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PA Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022: 100%

✓ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional — Did not Vote **Vote**

1. Abortion & Voting: This bill includes two constitutional amendments. It states that abortion is not a right and bans all abortions funded by the taxpayers. It also requires that voter ID is needed to vote.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB106 · 07/08/2022

2. Election Integrity: Prohibits the use of non-public or outside money for the administration and execution of an election, making sure funding only comes from the taxpayers.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB982 · 07/07/2022

3. Poll Watchers: Allow all registered voters of Pennsylvania to be eligible to be a poll watcher in any precinct in the state of Pennsylvania.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB573 · 06/28/2022

4. Transgender Sports: Provides for sport activities in public school be expressly designated male, female, or coed.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB972 · 04/12/2022

5. Constitutional Carry: Eliminates the requirement of a license to carry a firearm.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB565 · 11/16/2021

6. COVID-19 Vaccine Status: Prohibits government entities and state funded colleges from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB618 · 06/23/2021

Why do these votes matter?

1. Abortion & Voting

SB106 includes two constitutional amendments. It states that abortion is not a right and bans all abortions funded by the taxpayers. It also requires that voter ID is needed to vote.

The House passed SB106 on July 8, 2022 by a vote of 107 to 92. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the U.S. Constitution. Taxpayer money should not fund abortions. Also, strengthening our voter ID laws are crucial in the preservation of our election process and election integrity. Article IV, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution provides that “citizens” of the United States “shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities,” such as the “right of citizens of the United States” to vote as prescribed in the 26th Amendment. It would be an infringement on our rights to allow any ineligible elector to vote.

2. Election Integrity

SB982 prohibits the use of non-public or outside money for the administration and execution of an election, making sure funding only comes from the taxpayers. This bans “Zuckerbucks” from elections in the state.

The House passed SB982 on July 7, 2022 by a vote of 110 to 90. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because strengthening our election laws are crucial in the preservation of our election process and election integrity. Article IV, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution provides that “citizens” of the United States “shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities,” such as the “right of citizens of the United States” to vote as prescribed in the 26th Amendment. Tightening election laws preserve the integrity of the election process and keeping outside money out of elections will prevent outside influence of elections.

3. Poll Watchers

SB573 allows all registered voters to be eligible to be a poll watcher in any precinct.

The House passed SB573 on June 28, 2022 by a vote of 111 to 89. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because poll workers are a key component to election integrity. More engagement in the election process by citizens is pivotal in trusting our election results.

4. Transgender Sports

HB972 provides for sport activities in public school be expressly designated male, female, or coed.

The House passed HB972 on April 12, 2022 by a vote of 115 to 84. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the left has been promoting radical Marxist ideas for years. This indoctrination is letting people believe that they can choose their pronouns and that they can be transgender. Scientifically and biblically, there are two genders. Taxpayers fund sports programs in schools, so this legislation ensures that taxpayer dollars will not be going to athletic programs that embrace the woke culture.

5. Constitutional Carry

SB565 eliminates the requirement of a license to carry a firearm in the state.

The House passed SB565 on November 16, 2021 by a vote of 107 to 92. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the fundamental right of the American people to keep and bear arms is protected by the U.S. Constitution, particularly in the 2nd, 9th, and 10th Amendments, and should not be infringed. The Constitution does not state where you can or cannot possess a firearm.

6. COVID-19 Vaccine Status

SB618 prohibits government entities and state funded colleges from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

The House passed SB618 on June 23, 2021 by a vote of 112 to 89. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because an individual's personal health care decisions should not be the object of government, nor be under its federal, state, or local jurisdictions in the United States. Forcing an individual to receive a vaccination or partake in any medical procedure would be a violation of their fundamental rights, freedoms, privileges, or immunities protected by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.