

Judicial Elections Committee

South Dakota's circuit court judges are elected by the voters in the circuit they represent every 8 years. Supreme Court justices are subject to a retention vote where the voters are asked to decide if the justice should remain on the Supreme Court. In 2014 all forty-one circuit judges in South Dakota are subject to election and three of the five Supreme Court justices will face retention election.

The Special Committee on Judicial Election Campaign Intervention is a 9-member committee responsible for providing advisory opinions on ethical issues that may come up during judicial elections. The Committee quickly issues opinions and has limited authority to address allegations of misconduct in these campaigns. The goal of the Special Committee is to prevent unethical and unfair campaign practices in judicial elections.

[The South Dakota Secretary of State website](#) has additional information on the current elected officials, vacancies, election calendars, voting requirements, election rules, etc.

Special Committee	Relevant Rules
<u>Special Committee Rules</u>	<u>Prior Opinions of the Committee</u>
<u>Complaint Form</u>	<u>Constitution</u>
Committee Press Releases	<u>South Dakota Codified Laws</u>
<u>Appointment Press Release</u>	<u>Canons</u>
2014 Formal Opinions	
<u>#14-01</u>	
<u>#14-02</u>	
<u>#14-03</u>	
<u>#14-04</u>	
<u>#14-05</u>	
<u>#14-06</u>	
<u>#14-07</u>	

Links

- [Special Committee to Ensure Ethical Campaigns](#)