



MARYLAND STATEWIDE CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS POLL: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Maryland Survey of 500 Likely Voters Conducted January 21-26, 2020

by Pulse Opinion Research

Survey Summary: The results of this recently completed statewide survey show that Maryland voters overwhelmingly support term limits for members of Congress. Support for term limits is broad across all political and demographic groups. **An overwhelming 75% of voters approve of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will place term limits on U.S. Senators and U.S. House Representatives.** Large majorities also say that Congress members stay in power for too long, and that they’re more likely to support state lawmakers who help advance congressional term limits.

Do you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove or strongly disapprove of placing term limits on members of Congress?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Other Party	White	Black	Other Race
Approve	75%	83%	73%	70%	76%	72%	76%
Strongly	48%	58%	45%	42%	49%	48%	39%
Somewhat	27%	25%	28%	28%	27%	24%	37%
Disapprove	17%	12%	17%	20%	15%	20%	13%
Somewhat	9%	3%	10%	11%	8%	11%	6%
Strongly	8%	9%	7%	9%	7%	9%	7%
Not Sure	8%	5%	10%	10%	9%	7%	10%

If the state legislatures of two-thirds of the states vote to call an amendment-proposing convention to recommend an amendment to place term limits on members of Congress, would you want your state senator and state representative to vote yes or no on this bill?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Other Party	White	Black	Other Race
Yes	71%	78%	66%	73%	73%	65%	78%
No	12%	9%	16%	7%	13%	13%	8%
Not sure	17%	13%	18%	19%	14%	23%	13%

Nearly three-in-four Maryland voters, 71%, are significantly more likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who supports implementing term limits on Congress. **Approximately three-in-four voters, 72%,** would be more likely to vote for a State Legislator in the next election, who voted to pass term limits on Congress through an amendment proposing convention.



*Would you be much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or much less likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who **supports** implementing term limits for members of Congress?*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Other Party	White	Black	Other Race
More likely	69%	85%	65%	71%	74%	65%	73%
Much more likely	43%	59%	33%	46%	47%	35%	39%
Somewhat more likely	29%	26%	32%	25%	27%	30%	34%
Less likely	14%	7%	17%	13%	12%	17%	12%
Somewhat less likely	10%	6%	11%	11%	9%	11%	11%
Much less likely	4%	1%	6%	2%	3%	6%	1%
Not sure	15%	7%	18%	16%	14%	17%	15%

*Would you be much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or much less likely to vote for a candidate for State Legislature who **opposes** implementing term limits for members of Congress?*

	Total	Rep	Dem	Other Party	White	Black	Other Race
More likely	34%	28%	42%	26%	29%	43%	39%
Much more likely	15%	16%	15%	14%	13%	17%	18%
Somewhat more likely	19%	12%	27%	12%	16%	26%	21%
Less likely	49%	60%	39%	57%	55%	39%	51%
Somewhat less likely	23%	28%	20%	24%	28%	14%	25%
Much less likely	26%	32%	19%	33%	27%	25%	26%
Not sure	16%	11%	19%	17%	16%	19%	11%

At present the Maryland State Legislature does NOT have term limits on itself. However, if your state legislator voted to place term limits on Congress through an amendment proposing convention, in the next state-wide election, would that make you much more likely, somewhat more likely, somewhat less likely or much less likely to vote for your state legislator?

	Total	Rep	Dem	Other Party	White	Black	Other Race
More likely	72%	83%	65%	76%	74%	66%	83%
Much more likely	38%	55%	29%	40%	40%	32%	46%
Somewhat more likely	34%	28%	36%	36%	34%	34%	37%
Less likely	13%	8%	17%	11%	14%	16%	8%
Somewhat less likely	10%	7%	11%	10%	10%	12%	6%
Much less likely	3%	1%	6%	1%	4%	4%	2%
Not sure	14%	8%	18%	13%	13%	18%	8%

Conclusions: Maryland voters overwhelmingly support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution limiting the terms of all U.S. Senators and U.S. House Representatives. The intensity of this support is measured in their willingness to vote for state legislators who will vote "yes" on term limits and against those who will vote "no" against term limits on members of Congress.

Methodology: This poll of 500 likely voters in Maryland was conducted January 21-26, 2020, using an automated polling methodology. To reach those who have abandoned traditional landline telephones, Pulse Opinion Research uses an online survey tool to interview randomly selected participants from a demographically diverse panel. This accounts for 25% of the panel. Pulse Opinion Research determines its partisan weighting targets through a dynamic weighting system that takes into account the state's voting history, national trends, and recent polling in a particular state or geographic area.

This poll of 500 likely voters in Maryland has an accuracy of +/- 4.5% with a 95% level of confidence.



Key Survey Demographics:

Gender

Men - 46%

Women - 54%

Age

18-39 – 31%

40-64 – 50%

65+ - 19%

Race

White – 59%

Black – 31%

Other – 10%

Party

Republican – 26%

Democrat – 51%

Other – 23%