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# RATINGS of DELAWARE 2020



*The nation's gold standard to hold nearly 8,000 lawmakers accountable for their voting records.*



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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of Delaware* for 2020. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, ACU Foundation's *Ratings of the States* are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.



Matt Schlapp  
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## ABOUT THE CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF), is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area. In addition to ACUF's Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the largest gathering of conservatives in the world, the CLA develops conservative policy solutions and educates everyday citizens and activists on the proper role of government. In 1971, ACUF launched its *Ratings of Congress* to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress.

The Ratings quickly became considered the "gold standard" and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles. In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, *Ratings of the States* grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers.

Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America's federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

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**METHODOLOGY**

The CLA's Ratings of Congress and the States illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. When determining a position on a particular issue, the CLA begins by defining conservatism: the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. Then, we apply the founders' belief that the proper role of government is to protect Life, Liberty and Property.

In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

Each lawmaker is evaluated on a zero to 100 scale, with a score of 100 representing a voting record that is perfectly aligned with conservative principles. Officials who earn a score of 90% or higher are presented with the CLA's highest honor, the Award for Conservative Excellence, while those who earn a score of 80% or higher, but less than 90%, are presented with the Award for Conservative Achievement. Additionally, any lawmaker who earns a score of 10% or lower qualifies for the ACUF's Coalition of the Radical Left.

**ANNUAL METRICS**

  
**ANALYZE**  
**105,000**  
**BILLS**

  
**SELECT**  
**2,000**  
**BILLS**

  
**RATE**  
**8,000**  
**ELECTED**  
**OFFICIALS**

To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31. Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected. The CLA provides a score for each legislative chamber, which is based upon the average scores of all members within that respective chamber. A legislature's overall score is calculated by averaging each state's two legislative chambers together in order to better reflect the differences in political power between the chambers. (The exception being Nebraska, the nation's only unicameral legislature comprising a single legislative chamber, on which the state's overall score is based.)



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## 2020 WINNERS & LOSERS

### 90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

No change since last year\*  
SENATE  
n/a

1 since last year\*  
HOUSE  
n/a

### ≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

No change since last year\*  
SENATE  
n/a

7 since last year\*  
HOUSE  
n/a

### 80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

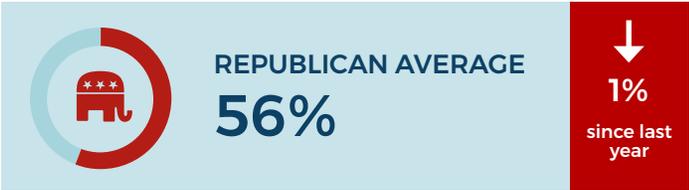
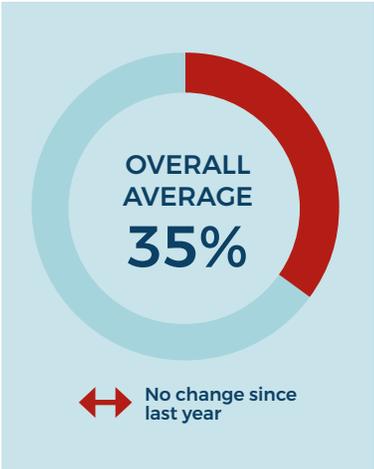
No change since last year\*  
SENATE  
n/a

5 since last year\*  
HOUSE  
COLLINS, RICHARD  
MORRIS, SHANNON  
POSTLES, CHARLES  
VANDERWENDE, JESSE  
YEARICK, LYNDON

\*Compared to number of qualifying lawmakers in the previous session  
Republicans in ALL CAPS, Democrats in initial caps, asterisk indicates Independents/Libertarians/other



