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AL Legislative Scorecard 2025

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

1. Amends Alabama law by explicitly defining sex-based terms such as "male," "female," "man," "woman," and related categories. ✗

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · SB79 · 02/06/2025

2. Strengthens immigration enforcement by requiring status checks on detainees and creating state-level crimes for human smuggling and harboring illegal aliens. ✗

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · SB53 · 02/13/2025

3. Authorizes refined gold and silver bullion, specie, or coins that are stamped with their weight and purity to be recognized as legal tender in Alabama. ✓

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB130 · 03/04/2025

4. Creates a felony crime under state law for possessing, obtaining, receiving, selling, or using parts designed or intended to convert a pistol into a machine gun, commonly known as "Glock switches." —

Pro-Freedom: **No** · SB116 · 03/18/2025

5. Allows the Town of Kinston in Coffee County to use automated speed?camera systems to issue civil citations. ✗

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB238 · 04/01/2025

6. Removes the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) as an approved database for identifying voters whose residential addresses may have changed. ✗

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · SB142 · 04/17/2025

Scorecard Votes: 20%

Why do these votes matter?

1. What is a Woman Act

SB79 amends Alabama law by explicitly defining sex-based terms such as “male,” “female,” “man,” “woman,” and related categories. It declares there are only two sexes—male and female—based on reproductive anatomy at birth, and that intersex conditions do not constitute a third sex. The law applies wherever state statutes classify individuals by sex, and requires vital statistics and public institutions to record everyone as either male or female as assigned at birth (with a narrow exception if biologically undetermined). It also permits state and local entities to establish single-sex spaces (including bathrooms, dorms, shelters, and school facilities) based on biology, privacy, safety, or fairness concerns.

The Alabama State Senate passed SB79 on February 6, 2025 by a vote of 26 to 5. We have assigned pluses to ayes because this bill codifies biological truth into state law. By clearly defining sex as male or female based on reproductive biology and removing so-called “gender identity” from legal consideration, SB79 pushes back against the radical Marxist and leftist agenda infiltrating public institutions and society. The bill affirms Alabama’s duty to defend reality, privacy, and common sense. Scientifically and biblically, there are only two sexes.

2. Immigration Enforcement

SB53 enhances immigration enforcement by requiring jail officials to verify the immigration status of detainees when reasonable suspicion exists. It creates new state crimes: human smuggling and harboring undocumented immigrants.

The Alabama State Senate passed SB53 on February 13, 2025 by a vote of 24 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill strengthens state-level enforcement of immigration law. By empowering local and state authorities to prosecute crimes such as human smuggling and harboring illegal aliens—without relying solely on federal agencies—SB53 reinforces Alabama’s sovereignty and deters criminal activity tied to illegal migration.

3. Real Money

SB130 authorizes refined gold and silver bullion, specie, or coins that are stamped with their weight and purity to be recognized as legal tender.

The Alabama State Senate passed SB130 on March 4, 2025 by a vote of 31 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill is an important step toward restoring sound, constitutional money and reestablishing the role of gold and silver as legal tender, in accordance with Article I, Section 10 of the U.S. Constitution.

4. Machine-gun Conversion Ban

SB116 makes it a Class C felony under Alabama law to possess, obtain, receive, sell, or use any part or combination of parts designed or intended to convert a pistol into a machine gun—commonly known as “Glock switches.” This bill creates a state-level ban that empowers local law enforcement to prosecute offenders directly without relying on federal jurisdiction.

The Alabama State Senate passed SB116 on March 18, 2025 by a vote of 24 to 2. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill mirrors and reinforces an unconstitutional federal gun control law, thereby undermining state sovereignty and violating the 10th Amendment. Furthermore, by criminalizing firearm components at the state level, SB116 infringes on the Second Amendment, which clearly states that “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

5. Speed-enforcement Cameras

SB238 allows the Town of Kinston in Coffee County to use automated speed-camera systems to issue citations for speeding.

The Alabama State Senate passed SB238 on April 1, 2025 by a vote of 30 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because speed-enforcement cameras undermine due process by removing human oversight and presuming guilt before innocence, violating principles protected by the Fifth and 14th Amendments. These systems also risk infringing on Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches and seizures.

6. ERIC Ban

SB142 removes the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) as an approved database for identifying voters whose residential addresses may have changed. Instead, Alabama election officials must use the U.S. Postal Service’s National Change of Address database and at least one other voter-registration database to identify potential address changes.

The Alabama State Senate passed SB142 on April 17, 2025 by a vote of 25 to 5. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill rightly removes Alabama from the ERIC, a secretive and controversial program with ties to left-wing organizations, including those funded by George Soros. States have both the right and the responsibility under Article I, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution to conduct free, fair, and secure elections.