



Convention Platform Submission

Proposal Type

- New Platform Plank

Platform Section Reference

Proposed Language

2026 South Dakota State Republican Convention Platform Plank

Legislators should lead through personal moral integrity and should consider this Platform responsibly before supporting or opposing legislation affecting their constituents and South Dakota citizens overall.

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Rationale / Supporting Explanation

To SDGOP State Plank Committee,

I humbly present a proposed addition to the SDGOP Platform.

The reason for such a submittal is the fact that although South Dakota shows a strong R presence in Pierre and a weak D showing, at least to the general voting public, it is fairly obvious that D candidates are elected by simply running as a R.

Although this technique is disingenuous, it has been a staple of SD politics for a long time now. I simply want to make this more obvious to low information voters in my precinct and statewide as well. I am fully aware of the push back this will receive as has happened in the past, but I do believe that our State Committee this convention is relatively empathetic to this situation. If adapted into the platform, it will allow County Committees some "official" support in fact in their support or non-support of future candidates running in their jurisdictions as far as committee funds or endorsements.

The wordage in my proposal was lifted almost word for word from the North Dakota Republican Party Platform with obvious changes made. Frankly, I'd like to think that SD Republicans are at least as conservative as North Dakotans.

Thank You for your time and consideration of this proposal,

Ken Straatmeyer Precinct Committeeman - Precinct RV - Pennington County

Supporting Document(s)

Members Who Also Support This Platform Plank

Confirmation

✓ I affirm that this submission reflects my own views and is submitted in good faith for consideration by the Platform Committee. I understand that acceptance or rejection is determined by committee and convention vote and that I am an active, registered Republican in the State of South Dakota.

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