# DELAWARE SENATE STATISTICS

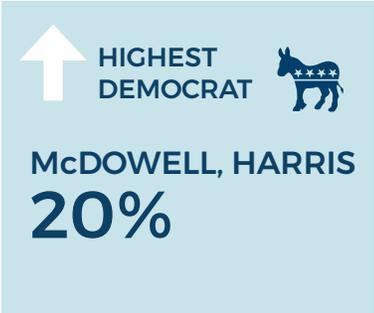
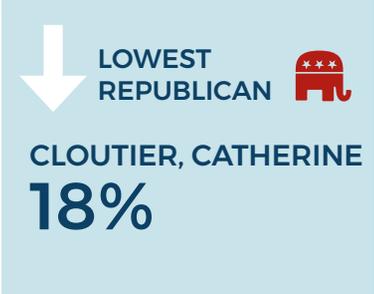
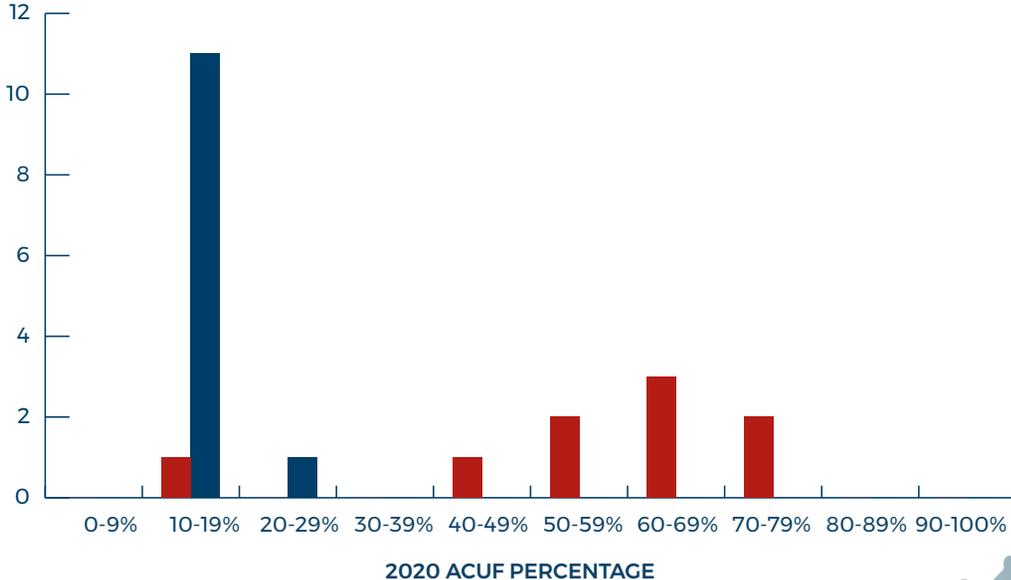


## DELAWARE SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS  
9 TOTAL IN SENATE

BLUE = DEMOCRATS  
12 TOTAL IN SENATE

# OF STATE SENATORS





# DELAWARE SENATE SCORES

## DELAWARE SENATE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	Dist.	2020 %	2019 %	LIFETIME AVG	SCR 66	HB 73	SB 139	SB 253	HB 263	HB 275	HB 346	HB 346 (Bonini Amd.)	HB 346 (Richardson Amd.)	HB 346 (Hocker Amd.)	HB 349
BONINI, COLIN	R	16	70%	76%	77%	-	X	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brown, Darius	D	2	18%	35%	27%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
CLOUTIER, CATHERINE	R	5	18%	16%	32%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
DELCOLLO, ANTHONY	R	7	50%	17%	40%	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Ennis, Bruce	D	14	18%	35%	27%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Hansen, Stephanie	D	10	18%	14%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
HOCKER, GERALD	R	20	73%	76%	74%	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
LAWSON, DAVID	R	15	67%	76%	75%	X	+	+	-	-	X	-	+	+	+	+
Lockman, S. Elizabeth	D	3	18%	19%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
LOPEZ, ERNESTO	R	6	45%	43%	51%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
McBride, David	D	13	18%	19%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
McDowell, Harris	D	1	20%	14%	16%	-	-	X	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Paradee, Trey Charles	D	17	18%	14%	24%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
PETTYJOHN, BRIAN	R	19	64%	68%	75%	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Poore, Nicole	D	12	18%	14%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
RICHARDSON, BRYANT	R	21	55%	68%	67%	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Sokola, David	D	8	18%	14%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Sturgeon, Laura	D	4	18%	19%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Townsend, Bryan	D	11	18%	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Walsh, John	D	9	18%	14%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
WILSON, DAVID	R	18	64%	70%	69%	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+

