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2026 IN Legislative Scorecard: 50%

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

✓ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	— Did not Vote	Vote
1. Stablecoin Regulation: HB1217 Stablecoin Regulation (Passed 67 to 23 on 1/20/2026). Would have established a state licensing and regulatory system for companies issuing payment stablecoins. Estimated Cost per household: -\$4.60/year . Constitutional: No · Cast: Yes			✗
2. Ranked-choice-voting Ban: SB12 Ranked-choice-voting Ban (Passed 58 to 30 on 2/17/2026). Prohibits ranked-choice voting (RCV) in Indiana elections. Constitutional: Yes · Cast: Yes			✓
3. Northwest Indiana Stadium Authority: SB27 Northwest Indiana Stadium Authority (Passed 95 to 4 on 2/24/2026). Establishes the Northwest Indiana Stadium Authority to acquire, finance, construct, operate, and maintain a professional sports stadium. Constitutional: No · Cast: Yes			✗
4. Law-enforcement Civilian Boards: SB284 Law-enforcement Civilian Boards (Passed 70 to 25 on 2/24/2026). Limits the power of civilian boards that oversee law-enforcement agencies. Constitutional: Yes · Cast: Yes			✓
5. Food Freedom: HB1424 Food Freedom (Passed 74 to 12 on 2/26/2026). Allows homestead food vendors and small farms to sell specified meat, produce, baked goods, and other foods directly from their property or at farmers markets. Constitutional: Yes · Cast: Yes			✓
6. Carbon-storage Regulations: HB1368 Carbon-storage Regulations (Passed 57 to 40 on 2/27/2026). Establishes state regulations for underground carbon-dioxide storage and allows forced participation by property owners. Constitutional: No · Cast: Yes			✗



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\$297,530

U.S. National Debt Per Household as of August 28, 2026

Why do these votes matter?

1. Stablecoin Regulation

HB1217 would have established a state licensing and regulatory system for companies issuing payment stablecoins, a type of cryptocurrency tied to a stable asset such as the U.S. dollar. It would have prohibited issuers from paying interest or other rewards to stablecoin holders and, beginning July 1, 2028, generally restricted stablecoin sales to coins issued by licensed companies.

The Indiana State House of Representatives passed HB1217 on January 20, 2026 by a vote of 67 to 23. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill expands government regulation, surveillance, and control over private financial activity under the guise of regulating stablecoins. HB1217 moves digital assets further under government control, and helps normalize the infrastructure for programmable, surveillable money. This threatens financial privacy and free-market innovation while undermining the Fourth Amendment's protections against unreasonable searches and unwarranted government surveillance.

2. Ranked-choice-voting Ban

SB12 prohibits ranked-choice voting (RCV) in Indiana elections and candidate-nomination processes. Under ranked-choice voting, voters rank candidates in order of preference rather than selecting only one candidate.

The Indiana State House of Representatives passed SB12 on February 17, 2026 by a vote of 58 to 30. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because RCV undermines election integrity and the electorate's ability to choose the best candidate. By design, RCV favors moderate-to-leftist candidates who often fail to uphold the Constitution. This complex, multi-round system can result in winners who lack true plurality support, and imposes ballot-marking requirements that may pressure voters to act against their conscience. States should firmly reject all attempts to implement this unconstitutional voting method.

3. Northwest Indiana Stadium Authority

SB27 establishes the Northwest Indiana Stadium Authority and a governing board to acquire, finance, construct, operate, and maintain a professional sports stadium and related facilities. It authorizes the use of bonds; local admissions taxes; development districts; and certain food, beverage, hotel, and property-tax revenues to help fund the project.

The Indiana State House of Representatives passed SB27 on February 24, 2026 by a vote of 95 to 4. We have assigned pluses to the nays because government has no business subsidizing professional sports. Privately owned billion-dollar organizations, such as the Chicago Bears, can more than afford to build their own stadiums. They need zero handouts from taxpayers. "Economic development" is nothing other than a cliché used by corporatist cronies to steal proliferate amounts of public money and finance their corrupt "pork-barrel" projects, in violation of the principles of free-market enterprise. The U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment were written to "promote the general Welfare" of all Americans, not to pick economic "winners" and "losers."

4. Law-enforcement Civilian Boards

SB284 limits the power of civilian boards created by counties, cities, or townships to oversee law-enforcement agencies. It would prevent such boards from exercising binding authority over police departments or requiring departments to adopt particular policies or take disciplinary actions.

The Indiana State House of Representatives passed SB284 on February 24, 2026 by a vote of 70 to 25. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because unelected "civilian boards" are used by radical anti-police activists who seek to redefine public safety in America by exerting control over state and local law enforcement. First advocated by the Communist Party USA in the 1930s, and then more recently following the death of George Floyd in 2020, "civilian review boards" unduly restrict police from enforcing criminal laws. They do so by acting as prosecutor, judge, and jury in cases of alleged police corruption or brutality.

5. Food Freedom

HB1424 allows homestead food vendors and small farms to sell specified meat, produce, baked goods, and other foods directly from their property or at farmers markets. It exempts these vendors from many state and local licensing and food-establishment regulations not required by federal law, while retaining labeling, food-handling, refrigeration, and complaint-investigation requirements.

The Indiana State House of Representatives passed HB1424 on February 26, 2026 by a vote of 74 to 12. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because government has no legitimate authority to interfere in private commerce, and this bill is a step in the right direction. Licensing and inspection requirements unnecessarily burden entrepreneurs and private businesses, infringing on the liberty and property rights that government exists to protect.

6. Carbon-storage Regulations

HB1368 establishes a state permitting and regulatory system for underground carbon-dioxide storage projects, including safety, monitoring, financial-responsibility, and well-closure requirements. It also allows the Department of Natural Resources to require unwilling property owners to participate in a project if the operator has secured rights to at least 70 percent of the affected underground storage area and provides equitable compensation.

The Indiana State House of Representatives passed HB1368 on February 27, 2026 by a vote of 57 to 40. We assigned pluses to the nays because the dangerous expansion of carbon-capture storage systems in the United States is closely connected to the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which seeks to codify extreme "environmental justice" measures into state law. This push for a "green" or "decarbonized" economy on behalf of "vulnerable populations" is nothing other than a fanatical attempt by globalist elites to increase their taxing power and authority. The abuse of eminent domain and forced participation for these carbon-capture pipelines encroaches upon the constitutionally protected property

rights of Hoosiers. If America is to truly remain the "land of the free," then the states and the people must reject the hoax of "climate change" and put an end to the global war on farmers and ranchers.