General Subject Matter –Section 2 Preserve Civil Rights

Current MN GOP Platform – Related Provisions

Defend the right to life

- Oppose partial birth abortions
- Eliminate taxpayer funding...
- Oppose abortions on minors...
- Protect a fathers right to...
- Overturning Roe V Wade

Proposed Platform Addition ... Add the following modification.

Resolved that the State of MN should reinstate the Positive Alternatives Act, which gave women in need and their unborn children lifesaving access to assistance and alternatives to abortion through a state grant program for pro-life pregnancy resource centers.



General Subject Matter –Section 4 Educate our Children

Current MN GOP Platform – Related Provisions

Protect Parental Choice

- As Republicans, we seek to improve the quality of education by maximizing parental choice. This includes:
 - Parents should be empowered through school choice to control the education of their children by selecting the school (public, charter, private or home) that will provide the best education or curricula with the values of the family. Public education funds should follow the student to the school of the parents’ choice.
 - A more competitive and accountable public school system.
 - Recognizing parental rights to observe their child in the classroom.
 - **Expanding tax credits, deductions, and voucher programs, including for religious schools**

Proposed Platform Addition ... Add the following modification.

- **Revise bullet 4 language under “Parental Choice” to the following: Expanding tax credits, deductions, and ~~voucher programs~~ Education Savings Accounts (ESAs), including for students attending religious schools**
- **Strike “voucher programs” and add “Education Savings Accounts (ESAs)” in its place and add “for students attending” in front of religious schools**



General Subject Matter – Section 6: Protect Public Safety

Current MN GOP Platform – Related Provisions

We believe public safety is better served if we:

- Eliminate "hate crimes" against specific "protected classes" and all equal crimes are punished equally. Require police check the immigration status of non-citizens. Do not legalize recreational marijuana. Carefully monitor institutions providing care for vulnerable populations.

Proposed Platform Addition ... Add the following modification.

- We believe in protecting minors from the practice of sexual mutilation that is known as "gender-affirming care", and therefore seek to ban transgender surgeries for anyone under the age of 18. This means ending sanctuary state policies and upholding parental rights, so that children cannot be removed from parents who refuse to "affirm" their child's belief that they are a different sex from the one assigned to them at birth. It also means criminally prosecuting doctors and surgeons who have sexually mutilated children to "affirm" their new gender.
- We recognize online child sexual exploitation crimes, including sextortion, as a public youth health crisis and seek to provide funding for prevention strategies. With this in mind, we believe in enacting a statute that will criminalize grooming of minors (under 18), whether online or in-person. This is because we believe not just in punishing child sexual predators for when the physical abuse occurs, but also for the gaining of that child's trust through repeated manipulative/coercive interactions known as "grooming" that have the intention of sexual abuse.



General Subject Matter – Section 7: Strengthen the Rule of Law

Current MN GOP Platform – Related Provisions

Respecting the Rule of Law

We support: the nullification of unconstitutional federal law in accordance with state sovereignty, restoring states rights under the 10th amendment of the U.S. Constitution, reinstating the Constitutional separation of powers, and the election or appointment of strict constructionist judges who adhere to the principles of the U.S. and Minnesota Constitutions. We oppose legislation by executive order, judicial rulings, or unelected regulatory agencies. We oppose the implementation of foreign law on American soil.

We recognize that "sanctuary cities" or "sanctuary states" are a violation of federal law and support withdrawal of all state and federal funding for those cities. Asset forfeiture should be abolished except upon criminal conviction and where the asset is directly related to the crime.

Proposed Platform Addition ... Add the following modification.

Recognizing that the United States Constitution and the Minnesota State Constitution are the only supreme laws of the land, and recognizing that Sharia law is a foreign religious doctrine that contradicts basic human rights, **we oppose Sharia law and seek to ban it in the state of Minnesota.** This includes "Sharia courts" which seek to impose rulings and punishments that are outside of our legally established judicial system. While we do believe in the right to choose one's own religious practices, such practices may not violate our secular Constitutional laws nor supersede our justice system.



General Subject Matter –Section 9 Government Smaller and Better

Advocate for Fair Election Processes

We support the current Electoral College system and oppose electing our president based on the national popular vote. We promote a change in the way Minnesota casts its votes in the Electoral College, so that the votes from the individual Congressional districts go to the winner of that Congressional District and the Presidential Candidate that wins the majority of votes cast in the State receives two extra votes. We support fair redistricting without gerrymandering and with Senate districts that do not cross Congressional district boundaries. We must improve polling place procedures, specifically voter registration practices.

- Voters to be registered at least 30 days prior to an election.
- We the people support the voting rights of duly authorized citizens through valid registration, proof of citizenship, vouching, photo identification, custodial authentication, and auditing procedures to ensure that our election systems and processes provide secure, fair, and honest results.
- An individual must present a government issued photo identification in Minnesota for local, city, state, and national elections. A free option paid for by the state should be available.
- Voting machines to provide a printed receipt.
- Opposition to any voting schemes that violate the principle of “one man, one vote” including “Instant Runoff Voting.”
- All school district elections to be held on General election days.
- All ballots from US military and citizens abroad be counted and included before being reported.
- We support no early voting except military and absentees with sufficient cause. No ballot received after election day shall be counted.
- We support election integrity including secure chain of custody, and elimination of drop boxes.
- We support requiring that party-balanced election judges be present at the polls, in all early voting centers and on absentee ballot boards.
- We support prohibiting local governments from accepting or using any non-governmental, third-party, or private money, grants, or gifts from outside sources to assist in the administration of an election.

We oppose public financing of campaigns and political parties.

Proposed Platform Addition ... Add the following modifications.

- Scrub voter rolls of non-citizens, people who have died, and people who have moved from the state
- Cease to display foreign language posters in polling locations explaining the voting process in and to cease providing foreign interpreters
- Minnesota should only allow elections by paper ballot due to the security concerns of digital ballots



General Subject Matter – Section 9: Make Government Smaller and Better

Current MN GOP Platform – Related Provisions

We hold our elected officials accountable by:

Supporting codes of conduct for all Minnesota elected officials requiring resignation and loss of pension and benefits upon conviction of a felony. Federal and state Constitutional amendments for an effective recall procedure for all elected officials. Supporting term limits for all elected officials. Limiting all elected officials' compensation to salary during service, with no retirement benefit beyond Social Security. Requiring State and federal lawmakers to live by the same laws they pass. Adopting an initiative and referendum law in Minnesota. Emergency powers exercised by a Governor are meant to be short in duration. The powers require authorization from both chambers of the legislature for renewal or any extension. If that approval is not given, the powers must expire.

Proposed Platform Addition ... Add the following modification.

We believe in investigating government officials in our state who are accused of engaging in fraud and/or covering it up and, if found guilty, prosecuting them to the fullest extent of the law. We believe in accountability for everyone in our government, no matter the person or the position.