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- SCR 66 Advancing the Further Expansion of Medicaid.
- HB 73 Weakening Constitutional Protections that Combat Vote Fraud.
- SB 139 Imposing New Overreaching and Subjective Regulations on Dog Owners.
- SB 253 Extending Price Controls Past the COVID-19 State of Emergency.
- HB 263 Increasing Health Insurance Costs Through Price Controls on Insulin.
- HB 275 Empowering Businesses to Make Their Own Policies Concerning Dogs in Outdoor Dining Areas.
- HB 346 Eroding Election Integrity by Implementing a Vote-By-Mail Scheme Without Safeguards to Prevent Fraud.
- HB 346 (Bonini Amd.) Strengthening Election Integrity by Enacting Measures that Combat Ballot Harvesting.
- HB 346 (Richardson Amd.) Strengthening Election Integrity by Ensuring In-Person Voting Access.
- HB 346 (Hocker Amd.) Strengthening Election Integrity by Requiring an Application be Submitted for Mail-In Voting.
- HB 349 Expanding Individual Liberties by Relaxing Draconian Alcohol Regulations.



## DELAWARE SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **SCR 66 Advancing the Further Expansion of Medicaid.** This resolution attempts to grow government dependency by conducting a feasibility study for the further expansion of pregnancy-related benefits under Medicaid. Under existing law, Medicaid provides 60 days of postpartum pregnancy coverage, while this resolution calls to expand coverage for an entire year. ACU recognizes that this resolution comes on the heels of the state already expanding pregnancy-related benefits to individuals earning up to 212% of the federal poverty level. ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, opposes growing government dependency and expanding a program rife with fraud and waste and opposed this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on January 21, 2020 by a vote of 20-0.
2. **HB 73 Weakening Constitutional Protections that Combat Vote Fraud.** This bill weakens election integrity by amending the Delaware Constitution to remove a critical safeguard against fraud surrounding the use of absentee voting. Currently, the Constitution provides specific situations in which a voter may vote by absentee ballot, such as sickness or physical disability, absence from the district while on vacation, or for religious reasons. Instead, this bill paves the way for universal mail-in voting schemes by amending the Constitution to provide that “the General Assembly shall enact general laws providing the circumstances, rules, and procedures by which registered voters may vote by absentee ballot.” ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU opposes efforts to weaken the integrity of elections by introducing opportunities for voter fraud which disenfranchise legal voters and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 16, 2020 by a vote of 14-5. (The 151st General Assembly must also pass the bill in order for the amendment to become part of the Constitution.)
3. **SB 139 Imposing New Overreaching and Subjective Regulations on Dog Owners.** This bill imposes a series of new mandates on dog owners that are intended to combat animal abuse but will likely harm responsible owners due to the overreaching and subjective nature of the mandates. For example, the bill attempts to dictate the types of materials used in doghouse construction and the structural integrity of the shelters. The bill also contains numerous new excessive mandates concerning the leashing and attendance to dogs outside. ACU strongly opposes animal cruelty and believes all owners have a duty to care for and treat their animals with the utmost respect. ACU opposes this measure which serves as a new mechanism to harass responsible animal owners while providing government officials with subjective authority to issue fines and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 23, 2020 by a vote of 15-5 and the bill was signed into law.
4. **SB 253 Extending Price Controls Past the COVID-19 State of Emergency.** This bill results in further interference in the market by extending the “price protections” that were put in place under the Governor’s state of emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the bill, the price controls, which prohibit businesses from engaging in “price gouging” or raising prices by more than 10%, are extended for an additional 61 days after the state of emergency has concluded. ACU opposes price controls which worsen disasters by preventing the market from allocating scarce resources and incentivizing the flow of additional goods and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 23, 2020 by a vote of 21-0 and the bill was signed into law.
5. **HB 263 Increasing Health Insurance Costs Through Price Controls on Insulin.** This bill threatens to drive up insurance premiums by imposing price controls on Insulin drugs. Specifically, the bill adds Delaware to the growing list of states to mandate that health insurers are prohibited from charging more than a \$100 co-pay for a one-month supply of insulin. ACU recognizes that insurance mandates and price controls drive up insurance premiums for everyone, rather than the intended outcome of reducing costs. ACU further recognizes the rise in insulin costs is largely due to the enormous investments manufacturers have made in creating new and improved formulas and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 16, 2020 by a vote of 21-0 and the bill was signed into law.
6. **HB 275 Empowering Businesses to Make Their Own Policies Concerning Dogs in Outdoor Dining Areas.** This bill provides restaurants freedom to establish their own policies concerning dogs in outdoor dining areas by amending a provision in law which prohibited dogs in retail food establishments. Under the bill, a restaurant may permit dogs in outdoor dining areas. ACU supports empowering private businesses to establish their own policies regarding pets on their premises and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on January 30, 2020 by a vote of 19-1 and the bill was signed into law.



