



Anthony Dowe Paynter

West Virginia

State Delegate, HD-025 (R)

freedomindex.us/12409/

60

Lifetime
Freedom
Score

Scan to view
vote history



WV Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

✓ Pro-Freedom ✗ Anti-Freedom — Did not Vote

Vote

1. Creates an EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan for West Virginia that describes how our state intends to use its share of NEVI Formula Program funds.

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB4797 · 02/23/2022



2. Prohibits the showing of proof of a COVID-19 vaccination as a condition for entering the premises of any state or local governmental building or as a condition for entering the premises of a hospital or enrolling in a state institution of higher education.

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB4012 · 03/12/2022



3. Eases up on licensing requirements for plumbers, HVAC, and electricians.

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · HB2008 · 03/18/2021



4. Applies to the Congress of the United States to call a convention of states.

Pro-Freedom: **No** · HCR31 · 03/04/2022



5. Prohibits biological males from participating on athletic teams or sports designated for biological females where competitive skill or contact is involved.

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB3293 · 04/09/2021



6. Creates the Industrial Business Expansion Development Program and is to be administered as a program within the Department of Economic Development.

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · SB4001 · 09/12/2022



Scorecard Votes: 60%



View the Freedom Toolbox

Scan to learn more about the Freedom Index, view legislative alerts, and deepen your understanding of the U.S. Constitution and America's founding principles. Visit <https://freedomindex.us/tools>

\$295,579

U.S. National Debt Per Household as of July 30, 2026

Why do these votes matter?

1. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan

HB4797 creates an EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan for West Virginia that describes how our state intends to use its share of NEVI Formula Program funds, which provides funding to states to strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and to establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability.

The West Virginia State House of Representatives passed HB4797 on February 23, 2022 by a vote of 96 to 2. We have assigned pluses to the nays because states should not accept funds that are unconstitutionally spent by congress. The 10th Amendment reserves powers not delegated to the federal government to the states or the people, and the federal government should not be involved in promoting electric vehicle infrastructure as it falls outside of its delegated powers and infringes on states' rights.

2. Vaccine Status

HB4012 prohibits the showing of proof of a COVID-19 vaccination as a condition for entering the premises of any state or local governmental building, entity, department, or agency, or as a condition for entering the premises of a hospital or enrolling in a state institution of higher education.

The West Virginia State House of Representatives passed HB4012 on March 12, 2022 by a vote of 88 to 7. 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 produce their vaccination status would be a violation of their fundamental rights, freedoms, privileges, or immunities protected by the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

3. Reduced Licensure

HB2008 eases up on licensing requirements for plumbers, HVAC, and electricians.

The West Virginia State House of Representatives passed HB2008 on March 18, 2021 by a vote of 59 to 40. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because oppressive and Marxist licensure requirements negatively affect the economy. Licensure requirements infringe on an individual's ability to earn a living or jump into a profession. Licensure requirements lead to reduced competition, which leads to higher prices and reduced innovation.

4. Con-Con

HCR31 applies to the Congress of the United States to call a convention of states.

The West Virginia House of Representatives passed HCR31 on March 4, 2022 by a vote of 77 to 19. We have assigned pluses to the nays because a so-called "Convention of the States" would not be of "limited" purpose. The vague and contradictory text contained in this joint resolution dangerously permits what Article V of the U.S. Constitution describes as a "Convention for proposing Amendments" or second constitutional convention. Notably, Article V of the U.S. Constitution was designed to correct structural deficiencies in the federal government, not the behavior of its elected officials. HCR31 should be opposed in favor of less risky, more precise, and immediate solutions that would restore power back to the states and to the people, such as clear-cut proposals in Congress to repeal bad amendments or state nullification of specific unauthorized federal laws.

5. Women's Sports

HB3293 prohibits biological males from participating on athletic teams or sports designated for biological females where competitive skill or contact is involved.

The West Virginia State House of Representatives passed HB3293 on April 9, 2021 by a vote of 80 to 20. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the left has been promoting radical Marxist ideas for years. This leftist indoctrination is brainwashing people to believe that they can choose their pronouns and that they can be transgender. Scientifically and biblically, there are two genders.

6. Industrial Business Expansion Development Program

SB4001 creates the Industrial Business Expansion Development Program and is to be administered as a program within the Department of Economic Development to encourage the continued development, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion in West Virginia of high impact industrial plants and facilities.

The West Virginia State House of Representatives passed SB4001 on September 12, 2022 by a vote of 87 to 2. We assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation expands the size of government by creating a new government program and forces government to interfere in the free-market economy. Government should not be propping up and subsidizing one business over another. This interferes with competition, suppresses innovation, and sets businesses up to fail.