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2026 WI Legislative Scorecard

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

1. Would have repealed Governor Tony Evers' 2023 "partial veto" that provides an annual \$325 per-pupil adjustment in the school-district revenue formula until 2425. ✓

Estimated benefit per household: **+\$98.96/year.**

Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB389 · Passed 54–40 · 02/19/2026

2. Expands Medicaid to offer up to 12 months of postpartum coverage. ✗

Estimated cost per household: **-\$7.46/year.**

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB23 · Passed 95–1 · 02/19/2026

3. Would appropriate \$60 million in annual funding toward contributions to Trump Accounts during the 2025-27 fiscal biennium. ✗

Estimated cost per household: **-\$23.67/year.**

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · AB997 · Passed 62–35 · 02/19/2026

4. Would have prohibited a city, village, town, or county from enacting a "rights of nature ordinance." ✓

Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB420 · Passed 54–41 · 02/19/2026

5. Establishes English as the official language of Wisconsin. ✓

Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · AB377 · Passed 51–45 · 01/15/2026

6. Proposes an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution that would protect the freedom to gather in places of worship during a "state of emergency at the national, state, or local level." ✓

Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · AJR10 · Passed 56–43 · 01/13/2026

Scorecard Votes: 67%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Repealing the Governor's 400-Year Veto

SB389 would have repealed Governor Tony Evers' 2023 "partial veto" that provides an annual \$325 per-pupil adjustment in the school-district revenue formula until 2425.

This bill would have eliminated the Governor's 400-year increase in school funding. Not only does the "partial veto" provision in Article V, Section 10 of the Wisconsin Constitution, which allows the Governor to unilaterally amend or rewrite legislation, in violation of the separation of powers, need to be repealed, but education is not the role of government—it is the responsibility of a child's parents or family. Schools can and should be privatized, without stealing from taxpayers (e.g., property taxes) and draining the treasury. If not dismantled, the government's monopoly on K-12 education will continue to displace traditional private schools and homeschooling in favor of universal state-sponsored schooling. The best "school choice," by far, is for parents to choose not to place their child's education in the hands of the state. Educational and economic freedom cannot be achieved by forcing other citizens to furnish their tax dollars for all that now entails a compulsory, failing, and government-run school system.

2. Expanding Medicaid for Postpartum Women

SB23 expands Medicaid to offer up to 12 months of postpartum coverage.

Neither healthcare nor "social welfare" is the legitimate object of government. Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that is not authorized according to Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution. Like other "entitlement" programs, it's financed by discriminatory and unjust forms of taxation (e.g., personal or corporate income taxes) that provide "Medical Assistance benefits" to "eligible persons," who have little or no tax liability, at the expense of others—resulting in more debt, dependency, and poverty. The Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment were intended to prevent such "nanny state" policies and the reckless use of taxpayer money.

3. Taxpayer-funded "Trump Accounts"

AB997 would appropriate \$60 million in annual funding toward contributions to Trump Accounts during the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.

Trump Accounts are nothing but another manifestly socialist wealth-redistribution scheme designed to lead to a "universal basic income." The State of Wisconsin, let alone the federal government, has no business using taxpayer money to subsidize individual retirement accounts. Nor should lawmakers create two classes of American citizens. (Only children born between 2025 and 2028 may receive a \$1,000 deposit from the U.S. Treasury.) The reality is that government has no money of its own to "contribute," and taxation disguised as "social welfare" is robbery. There exists no right to income apart from a person earning it themselves, through their own labor or investment. Legislation that arbitrarily picks economic "winners" and "losers" is both immoral and unconstitutional. The U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment were meant to promote the "general Welfare" and ensure "equal protection of the laws."

4. Prohibiting "Rights of Nature" Ordinances

SB420 would have prohibited a city, village, town, or county from enacting a "rights of nature ordinance."

This legislation preempts political subdivisions from declaring that plants and animals have constitutionally protected "rights." Treating plants and animals as equivalent to people, who are made in the image of God, is not simply silly—it is a blatant attack on both God and man. The "rights of nature" movement changes the "self-evident" truth of the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights" into a lie, and worships and serves the creation instead of the "Creator." The American Founders understood that "rights" come from God, not government; and that only people have "rights," not "nature." They acknowledged the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God," but distinguished the law of nature and the law of God, who is over nature. Accepting God's creation mandate (Genesis 1:26-28), the Founders knew that man's duty to obey God and take dominion over the Earth is what gives rise to "rights" among men. Since God alone is sovereign, they recognized that "rights" pertain to the exercise of self-government under God. Wisconsin lawmakers must likewise assert our God-given rights and reject the false religion of the "rights of nature" enviro-extremists, whose power-hungry globalist priests are devoted to implementing the United Nations' Agenda 2030.

5. English as the Official State Language

AB377 establishes English as the official language of Wisconsin.

This bill protects America's heritage and unity as "one Nation" from those who seek to subvert our country with multiculturalism. Executive Order 14224, issued by President Donald Trump on March 1, 2025, rightly declares: "From the founding of our Republic, English has been used as our national language. Our Nation's historic governing documents, including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, have all been written in English." To safeguard the American way of life, and the exceptional character of our civil institutions, for "ourselves and our Posterity," it is crucial that each of the several States, as well as the federal government, designate English as the one and only official language.

6. Right to Gather in Places of Worship

AJR10 proposes an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution that would protect the freedom to gather in places of worship during a "state of emergency at the national, state, or local level."

This amendment would reinforce the "right of every person to worship Almighty God," as guaranteed by Article I, Section 18 of the Wisconsin Constitution. Freedom of worship is among the most fundamental, God-given "unalienable Rights" to which each person is entitled, and what no government ought to deny. Moreover, government at all levels has a duty to promote "true religion" while upholding the individual "rights of conscience." The Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment forbid government from infringing on the religious liberty of the American people.