7. **HB 346 Eroding Election Integrity by Implementing a Vote-By-Mail Scheme Without Safeguards to Prevent Fraud.** This bill threatens the integrity of the 2020 elections by implementing a full-scale vote-by-mail operation under the guise of the COVID-19 pandemic. Rather than reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on election day, this legislation poses widespread mail-in voting as an equal alternative to other existing methods of voting. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters. ACU opposes measures which weaken ballot integrity and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 18-3 and the bill was signed into law.

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  8. **HB 346 (Bonini Amd.) Strengthening Election Integrity by Enacting Measures that Combat Ballot Harvesting.** The Bonini (ACUF Lifetime 77%) amendment #3 to the election contains two key provisions to combat ballot harvesting, the practice of allowing political operatives and others to collect voters' ballots and turn them in en masse to polling stations. Firstly, the bill limits the number of ballots (to three) that an individual can deliver to a polling station during an election. Furthermore, the amendment would require individuals to provide proof of identity and sign a record when returning the ballots. ACU supports enhancing election integrity by preventing ballot harvesting and supported this amendment. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 8-13.

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  9. **HB 346 (Richardson Amd.) Strengthening Election Integrity by Ensuring In-Person Voting Access.** The Richardson (ACUF Lifetime 67%) amendment to the election bill clarifies that at least one polling place in each election district must be open and maintained by the department of elections for statewide races. The amendment helps ensure that voting by mail is only an alternative to, and not a replacement for, in-person voting. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and combat fraud through in-person voting and supported this amendment. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 8-13.

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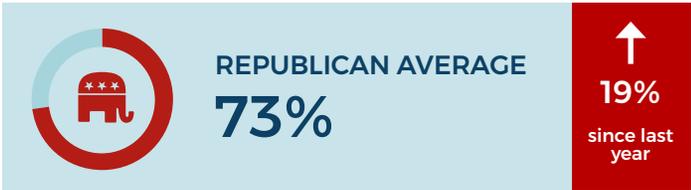
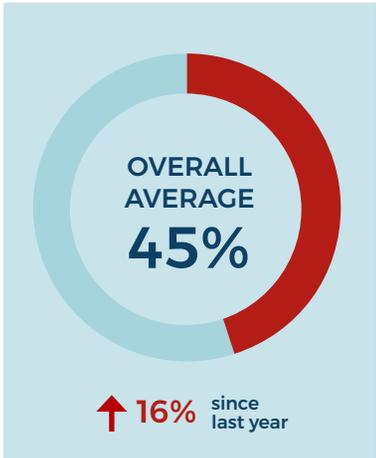
  10. **HB 346 (Hocker Amd.) Strengthening Election Integrity by Requiring an Application be Submitted for Mail-In Voting.** The Hocker (ACUF Lifetime 74%) amendment to the election bill removes a provision that encouraged vote fraud by mailing absentee mail-in ballot applications to all registered voters even if they did not request them. Instead, the amendment provides a process for a voter to request a mail-in ballot application on their own, which is the process already in place in Delaware for voting by absentee ballot. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen and protect the integrity of elections and supported this amendment. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 8-13.

