



## Elijah Behnke

Wisconsin

Assemblymember, HD-006 (R)

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## 2025 WI Legislative Scorecard

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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★ Constitutional    ✗ Unconstitutional    ? Did not Vote

Vote

1. **AB85 Denying Parole to Repeat Offenders** (passed 53 to 43 on 3/13/2025). Would have required the Department of Corrections to recommend revoking a person's extended supervision, parole, or probation if the person is charged with a crime while on release. **YES**



2. **AB165 Ban on "Guaranteed Income" Programs** (passed 53 to 42 on 4/22/2025). Would have banned political subdivisions from making "regular periodic cash payments that are unearned" to individuals under a "guaranteed income program." **YES**



3. **AB43 Pharmaceutical Abortions** (passed 87 to 10 on 5/13/2025). Would permit a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense "self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives." **NO**



4. **AB140 Increasing Property Taxes for AI "Data Centers"** (passed 91 to 6 on 5/13/2025). Creates a "data center" exception to the 12% maximum property-value rule for certain Tax Incremental Districts (TIDs). **YES**

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5. **AB308 Prohibiting Healthcare Funds to Illegal Aliens** (passed 51 to 44 on 9/11/2025). Would have prohibited public funding of healthcare services for any person who is not lawfully present in the United States. **YES**



6. **AB617 Election Integrity** (passed 53 to 44 on 11/19/2025). Would change election law to include automatic absentee ballot text-message notifications, election-night reporting requirements, and the canvassing of electronic ballots at local polling places. **YES**



**Scorecard Votes: 83%**



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U.S. National Debt Per Household as of May 13, 2026

# Why do these votes matter?

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## 1. Denying Parole to Repeat Offenders

HB85 would have required the Department of Corrections to recommend revoking a person's extended supervision, parole, or probation if the person is charged with a crime while on release.

Denying parole to repeat offenders reduces crime. Modern-day parole has been an unquestionable failure. It hinders the state's ability to uphold the rights of victims and protect the public. No criminal should walk out of court as a free person when he should be placed under restraint or even executed. A criminal-justice system is only as good as those who apply the law. Incurable criminals (e.g., "stubborn and rebellious") must be removed from society. The "due process" and "equal protection" requirements in the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment follow the Common Law retributive principle that "the punishment should fit the crime." Only persons convicted of less serious, non-capital crimes, who have made just restitution for their past wrongs, ought to have their constitutionally protected rights restored.

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## 2. Ban on Local "Guaranteed Income" Programs

AB165 would have banned political subdivisions from making "regular periodic cash payments that are unearned" to individuals under a "guaranteed income program."

"Guaranteed income" (i.e., "universal basic income") programs are manifestly socialist wealth-redistribution schemes. They rely on immoral, anti-constitutional acts of government-imposed theft, disguised as taxation, which take from hardworking citizens the wages they have actually earned. In other words, there exists no right to an income apart from a person earning it themselves, through their own labor or investment. The reality is that government has no money of its own to handout. Taxation in the name of "social welfare" is neither just nor charitable, for it turns citizens into slaves. A person's property, including their income, belongs solely to them—not the state. The Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment guarantee that "No State" shall "deprive any person" of "property." Wisconsin needs to reject tyrannical government by protecting the "pursuit of Happiness," particularly the right to enjoy the fruit of one's own labor.

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## 3. Pharmaceutical Abortions

AB43 would permit a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense "self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives."

This bill would enable at-home abortions. Prescription birth-control drugs, not to mention over-the-counter "morning-after" pills (e.g., Plan B), can and do prevent uterine implantation of developing preborn children, causing them to function not only as "contraceptives," but as abortifacients. Abortion is murder, and no person has a right to kill a preborn child. Since the care of human life—not its destruction—is the greatest responsibility of government, Wisconsin ought to abolish abortion entirely. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and "unalienable" right mentioned in the Declaration of Independence and secured by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

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## 4. Increasing Property Taxes for AI "Data Centers"

AB140 creates a "data center" exception to the 12% maximum property-value rule for certain Tax Incremental Districts (TIDs).

Big Tech and Big Government are colluding to erect a centralized, artificial intelligence (AI) surveillance infrastructure over the American population. The rapid construction of massive "data centers" in Wisconsin and throughout the United States is a growing danger to Americans' personal privacy and property. It grants federal, state, and local authorities an unprecedented and unconstitutional amount of power to collect our phone calls, text messages, and internet communications. This dark, techno-oligarchic attempt to hear everything, see everything, and be everywhere at all times serves no lawful purpose but to conduct warrantless "unreasonable searches." Further, the abuse of eminent domain, as well as taxation, for these "data centers" encroaches upon constitutionally protected property rights. Wisconsin lawmakers are duty-bound by oath to uphold the Fourth, Fifth, and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

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## 5. Prohibiting Healthcare Funds to Illegal Aliens

AB308 would have prohibited public funding of healthcare services for any person who is not lawfully present in the United States.

Illegal aliens must be deported from the United States. They should not be granted sanctuary or residency in Wisconsin or elsewhere in the country, let alone receive taxpayer-funded healthcare. Unlawful presence in the United States is, at the very least, a civil violation, whereas illegal entry is a crime. Moreover, mass migration, which is no less an "invasion," as per the U.S. Constitution, has become the most immediate and serious threat to our country. It's an anti-American policy designed to destroy national unity, allegiance, and sovereignty, through a blatant undermining of the rule of law and an erosion of the value of citizenship. To save our Republic, "We the People" need to demand secure borders, the deportation of every illegal, and a moratorium on all immigration until the crisis ends.

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## 6. Election Integrity

AB617 would change election law to include automatic absentee ballot text-message notifications, election-night reporting requirements, and the canvassing of electronic ballots at local polling places.

This bill helps to reduce the risk of electoral fraud and voter disenfranchisement. The American people retain the "right of Representation," and lawmakers in Wisconsin should exercise the full extent of their authority under Article 1, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the 14th and 26th Amendments, to implement free, fair, and secure elections, thereby ensuring "the right of citizens of the United States to vote."