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LA Legislative Scorecard 2025

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★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
1. SB232 Motion-picture Tax Credit (Passed 94 to 6 on 5/28/2025). Simplifies the program by replacing multiple fixed credit tiers with a single discretionary tax credit of up to 40%, to be awarded according to new LED program rules approved by legislative committees. Estimated cost per household: -\$68.00/year.			YES ✗
2. SB99 Restricting Speed-camera Enforcement (Passed 73 to 22 on 5/28/2025). Limits the use of automated speed cameras, red-light cameras, and mobile speed cameras to school zones only, and requires clear signage and roadway markings to warn drivers.			YES ★
3. SB46 Weather-modification Ban (Passed 58 to 33 on 5/29/2025). Bans the intentional release of substances into the atmosphere to modify weather, temperature, climate, or sunlight, with exceptions for firefighting, agriculture, and forestry activities below 1,000 feet.			YES ★
4. SB19 Ivermectin (Passed 67 to 26 on 6/6/2025). Allows pharmacists to dispense ivermectin to adults under a standing order from a licensed healthcare professional authorized by the Department of Health.			NONE ?
5. SB106 Frog Gigging and Firearm Freedom (Passed 93 to 0 on 6/3/2025). Removes the current ban on carrying or possessing a firearm while gigging and gigging frogs at night.			YES ★
6. HB64 State Sovereignty (Passed 77 to 22 on 6/9/2025). Strengthens the attorney general's authority to defend Louisiana's sovereignty under the 10th Amendment.			YES ★

Scorecard Votes: 80%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Motion-picture Tax Credit

SB232 overhauls the state's motion-picture-production tax-credit program. The act simplifies the program by replacing multiple fixed credit tiers with a single discretionary tax credit of up to 40%.

The Louisiana State House of Representatives passed SB232 on May 28, 2025 by a vote of 94 to 6. We have assigned pluses to the nays because motion-picture tax credits distort markets and raid taxpayers to benefit a favored industry—contrary to the principle that “all men are created equal” under the law. Rather than letting private enterprise and consumer demand decide, the bill empowers bureaucrats to pick winners and losers, shifting costs onto families and small businesses while importing Hollywood values that run counter to traditional American principles.

2. Restricting Speed-camera Enforcement

SB99 limits the use of automated speed cameras, red-light cameras, and mobile speed cameras to school zones only, and requires clear signage and roadway markings to warn drivers.

The Louisiana State House of Representatives passed SB99 on May 28, 2025 by a vote of 73 to 22. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill strikes at the heart of automated “policing-for-profit” schemes that exploit motorists under the guise of safety. SB99 exposes how automated-enforcement systems have long operated without even basic due-process protections. Automated ticket cameras function as an unconstitutional tax on citizens, undermining the accused's due-process rights.

3. Weather-modification Ban

SB46 bans the intentional release of substances into the atmosphere to modify weather, temperature, climate, or sunlight, with exceptions for firefighting, agriculture, and forestry activities below 1,000 feet. The law directs the Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) to create procedures for the public to report suspected violations, including electronic submissions, and post collected data online.

The Louisiana State House of Representatives passed SB46 on May 29, 2025 by a vote of 58 to 33. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this legislation reins in experimental and largely unaccountable weather-modification practices that pose risks to public health, property, and civil liberties. As *The New American* has reported, federal agencies, corporations, and globalist climate activists increasingly promote geoengineering and atmospheric manipulation as tools to advance the false climate-change narrative and justify sweeping controls on energy and human behavior. By contrast, SB46 prohibits intentional atmospheric releases, increases transparency, empowers the public to report suspected violations, and eliminates prior licensing schemes that enabled such projects.

4. Ivermectin

SB19 allows pharmacists to dispense ivermectin to adults under a standing order from a licensed healthcare professional authorized by the Department of Health. Pharmacists are granted civil immunity.

The Louisiana State House of Representatives passed SB19 on June 6, 2025 by a vote of 67 to 26. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill restores a measure of medical freedom that federal agencies and corporate media have spent years undermining. As *The New American* has documented, ivermectin was relentlessly attacked during Covid—despite strong safety records and evidence supporting its benefits.

5. Frog Gigging and Firearm Freedom

SB106 removes the current ban on carrying or possessing a firearm—such as a shotgun or rifle—while frog gigging (hunting frogs) at night.

The Louisiana State House of Representatives passed SB106 on June 3, 2025 by a vote of 93 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this legislation restores the constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms by eliminating an unnecessary prohibition on possessing firearms. It also affirms the Ninth Amendment-protected right to hunt and fish, a longstanding part of America's natural-rights tradition. SB106 strengthens and expands opportunities for participation in an enduring cultural heritage.

6. State Sovereignty

HB64 strengthens the attorney general's authority to defend Louisiana's sovereignty under the 10th Amendment. It affirms that the attorney general may independently initiate, defend, or intervene in legal actions to protect Louisiana's autonomy and its citizens' rights against federal overreach. The law applies retroactively to existing consent decrees.

The Louisiana State House of Representatives passed HB64 on June 9, 2025 by a vote of 77 to 22. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill rightly affirms Louisiana's sovereignty; reminds the federal government of its limited, enumerated powers under Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution; and asserts the state's duty to nullify any mandates or laws that exceed those powers.