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  11. **HB 349 Expanding Individual Liberties by Relaxing Draconian Alcohol Regulations.** This bill helps restaurants coping with the COVID-19 pandemic by temporarily relaxing a prohibition-era regulation. Specifically, restaurants are now able to sell alcoholic beverages with takeout orders. ACU supports a free market in the alcoholic product industry, supports expanding individual liberties and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on June 23, 2020 by a vote of 21-0.
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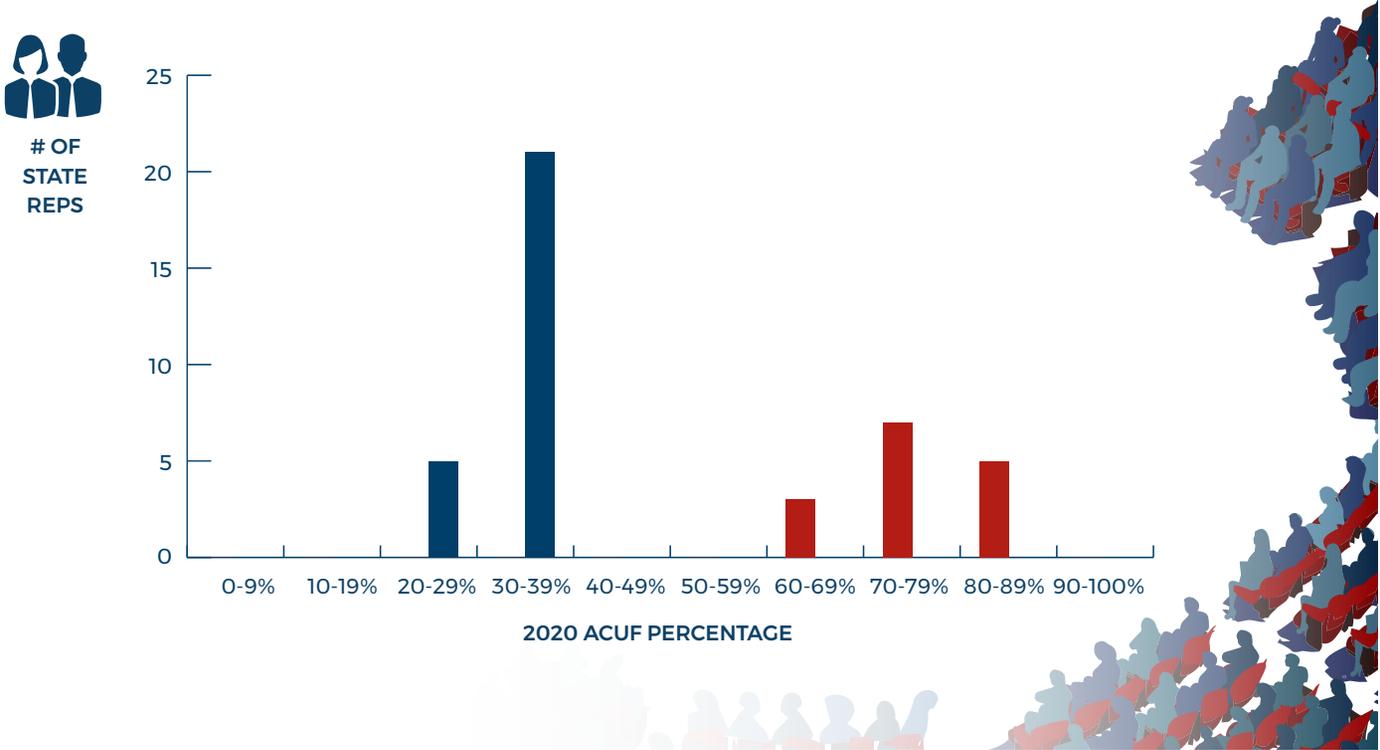
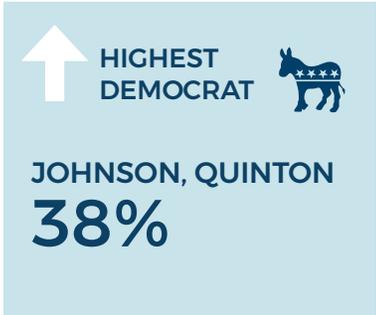
# DELAWARE HOUSE STATISTICS



