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IN Legislative Scorecard 2025

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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★ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional ? Did not Vote	Vote
1. SB10 Secure Voter ID Requirements (passed 66 to 26 on 4/1/2025). Specifies that student documents may not be used as "proof of identification" for voting purposes, and that county voter-registration offices must remove disenfranchised criminals and non-citizens from their voter lists within 48 hours.	NONE ?
2. SB326 Defunding "Drag Queen Story Hour" (passed 72 to 20 on 3/31/2025). Would prohibit a government entity from organizing, hosting, or funding an obscene performance.	YES ★
3. SB120 DNA Samples Without Due Process (passed 80 to 10 on 3/20/2025). Requires a sheriff to take a DNA sample of a person who is arrested for, not just charged with or convicted of, a felony.	YES ✗
4. SB457 Carbon-capture Pipelines (passed 56 to 36 on 3/20/2025). Establishes certain guidelines for companies to receive a carbon sequestration project permit or a carbon dioxide transmission pipeline certificate of authority from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.	YES ✗
5. SB314 Tax Exemptions for the WNBA (passed 83 to 6 on 3/20/2025). Provides various tax exemptions for the Women's National Basketball Association All-State Game, and related events, when held in Indiana.	YES ✗
6. SJR21 Article V Convention: Term Limits (passed 67 to 29 on 3/17/2025). Applies to "call a convention" under Article V of the U.S. Constitution for the purpose of proposing an amendment to set term limits on members of Congress.	YES ✗

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Why do these votes matter?

1. Secure Voter ID Requirements

SB10 specifies "proof of identification" and voter-list maintenance requirements.

This bill improves Indiana's voter ID requirements by closing a significant loophole that risks electoral fraud and disenfranchisement of qualified U.S. citizen voters. It is the American people alone who retain the "right of Representation in the Legislature." The General Assembly should perform its duty and exercise the full extent of its authority under Article 1, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the 14th and 26th Amendments, to implement free, fair, and secure elections, thus ensuring "the right of citizens of the United States to vote."

2. Defunding "Drag Queen Story Hour"

SB326 would prohibit a government entity from organizing, hosting, or funding an obscene performance.

"Drag Queen Story Hour" should be illegal. No person has a right to sexually "groom" or abuse a child using the pretext of LGBTQ+ ideology, let alone force their neighbor to pay for it. Indeed, the government has a duty to prohibit public displays of obscene, indecent, or profane activity. Prior to the counter-cultural "gay rights" movement of the 1960s, many states had laws against not only homosexual conduct, but "cross dressing." Conflation of biological sex and fictional "gender identity" constructs is absurd, and results in grossly illicit acts of sexual perversion contrary to the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God." The right of the people to protect both themselves and their children from "transanity" is retained under the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.

3. DNA Samples Without Due Process

SB120 requires a sheriff to take a DNA sample of a person who is arrested for, not just charged with or convicted of, a felony.

This bill unconstitutionally subjects even innocent persons to mandatory DNA collection, thereby dangerously expanding the statewide DNA database system and the threat it poses to justice and individual privacy. In America, "due process of law" requires that a person be presumed innocent "until proven guilty." Indiana lawmakers should support, not undermine, the 4th, 5th, and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

4. Carbon-capture Pipelines

SB457 establishes certain guidelines for companies to receive a state-issued carbon sequestration project permit or CO2 pipeline certificate of authority.

The recent growth 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. Its push for a "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 for these carbon-capture pipelines encroaches upon constitutionally protected property rights. The States and the people need to reject the hoax of "climate change" and put an end to the global war on farmers.

5. Tax Exemptions for the WNBA

SB314 provides various tax exemptions for the Women's National Basketball Association.

Government has absolutely no business subsidizing women's basketball. The owners of billion-dollar professional sports organizations can more than afford to pay their taxes, and deserve no special carve-out from the immoral and anti-constitutional forms of taxation (e.g., income taxes) that steal from citizens the wages they have rightfully earned. Policies that involve the government picking economic "winners" and "losers" violates the basic principles of free-market enterprise. "Economic opportunity" is too often simply a cliché or code word used to finance these types of crony, corporate-sponsored "pork-barrel" projects that exist entirely outside the limited purpose and scope of government.

6. Article V Convention: Term Limits

SJR21 applies for an Article V convention to set term limits on members of Congress.

Term limits conflict with the right of the American people to choose their representatives. Moreover, efforts to "call a convention" under Article V must be resisted. A constitutional convention (Con-Con) would have the ability to make major changes to the U.S. Constitution, or even completely rewrite it. Instead of risking the danger of a "runaway convention," which could destroy many of the Constitution's limitations on government power, lawmakers should simply uphold their oath of office. The problem is not the Constitution, but our failure to follow it. Article V was designed to correct potential errors or defects in the Constitution, not to "misconstrue or abuse its powers." Whenever the federal government assumes undelegated powers, nullification is the proper remedy. We must use Article VI to enforce the Constitution, rather than use Article V to alter or abolish it.