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## Thomas M. Whatley

Alabama

State Senator, SD-027 (R)

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# 75

Lifetime  
Freedom  
Score

## AL Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022

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

Vote

1. Makes it illegal for state or local governments to enforce any federal gun law of presidential executive order that violates the 2nd Amendment.

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Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · SB358 · 04/15/2021

2. Requires that minors receive parental consent before getting a COVID vaccine and prevents educational institutions from asking about a minor's vaccination status.

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Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB15 · 11/04/2021

3. Eliminates the requirement to obtain a permit in order to carry a concealed handgun.

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Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · HB272 · 03/10/2022

4. Largest general fund budget in Alabama state history at \$2.7 billion due to federal COVID-19 funding.

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Estimated cost per household: **-\$1,429.00/year.**

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB106 · 03/30/2022

5. Prohibits the use of private donations to fund election costs and expenses (Zuckerbucks).

✓

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB194 · 04/07/2022

6. Forbids law enforcement and state actors from implementing or enforcing executive orders regarding firearms.

✓

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB2 · 04/07/2022

## Scorecard Votes: 75%

# Why do these votes matter?

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## 1. Second Amendment Protection Act

SB358 makes it a class C misdemeanor for state or local governments to enforce any federal gun law of presidential executive order that violates the 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution.

The Alabama State Senate passed SB358 on April 15, 2021 by a vote of 22 to 5. We have assigned the 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 in any situation. Furthermore, under Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, states have a duty to nullify infringements by the federal government.

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## 2. Vaccine Mandates

SB15 requires that minors receive parental consent before getting a COVID vaccine while also preventing educational institutions from asking about a minor's vaccination status.

The Alabama State Senate passed SB15 on November 4, 2021 by a vote of 25 to 1. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because 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.

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## 3. Constitutional Carry

HB272 eliminates the requirement to obtain a permit in order to carry a concealed handgun.

The Alabama State Senate passed HB272 on March 10, 2022 by a vote of 24 to 6. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because We have assigned the 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.

## 4. General Fund Budget

SB106 is the largest general fund budget in Alabama state history at \$2.7 billion. This budget included a raise of 4% for state employees, bonuses for retirees and increase spending on state agencies. This increase came because of the assistance of congressionally passed COVID-19 funds.

The Alabama State Senate passed SB106 on March 31, 2022 by a vote of 29 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this budget greatly expands the size and role of government. With a record in increase spending for government programs, leads to more people relying on the government in society. The spending of taxpayer money for purposes not authorized under Art. 1 Sec. 8 of the US Constitution is unconstitutional.

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## 5. Election Integrity

HB194 prohibits the use of private donations to fund election costs and expenses (Zuckerbucks).

The Alabama State Senate passed HB194 on April 7, 2022 by a vote of 25 to 7. 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.

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## 6. Second Amendment Preservation Act

SB2 forbids law enforcement and state actors from implementing or enforcing executive orders regarding firearms.

The Alabama State Senate passed SB2 on April 7, 2022 by a vote of 23 to 5. We have assigned the pluses to the ayes because the fundamental right of the American people to keep and bear arms is protected by the U.S. Constitution and should not be infringed in any situation. Furthermore, under Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, states have a duty to nullify infringements by the federal government.