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Louisiana

Representative, HD-045 (R)

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LA Legislative Scorecard 2024

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
			NONE
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Scorecard Votes: %

Why do these votes matter?

1. School Board Candidate Requirement

?HB188 requires that candidates for school-board elections possess a high-school diploma or its equivalent in order to qualify.

The State House of Representatives passed HB188 on April 9, 2024 by a vote of 93 to 6. We have assigned pluses to the nays because a person's level of education — especially when defined as having a government-issued diploma — should not determine his or her eligibility for public office. Education is not the proper role of government, and Louisiana should end all government involvement in education.

2. Constitutional Carry

SB152 allows law-abiding citizens aged 21 and over to carry concealed handguns without a permit, effectively implementing "constitutional carry" in the state.

The Louisiana State House of Representatives passed SB152 on May 6, 2024 by a vote of 76 to 22. We have assigned 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.

3. Con-Con

SCR2 applies to the United States Congress to convene a convention for proposing amendments under Article V of the U.S. Constitution. The purpose of this convention would be to propose an amendment imposing term limits on members of Congress.

The Louisiana State House of Representatives passed SCR2 on May 13, 2024 by a vote of 81 to 11. We have assigned pluses to the nays because efforts to call an Article V convention should be resisted. The States should act immediately to nullify all unconstitutional federal laws, which Louisiana legislators have done previously, rather than risk a constitutional convention. Article V was designed to correct potential errors or defects in the Constitution, not the failure of elected officials to uphold their oath of office.

4. Ranked-choice Voting Ban

SB101 prohibits and defines "ranked-choice voting" and "instant runoff voting" as methods where voters rank candidates by preference, and votes are redistributed in rounds until a majority winner is determined.

The Louisiana State House of Representatives passed SB101 on May 15, 2024 by a vote of 73 to 23. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because ranked-choice voting undermines the electorate's ability to choose the best candidate in elections, threatens election integrity, and is designed to elect moderate-to-leftist politicians.

5. International Organization Nullification

SB133 establishes that international organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations (UN), and World Economic Forum (WEF) have no jurisdiction or authority within the state. Consequently, any rules, regulations, fees, taxes, policies, or mandates from these entities are prohibited from being enforced or implemented in the state.

The Louisiana State House of Representatives passed SB133 on May 15, 2024 by a vote of 69 to 22. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because Article VI, Clause 2, of the U.S. Constitution mandates that federal laws and international treaties must adhere to of the Constitution to qualify as the "supreme Law of the Land." Therefore, any federal act or treaty that violates the Constitution is inherently unconstitutional and thus null, void, and without effect. Nullification is the constitutional remedy for curbing an out-of-control government.

6. Coerced Abortion Penalty

SB276 introduces the crime of "coerced criminal abortion by means of fraud." This offense involves a third party knowingly administering an abortion-inducing drug to a pregnant woman without her knowledge or consent, aiming to terminate the pregnancy without her awareness.

The Louisiana State House of Representatives passed SB276 on May 21, 2024 by a vote of 65 to 31. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because safeguarding human life—not facilitating its destruction—is the government's highest duty. This legislation upholds that principle by protecting preborn children from coerced abortion. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and "unalienable" right, as affirmed in the Declaration of Independence, which proclaims "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."