## DELAWARE HOUSE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

**RED = REPUBLICANS**  
**15 TOTAL IN HOUSE**

**BLUE = DEMOCRATS**  
**26 TOTAL IN HOUSE**





# DELAWARE HOUSE SCORES

## DELAWARE HOUSE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	Dist.	2020 %	2019 %	LIFETIME AVG	SB 139	SB 240 (Amd. 1)	SB 253	HB 263	HB 275	HB 346	HB 346 (Yearick Amd.)	HB 346 (Collins Amd.)	HB 346 (Briggs King Amd.)	HB 349
Baumbach, Paul	D	23	30%	11%	19%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Bennett, Andria	D	32	30%	25%	26%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+
Bentz, David	D	18	30%	15%	24%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Bolden, Stephanie	D	2	20%	12%	15%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Brady, Gerald	D	4	30%	15%	19%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Bush, William	D	29	30%	30%	30%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Carson, William	D	28	30%	35%	32%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Chukwuocha, Nnamdi	D	1	30%	5%	18%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
COLLINS, RICHARD	R	41	80%	90%	85%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cooke, Franklin	D	16	30%	15%	23%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Dorsey Walker, Sherry	D	3	30%	10%	20%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
DUKES, TIMOTHY	R	40	78%	50%	67%	x	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
GRAY, RONALD	R	38	70%	45%	63%	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
griffith, Krista	D	12	30%	20%	25%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Heffernan, Debra	D	6	30%	16%	15%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
HENSLEY, KEVIN	R	9	70%	37%	51%	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jaques, Earl	D	27	30%	20%	22%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Johnson, Kendra	D	5	30%	15%	23%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Johnson, Quinton	D	8	38%	20%	23%	-	+	-	-	+	x	-	x	-	+
KING, RUTH BRIGGS	R	37	70%	n/a	81%	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kowalko, John	D	25	22%	15%	24%	-	-	-	x	+	-	-	-	-	+
Longhurst, Valerie	D	15	30%	5%	16%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+

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Lynn, Sean	D	31	30%	11%	18%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Matthews, Sean	D	10	22%	10%	20%	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	+
Minor-Brown, Melissa	D	17	20%	10%	15%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Mitchell, John	D	13	30%	10%	17%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
MORRIS, SHANNON	R	30	80%	65%	73%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Osienski, Edward	D	24	30%	15%	21%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
POSTLES, CHARLES	R	33	80%	65%	74%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
RAMONE, MICHAEL	R	21	67%	44%	49%	-	+	-	-	+	X	+	+	+	+
Schwartzkopf, Peter	D	14	30%	15%	20%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Seigfried, Raymond	D	7	30%	20%	25%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
SHORT, DANIEL	R	39	78%	53%	65%	X	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
SHUPE, BRYAN	R	36	60%	58%	59%	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
SMITH, MICHAEL	R	22	67%	35%	51%	-	+	-	-	+	X	+	+	+	+
SMYK, STEPHEN	R	20	70%	39%	59%	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
SPIEGELMAN, JEFFREY	R	11	70%	47%	64%	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
VANDERWENDE, JESSE	R	35	80%	65%	73%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Viola, John	D	26	30%	15%	16%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
Williams, Kimberly	D	19	20%	10%	18%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+
YEARICK, LYNDON	R	34	80%	65%	72%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+

+ = Member voted with ACU's position      † = Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result did not receive a rating for the 2020 session. Two-thirds of the selected bills must be voted on to receive a score.  
 - = Member voted against ACU's position      R = Republican D = Democrat I = Independent  
 x = Member was absent for vote



