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2024 AZ Legislative Scorecard: 0%

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

1. Defend the Guard: Prevents Arizona's National Guard from being sent into active combat unless Congress has issued an official declaration of war or taken another constitutional action to authorize it.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · SB1121 · Passed 16–12 · 02/19/2024

2. Central Bank Digital Currency Ban: Bans the use of federally recognized central bank digital currency (CBDC) as a form of payment or contract in Arizona. It also ensures that CBDC is not considered legal tender under Arizona law, including in the Uniform Commercial Code.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · SB1281 · Passed 16–12 · 02/29/2024

3. United Nations' Agenda 2030 Ban: Prevents Arizona from using public funds to adopt, implement, or enforce the goals set by the United Nations in its 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · HB2788 · Passed 16–13 · 04/01/2024

4. University Club Fees: Requires public universities that allocate student fee money to support university-recognized student organizations or clubs to give each student the option to exclude certain groups from receiving their pro rata share of the fees.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · HB2178 · Passed 16–14 · 04/02/2024

5. Repeal Abortion Ban: Removes the punishment of 2-5 years in prison for anyone who commits an abortion that isn't needed to save the woman's life.



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB2677 · Passed 16–14 · 05/01/2024

6. Subsidized Community College: Establishes the Arizona Community College Promise Program Fund, administered by the Arizona Board of Regents, to provide financial aid to community college students.



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB2904 · Passed 18–11 · 06/15/2024

Why do these votes matter?

1. Defend the Guard

SB1121 prevents Arizona's National Guard from being sent into active combat unless Congress has issued an official declaration of war or taken another constitutional action to authorize it.

The Arizona State Senate passed SB1121 on February 19, 2024 by a vote of 16 to 12. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this would nullify unconstitutional federal deployments of the National Guard. A congressional declaration of war is constitutionally required to enter into a foreign conflict or for another constitutional reason, in accordance with Article I, Section 8, Clauses 11 and 15, of the U.S. Constitution.

2. Central Bank Digital Currency Ban

SB1281 bans the use of federally recognized central bank digital currency (CBDC) as a form of payment or contract in Arizona. It also ensures that CBDC is not considered legal tender under Arizona law, including in the Uniform Commercial Code.

The Arizona State Senate passed SB1281 on February 29, 2024 by a vote of 16 to 12. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because Article I, Sections 8 and 10 of the U.S. Constitution state that only Congress has the power to coin money. States should take steps to return to the gold standard and embrace the use of real money. Digital currency can be easily tracked, allowing the government to monitor all financial transactions. This could lead to unconstitutional and extensive surveillance of individuals' financial activities, eroding personal privacy and potentially freezing assets, which is already happening in other countries.

3. United Nations' Agenda 2030 Ban

HB2788 prevents Arizona from using public funds to adopt, implement, or enforce the goals set by the United Nations in its 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Arizona State Senate passed HB2788 on April 1, 2024 by a vote of 16 to 13. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill protects national and state sovereignty and local control. It prevents international goals and regulations from encroaching on state and local policies, thus safeguarding individual freedoms and limiting federal and international overreach. By blocking the adoption of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the bill helps resist unconstitutional globalist agendas and preserve American autonomy in policy decisions protected under the 10th Amendment.

4. University Club Fees

HB2178 requires public universities that allocate student fee money to support university-recognized student organizations or clubs to give each student the option to exclude certain groups from receiving their pro rata share of the fees.

The Arizona State Senate passed HB2178 on April 2, 2024 by a vote of 16 to 14. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill upholds students' First Amendment rights by ensuring they are not compelled to financially support groups whose beliefs they may oppose. By allowing students to opt out of funding certain organizations, the bill protects freedom of speech, ensuring that individuals are not forced into supporting ideologies or activities contrary to their values.

5. Repeal Abortion Ban

HB2677 removes the punishment of 2-5 years in prison for anyone who commits and abortion that isn't needed to save the woman's life.

The Arizona State Senate passed HB2677 on May 1, 2024 by a vote of 16 to 14. We have assigned pluses to the nays because Arizona should act to prohibit the practice of abortion entirely and secure the right to life for all persons. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the 5th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

6. Subsidized Community College

HB2904 establishes the Arizona Community College Promise Program Fund, administered by the Arizona Board of Regents, to provide financial aid to community college students.

The Arizona State Senate passed HB2904 on June 15, 2024 by a vote of 18 to 11. We have assigned pluses to the nays because taxpayers should not bear the burden of paying for peoples' college education. Bills like this-which establish a new government program-inflate the budget, interfere with the free market, expand government overreach, and undermine personal responsibility by unjustly shifting the financial burden to taxpayers.