



## Gary L. Smith

Louisiana

Senator, SD-019 (D)

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## LA Legislative Scorecard 2024

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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★ Constitutional    ✗ Unconstitutional    ? Did not Vote

Vote

1. **SCR2 Con-Con (Passed 26 to 10 on 3/25/2024)**. Applies to the United States Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments under Article V of the U.S. Constitution.

NONE

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2. **SB232 Real Money (Passed 38 to 0 on 5/20/2024)**. Establishes gold and silver coins, specie, or bullion issued by any state or the U.S. government as legal tender within Louisiana.

NONE

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3. **SB276 Coerced Abortion Penalty (Passed 29 to 7 on 5/23/2024)**. 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.

NONE

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4. **SB301 2nd Amendment Privacy (Passed 27 to 9 on 5/28/2024)**. Establishes the "Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act" to protect the financial privacy of firearms and ammunition retailers.

NONE

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5. **SB388 Illegal Immigration (Passed 26 to 10 on 5/28/2024)**. Establishes the crimes of unlawful entry and reentry into the state by illegal aliens.

NONE

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6. **HB492 Carbon Sequestration and Eminent Domain (Passed 37 to 0 on 5/31/2024)**. Grants domestic and foreign corporations the authority to expropriate land for transporting carbon dioxide by pipeline for underground storage.

NONE

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# \$289,406

U.S. National Debt Per Household as of May 18, 2026

# Why do these votes matter?

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## 1. 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 Senate passed SCR2 on March 25, 2024 by a vote of 26 to 10. 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. Simply following the U.S. Constitution's limitations on federal power would make term limits irrelevant. 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.

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## 2. Real Money

SB232 establishes gold and silver coins, specie, or bullion issued by any state or the U.S. government as legal tender within Louisiana. This means these forms of gold and silver are recognized for payment of debts and other financial obligations in the state.

The Louisiana State Senate passed SB232 on May 20, 2024 by a vote of 38 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill is a strong step toward restoring constitutional money in compliance with Article I, Section 10 of the U.S. Constitution and returning to the gold standard.

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## 3. 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 law also reclassifies mifepristone and misoprostol as Schedule IV controlled dangerous substances, meaning these medications require a prescription for legal possession.

The Louisiana State Senate passed SB276 on May 23, 2024 by a vote of 29 to 7. 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 unborn 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." Furthermore, this right is safeguarded by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, ensuring that no person is deprived of life, whether born or unborn, without due process of law.

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## 4. 2nd Amendment Privacy

SB301 prohibits government entities from maintaining registries of privately owned firearms or their owners. It also restricts financial institutions from assigning merchant category codes that specifically identify firearm retailers or from declining transactions based on such codes.

The Louisiana State Senate passed SB301 on May 28, 2024 by a vote of 27 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because recent adoption of a new merchant category code for "gun and ammunition shops" by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)—a globalist collaborative linked to the United Nations—aids unconstitutional efforts by the federal government to conduct mass surveillance, which, in part, is intended to create a national gun-owner database and confiscate firearms from law-abiding citizens. States should nullify any such actions taken by private or public entities, that frustrate, if not blatantly violate, the Second and Fourth Amendment rights of the American people.

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## 5. Illegal Immigration

SB388 establishes the crimes of unlawful entry and reentry into the state by illegal aliens. It authorizes the governor to collaborate with Texas in establishing an interstate compact for border security.

The Louisiana State Senate passed SB388 on May 28, 2024 by a vote of 26 to 10. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill takes a strong stance against illegal reentry, reinforcing immigration laws that protect American sovereignty. By imposing penalties and curbing unlawful migration, SB388 helps protect our constitutional foundations.

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## 6. Carbon Sequestration and Eminent Domain

HB492 grants domestic and foreign corporations the authority to expropriate land for transporting carbon dioxide by pipeline for underground storage.

The Louisiana State Senate passed HB492 on May 31, 2024 by a vote of 37 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the expansion of carbon capture and storage systems in the United States is closely tied to the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for "sustainable development." Allowing corporations—both domestic and foreign—to seize private land for carbon dioxide pipelines under the guise of "climate change" is an egregious abuse of eminent domain that endangers property rights.