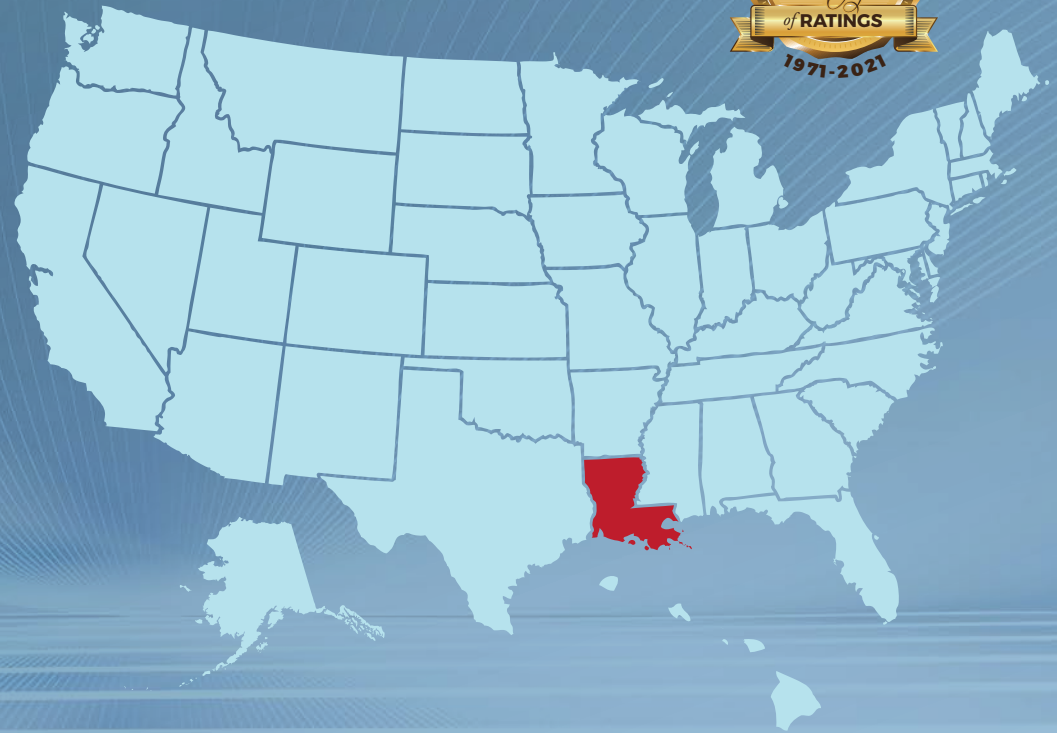




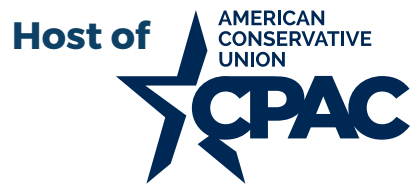
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RATINGS of LOUISIANA 2020



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



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

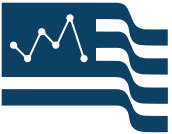
The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of Louisiana* for 2020. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, ACU Foundation's *Ratings of the States* are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's 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

