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KS Legislative Scorecard 2024

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

Vote

1. Authorizes STAR (Sales Tax and Revenue) bonds to finance major professional sports complexes.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · HB2001 · 06/18/2024

2. Would have banned healthcare providers from providing "gender transition" treatment to children.



Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB233 · 04/29/2024

3. Applies to Congress to "call a convention" under Article V of the U.S. Constitution for the purpose of proposing amendments that would set term limits on members of Congress.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SCR1609 · 03/27/2024

4. Would forbid abortion procedures, except when necessary to save the life of a pregnant woman in a medical emergency.



Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · SB286 · 03/21/2024

5. Would have amended various provisions of election law, including changing the advance voting ballots deadline, requiring voting to be done by hand, and prohibiting the use of electronic voting systems, poll books, and remote ballot boxes.



Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · SB365 · 03/05/2024

6. Removes the authority of public health officials to issue certain orders related to infectious and contagious diseases.



Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · SB6 · 02/23/2023

Scorecard Votes: 40%

Why do these votes matter?

1. “STAR Bonds” for Professional Sports

HB2001 authorizes STAR (Sales Tax and Revenue) bonds to finance major professional sports complexes.

Government has no business issuing bonds for professional sports. Privately owned billion-dollar professional sports teams should be expected to pay for their own facilities, which they can more than afford. “Economic development” is merely a cliché or code word used by cronies to coerce taxpayers into furnishing proliferate amounts of money to fund corporate-sponsored spending bills outside the limited purpose and scope of government. This bill is dependent upon sales tax revenue, making it an immoral, anti-constitutional act of government-imposed theft that takes from citizens the wages they have rightfully earned.

2. Ban on Sex Mutilation of Children

SB233 would have banned healthcare providers from providing “gender transition” treatment to children.

No person has a right to harm a child using the pretext of LGBTQ+ ideology. Sex mutilation against minor children violates their “unalienable” right to life and limb, as it absurdly attempts to erase their biological sex with fictional “gender identity” constructs. According to the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, every State has a duty to defend the basic humanity of its citizens, each of whom is born distinctly male or female, and, as the Declaration of Independence affirms, created equally in the image of God.

3. Article V Convention: Term Limits

SCR1609 applies to Congress for an Article V Convention on term limits for members of Congress.

Term limits conflict with Americans' right to choose their representatives. Instead of failing to uphold their oath of office and attempting to rewrite the U.S. Constitution, legislators should act to nullify all unconstitutional federal laws. Whenever the federal government assumes undelegated powers, nullification of such acts is the proper remedy. Article V was designed to correct potential defects in the Constitution, not to “misconstrue or abuse its powers.”

4. Abortion Restrictions

SB286 would forbid abortion procedures, except when necessary to save the life of a pregnant woman in a medical emergency.

The care of human life—not its destruction—is the greatest responsibility of government. Kansas ought to end 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 protected by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

5. Election Integrity

SB365 would have amended various provisions of election law, including changing the advance voting ballots deadline, requiring voting to be done by hand, and prohibiting the use of electronic voting systems, poll books, and remote ballot boxes.

This bill helps to reduce the risk of electoral fraud and voter disenfranchisement. Kansas should use its authority under Article I, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the 14th and 26th Amendments, to implement free, fair, and secure elections, thereby ensuring equal protection of “the right of citizens of the United States to vote.”

6. Limiting Public Health Authority

SB6 removes the authority of public health officials to issue certain orders related to infectious and contagious diseases.

“Public health” is not the legitimate object of government. An individual's non-injurious personal health care decisions should be considered private matters not under federal, state, or local jurisdiction in the United States. Compelling every person to cover their face, quarantine, or be vaccinated—regardless of whether they have an infection or contagious disease and under the guise of “preventive medical treatment”—is not only unscientific, but it violates the fundamental rights of the people protected by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.