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NC Legislative Scorecard 2024

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
1. S921 Voter ID (Passed 73 to 45 on 12/11/2024).	Proposes a constitutional amendment requiring all voters, not just those voting in person, to present photographic identification before voting.		YES ★
2. S743 Disaster Recovery Funds (Passed 108 to 0 on 10/24/2024).	Allocates additional funds to support recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene totaling over \$644 million. Estimated cost per household: -\$157.00/year.		NONE ?
3. H690 Central Bank Digital Currency Ban (Passed 73 to 41 on 7/31/2024).	Prohibits state agencies and the General Court of Justice from accepting payments in central bank digital currency (CBDC) or participating in Federal Reserve CBDC tests.		NONE ?
4. H1071 Clean Voter Rolls (Passed 66 to 45 on 6/27/2024).	Requires the State Board of Elections to create a uniform system for voter-roll maintenance using data from election-integrity organizations.		YES ★
5. H237 Masks and Protests (Passed 70 to 46 on 6/26/2024).	Updates mask-wearing laws, strengthens penalties for concealed-identity crimes and demonstration-related offenses, and protects religious institutions from unequal emergency restrictions.		YES ★
6. H1019 Occupancy Tax (Passed 112 to 0 on 6/11/2024).	Authorizes McDowell County to impose an additional 1% room occupancy tax and allows Caswell and Pender Counties to create taxing districts with the authority to levy a 3% room occupancy tax in certain areas.		YES ✗

Scorecard Votes: 75%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Voter ID

S921 proposes a constitutional amendment requiring all voters, not just those voting in person, to present photographic identification before voting.

The North Carolina State House of Representatives passed SB921 on December 11, 2024 by a vote of 73 to 45. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because voter ID laws are essential for preserving the integrity of our election process. Article IV, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution guarantees that "citizens" of the United States "shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities," including the right to vote as outlined in the 26th Amendment.

2. Disaster Recovery Funds

S743 allocates funds to support recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene, including \$16.75 million for the NC Community College System, \$65 million for the Department of Public Instruction, \$71.4 million for the Department of Health and Human Services and other programs totaling over \$644 million.

The North Carolina State House of Representatives passed S743 on October 24, 2024 by a vote of 108 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because, as President Grover Cleveland stated in his 1887 veto message for the Texas Seed Bill, "I can find no warrant for such an appropriation in the Constitution, and I do not believe that the power and duty of the General Government ought to be extended to the relief of individual suffering.... Though the people support the Government the, Government should not support the people." It is not the government's role to solve every problem; these issues should be addressed by the private sector.

3. Central Bank Digital Currency Ban

H690 prohibits state agencies and the General Court of Justice from accepting payments in central bank digital currency (CBDC) or participating in Federal Reserve CBDC tests.

The North Carolina State House of Representatives overrode the governor's veto on July 31, 2024 by a vote of 73 to 41. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because Article I, Sections 8 and 10 of the U.S. Constitution state that only Congress has the power to coin money. States should take steps to return to the gold standard and embrace the use of real money. A digital currency can be easily tracked, allowing the government to monitor all financial transactions.

4. Clean Voter Rolls

H1071 requires the State Board of Elections to create a uniform system for voter-roll maintenance using data from election-integrity organizations. It also mandates quarterly reports to the General Assembly detailing corrections made to voter rolls by county.

The North Carolina State House of Representatives passed H1071 on June 27, 2024 by a vote of 66 to 45. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because any effort to clean up the voter rolls is a good step for election integrity. States should exercise their authority, under Article 1, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution, to implement free, fair, and secure elections.

5. Masks and Protests

H237 revises public mask-wearing laws by removing the health and safety exemption and imposes harsher penalties for crimes committed while wearing a mask or concealing identity. It ensures religious institutions are not subjected to stricter emergency restrictions than other entities like businesses. Additionally, the bill increases penalties for obstructing roads or hindering emergency vehicles during demonstrations and allows civil liability for organizers of such events.

The North Carolina State House of Representatives overrode the Governor's veto on June 26, 2024 by a vote of 70 to 46. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this legislation is an important step toward preserving First Amendment-protected rights, protecting individual freedoms, and ensuring the restoration of law and order in local communities.

6. Occupancy Tax

H1019 authorizes McDowell County to impose an additional 1% room occupancy tax and allows Caswell and Pender Counties to create taxing districts with the authority to levy a 3% room occupancy tax in certain areas.

The North Carolina State House of Representatives passed H1019 on June 11, 2024 by a vote of 112 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation enables further taxation — placing additional financial burdens on individuals already overtaxed by big government. Such measures not only strain taxpayers, but also contribute to the expansion of government. Legislators should prioritize cutting taxes and reducing government intrusion into people's lives.