3 since last year

SENATE

ALLAIN II, R. L. BRET

FESI, MICHAEL

HEWITT, SHARON

WHITE JR., MACK

6 since last year*

HOUSE

EMERSON, JULIE

GOUDEAU, JONATHAN

IVEY, BARRY

McCORMICK, DANNY

McKNIGHT, MARKHAM

MINCEY JR., BUDDY

MUSCARELLO JR., NICHOLAS

≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

3 since last year

SENATE

n/a

No change since last year*

HOUSE

n/a

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

15 since last year

SENATE

ABRAHAM, MARK

BERNARD, LOUIE

CATHEY JR., STEWART

CLOUD, HEATHER

CORTEZ, PATRICK

HENRY JR., J. CAMERON

HENSGENS, BOB

JOHNS, RONNIE

MCMATH, PATRICK

MILLIGAN, BARRY

MILLS, ROBERT

MIZELL, BETH

MORRIS, JAY

PEACOCK, BARROW

REESE, MIKE

TALBOT, KIRK

WOMACK, GLEN

21 since last year*

HOUSE

AMEDEE, BERYL

BACALA, TONY

BAGLEY, LAWRENCE

BEAULLIEU IV, GERALD

BISHOP, STUART

BOURRIAQUE, RYAN

BUTLER, RHONDA

COUSSAN, JEAN-PAUL

CREWS, RAYMOND

DAVIS, PAULA

DESHOTEL, DARYL

DEVILLIER, PHILLIP

DUBUISSON, MARY

ECHOLS, MICHAEL

EDMONDS, RICK

EDMONSTON, KATHY

FARNUM, LESLIE

FONTENOT, BRYAN

FRIEMAN, LAWRENCE

GADBERRY, FOY

CAROFALO JR., RAYMOND

HENRY, CHARLES

HORTON, DODIE

HUVAL, MIKE

ILLG JR., JOHN

JOHNSON, MICHAEL

KERNER, TIMOTHY

MAGEE, TANNER

MIGUEZ, BLAKE

MILLER, GREGORY

NELSON, RICHARD

OWEN, CHARLES

OWEN, ROBERT

PRESSLY IV, THOMAS

RISER, NEIL

ROMERO, TROY

SCHAMERHORN, RODNEY

SCHEXNAYDER, CLAY

SEABAUGH, ALAN

ST. BLANC III, VINCENT

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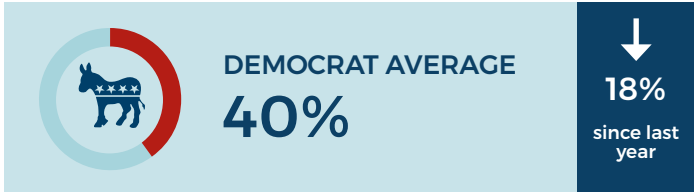
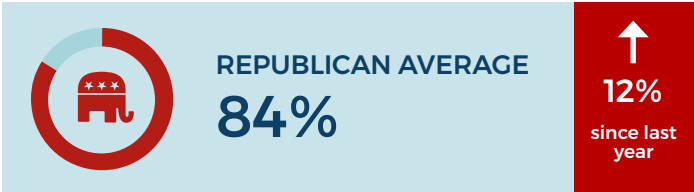
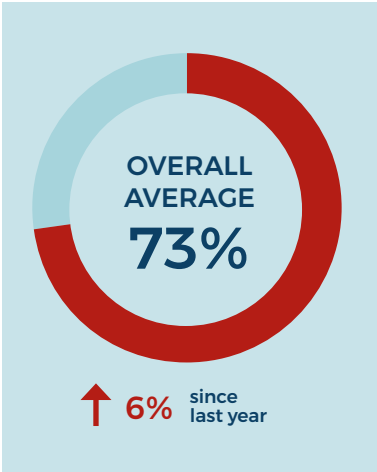
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ZERINGUE, JEROME

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



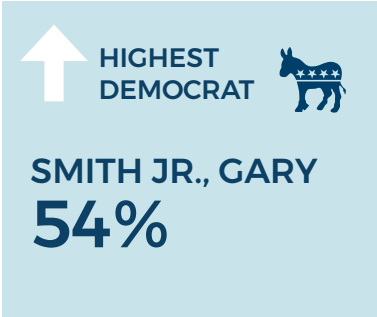
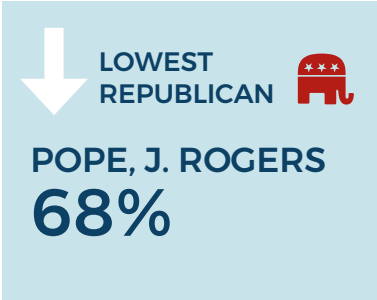
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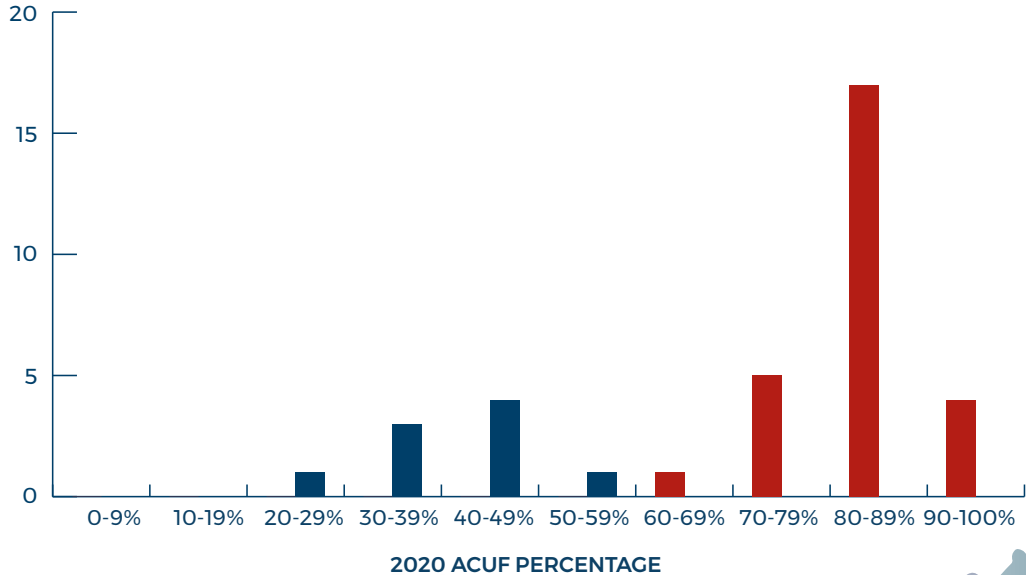
LOUISIANA SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
27 TOTAL IN SENATE