## DELAWARE HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. SB 139 Imposing New Overreaching and Subjective Regulations on Dog Owners.** This bill imposes a series of new mandates on dog owners that are intended to combat animal abuse but will likely harm responsible owners due to the overreaching and subjective nature of the mandates. For example, the bill attempts to dictate the types of materials used in doghouse construction and the structural integrity of the shelters. The bill also contains numerous new excessive mandates concerning the leashing and attendance to dogs outside. ACU strongly opposes animal cruelty and believes all owners have a duty to care for and treat their animals with the utmost respect. ACU opposes this measure which serves as a new mechanism to harass responsible animal owners while providing government officials with subjective authority to issue fines and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on January 21, 2020 by a vote of 33-6 and the bill was signed into law.
- 2. SB 240 (Amd. 1) Blocking Charter Schools from Utilizing Education Funds Most Effectively.** The Kowalko (ACUF Lifetime 24%) amendment to the education appropriations bill removes the ability of a charter school to request that the difference between the amount of the state transportation funding allocation and actual expenditures be used for educational purposes. ACU believes that taxpayer education funds should be directed to initiatives that most effectively educate students and opposed this amendment. The House defeated the amendment on June 24, 2020 by a vote of 6-35.
- 3. SB 253 Extending Price Controls Past the COVID-19 State of Emergency.** This bill results in further interference in the market by extending the “price protections” that were put in place under the Governor’s state of emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the bill, the price controls, which prohibit businesses from engaging in “price gouging” or raising prices by more than 10%, are extended for an additional 61 days after the state of emergency has concluded. ACU opposes price controls which worsen disasters by preventing the market from allocating scarce resources and incentivizing the flow of additional goods and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 25, 2020 by a vote of 41-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. HB 263 Increasing Health Insurance Costs Through Price Controls on Insulin.** This bill threatens to drive up insurance premiums by imposing price controls on Insulin drugs. Specifically, the bill adds Delaware to the growing list of states to mandate that health insurers are prohibited from charging more than a \$100 co-pay for a one-month supply of insulin. ACU recognizes that insurance mandates and price controls drive up insurance premiums for everyone, rather than the intended outcome of reducing costs. ACU further recognizes the rise in insulin costs is largely due to the enormous investments manufacturers have made in creating new and improved formulas and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on January 30, 2020 by a vote of 40-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 5. HB 275 Empowering Businesses to Make Their Own Policies Concerning Dogs in Outdoor Dining Areas.** This bill provides restaurants freedom to establish their own policies concerning dogs in outdoor dining areas by amending a provision in law which prohibited dogs in retail food establishments. Under the bill, a restaurant may permit dogs in outdoor dining areas. ACU supports empowering private businesses to establish their own policies regarding pets on their premises and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on January 16, 2020 by a vote of 40-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 6. HB 346 Eroding Election Integrity by Implementing a Vote-By-Mail Scheme Without Safeguards to Prevent Fraud.** This bill threatens the integrity of the 2020 elections by implementing a full-scale vote-by-mail operation under the guise of the COVID-19 pandemic. Rather than reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on election day, this legislation poses widespread mail-in voting as an equal alternative to other existing methods of voting. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters. ACU opposes measures which weaken ballot integrity and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 18, 2020 by a vote of 25-13 and the bill was signed into law.
- 7. HB 346 (Yearick Amd.) Protecting Election Integrity by Requiring a Photo ID to Vote by Mail.** The Yearick (ACUF Lifetime 72%) amendment #1 to the election bill would require voters upon returning their mail-in ballot to include a copy of a valid photo-ID which matches the address for the mail-in ballot. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards such as photo-ID requirements are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and supported this amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on June 18, 2020 by a vote of 14-27.



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8. **HB 346 (Collins Amd.) Protecting Election Integrity by Requiring In-Person Voting Access.** The Collins (ACUF Lifetime 85%) amendment #2 to the election bill would require that the Elections Commissioner open and maintain all election polling places and locations, thereby ensuring that in-person voting is not suppressed by closing polling places. The amendment helps ensure that voting by mail is only an alternative to, and not a replacement for, in-person voting. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and combat fraud through in-person voting and supported this amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on June 18, 2020 by a vote of 15-25.

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  9. **HB 346 (Briggs King Amd.) Enhancing Election Security of Mail-In Voting.** The Briggs King (ACUF Lifetime 81%) amendment #3 to the election bill would strengthen election integrity by requiring the “voter’s oath” on mailed ballots to include a statement that the voter has not voted in the election by any other means. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and supported this amendment. The House failed to adopt the amendment on June 18, 2020 by a vote of 16-25.

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  10. **HB 349 Expanding Individual Liberties by Relaxing Draconian Alcohol Regulations.** This bill helps restaurants coping with the COVID-19 pandemic by temporarily relaxing a prohibition-era regulation. Specifically, restaurants are now able to sell alcoholic beverages with takeout orders. ACU supports a free market in the alcoholic product industry, supports expanding individual liberties and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on June 18, 2020 by a vote of 41-0 and the bill later became law.
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