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Score

NJ Legislative Scorecard 2020-2021

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

Vote

1. Loosens voting standards by extending deadlines on ballot receipt and election certification, allowing surrogates to request ballots for others, and creating vote-by-mail awareness materials.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · A4320 · 08/27/2020

2. Codifies into law an absolute "right" to abortion in New Jersey, including late-term abortion, and abortions performed by non-physicians.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · S49 · 01/10/2022

3. Rescinds New Jersey's prior resolutions calling on Congress to organize a constitutional convention.



Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **No** · SCR161 · 12/20/2021

4. Requires New Jersey school districts to add radical lesson plans on diversity and equity to K-12 public school curriculums.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · A4454 · 03/01/2021

5. Establishes minimum energy and water efficiency standards for a wide-ranging variety of consumer goods, including showerheads and computers.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · A5160 · 05/20/2021

6. AB2394 creates recruitment and selection programs to increase police hirings of women and minorities, with a reporting requirement.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · A2394 · 06/18/2020

Scorecard Votes: 60%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Promoting Mail-in Voting

AB4320 loosens voting standards by extending deadlines on ballot receipt and election certification, allowing surrogates to request ballots for others, and creating vote-by-mail awareness materials.

The General Assembly passed AB4320 on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 51 to 27. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill is a wide-ranging attack on election norms. It allows voters to request ballots for up to five other individuals, and not only permits mail-in voting but mandates the State create materials promoting the practice. In 2012, The New York Times admitted "[voting by mail] increases the potential for fraud."

2. Late-Term Abortions

S49 codifies into law an absolute "right" to abortion in New Jersey, including late-term abortion, and abortions performed by non-physicians.

The General Assembly passed S49 on January 10, 2022 by a vote of 46 to 22. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this abortion bill attempts to create a "constitutional right" to abort the lives of the unborn, even declaring its intention to ensure "no barriers to reproductive freedom exist in the State." S49 legalizes late-term abortions up to the moment of birth and allows for abortions to be performed by non-physicians. The New Jersey Catholic Conference described this bill as "a direct attack on human life." The right to life is God-given, absolute, and protected by the U.S. Constitution's 5th and 14th Amendments.

3. Cancel the Con-Con

SCR161 is a Senate Concurrent Resolution rescinding New Jersey's prior resolutions calling on Congress to organize a constitutional convention.

The General Assembly passed SCR161 on December 20, 2021 by a vote of 44 to 21. We have assigned pluses to the yeas because a constitutional convention is not the answer to America's problems. Though such an event (alternatively termed an Article V convention or a "con-con") is sometimes supported by well-meaning conservatives, it is preferable to require our elected representatives to adhere to a strict constitutional standard, rather than the Pandora's Box-like proposition of dismantling the Constitution and starting anew.

4. Teaching Far-Left Identity Extremism

A4454 requires New Jersey school districts to add radical lesson plans on diversity and equity to K-12 public school curriculums.

The General Assembly passed AB4454 on October 29, 2020 by a vote of 52 to 10. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this innocent-sounding diversity and inclusion act is designed to indoctrinate students into far-left identity politics starting in kindergarten. It highlights "gender and sexual orientation" and "equity," while promoting the controversial concept that "unconscious bias" has wide-reaching impact on society. Diversity and inclusion training (sometimes called DEI), shares themes with critical race theory and is an openly politicized discipline.

5. Limiting Consumer Choice

A5160 establishes minimum energy and water efficiency standards for a wide-ranging variety of consumer goods, including showerheads and computers.

The General Assembly passed A5160 on May 20, 2021 by a vote of 49 to 25. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill is an attack on consumer choice and the free market in the name of environmentalism. Furthermore, it is an impactful regulation that would regulate a large swath of some of the most commonly used consumer goods, including lamps, faucets, consumer electronics, and toilets.

6. Affirmative Action Police Hiring

AB2394 creates recruitment and selection programs to increase police hirings of women and minorities, with a reporting requirement.

The General Assembly passed AB3687 on June 18, 2020 by a vote of 70 to 3. We have assigned pluses for the yeas because this bill is dangerous and misguided. Police officers make snap judgments and life-or-death decisions; their work is high-stress, physical, and dangerous. Contrasting a pervasive leftist narrative, a 2015 study found that white officers were not more likely than non-white officers to shoot non-white suspects. Given these facts, the only suitable standard for law enforcement hiring is colorblind, sex-neutral, and meritocratic. The Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution prohibits discrimination on the basis of race.