BLUE = DEMOCRATS
12 TOTAL IN SENATE



OF STATE SENATORS





LOUISIANA SENATE SCORES

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ABRAHAM, MARK	R	25	88%	74%	72%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ALLAIN II, R. L. BRET	R	21	92%	71%	65%	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	
Barrow, Regina	D	15	27%	70%	45%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	
BERNARD, LOUIE	R	31	81%	n/a	81%	-	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Boudreaux, Gerald	D	24	n/a†	62%	48%	-	X	+	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bouie Jr., Joseph	D	3	37%	38%	39%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
Carter, Troy	D	7	43%	40%	45%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	+	-	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	
CATHEY JR., STEWART	R	33	88%	n/a	88%	+	X	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
CLOUD, HEATHER	R	28	88%	n/a	88%	+	+	X	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
CONNICK, PATRICK	R	8	74%	83%	68%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
CORTEZ, PATRICK	R	23	89%	76%	68%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	

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- HB 328 Diluting the Tax Base through New Sales Tax Carve-Outs.
- HB 334 Strengthening 2nd Amendment Rights by Permitting Places of Worship to Establish Their Own Concealed Firearm Policies.
- SB 345 Infringing Contracting Rights Through Government Interference with Noncompete Agreements.
- SB 418 Lowering Automobile Insurance Premiums Through Comprehensive Tort Reform.
- SB 443 Imposing New Mandates in the Insurance and Legal Industries.
- HB 469 Protecting Taxpayers by Restraining Government Spending Growth.
- SB 492 Protecting Property Owners from Local Bans of Natural Gas.
- HB 532 Authorizing Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Through a Regulatory Framework.
- HB 597 Combatting Lawsuit Abuse by Reforming Legal Procedure in Personal Injury Cases.
- HB 643 Reducing Taxpayer Costs by Reforming the Probation System.
- HB 781 Providing a Crucial Check on Governmental Emergency Powers and Strengthening Protection of Second Amendment Rights.
- HB 826 Protecting Businesses from Lawsuit Abuse Related to COVID-19.



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Fields, Cleo	D	14	32%	n/a	32%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	
FOIL, FRANKLIN	R	16	79%	84%	61%	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	
Harris, Jimmy	D	4	44%	37%	41%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
HENRY JR., J. CAMERON	R	9	85%	77%	70%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
HENSGENS, BOB	R	26	85%	75%	74%	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
HEWITT, SHARON	R	1	93%	76%	71%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Jackson, Katrina	D	34	38%	50%	47%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	
JOHNS, RONNIE	R	27	80%	71%	58%	-	+	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	
LAMBERT, EDDIE	R	18	78%	76%	68%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
Luneau, W. Jay	D	29	41%	63%	56%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
MCMATH, PATRICK	R	11	88%	n/a	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
MILLIGAN, BARRY	R	38	87%	n/a	87%	+	+	+	+	X	-	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+
MILLS JR., FRED	R	22	74%	71%	57%	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
MILLS, ROBERT	R	36	85%	n/a	85%	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
MIZELL, BETH	R	12	85%	70%	69%	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
MORRIS, JAY	R	35	85%	81%	71%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
PEACOCK, BARROW	R	37	85%	81%	66%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
Peterson, Karen	D	5	n/a†	44%	28%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	+	X	+	
POPE, J. ROGERS	R	13	68%	75%	66%	+	-	X	+	+	-	-	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
Price, Edward	D	2	46%	65%	47%	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
REESE, MIKE	R	30	89%	n/a	89%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	

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Smith Jr., Gary	D	19	54%	75%	59%	-	-	+	-	X	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
TALBOT, KIRK	R	10	83%	87%	73%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	X	-	+	+	+	-	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X
Tarver Sr., Gregory	D	39	n/a†	67%	52%	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	+	X	X	+	X	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	+	X	+
WARD III, RICK	R	17	74%	68%	57%	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+
WHITE JR., MACK	R	6	92%	74%	62%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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LOUISIANA SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. HB 4 (2nd Special Session) Strengthening Legislative Oversight of Executive Emergency Declarations.** This bill provides necessary oversight of executive branch emergency declarations by allowing lawmakers to vote whether to terminate or continue a state of disaster or emergency. ACU supports strengthening crucial checks and balances between the coequal branches of government, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on October 20, 2020 by a vote of 23-13 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
- 2. SB 9 (1st Special Session) Helping Ensure Just Legal Outcomes by Permitting Seatbelt Usage to be Admissible in Lawsuits.** This bill helps ensure more just legal outcomes by permitting a court to consider seatbelt usage in certain lawsuits. Specifically, the bill repeals a law which prevented failure to wear a seatbelt to be considered evidence of "comparative negligence" in lawsuits concerning the "ownership, maintenance or operation" of a motor vehicle. ACU supports tort reform, supports providing just legal outcomes by ensuring a court may consider relevant evidence and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 10, 2020 by a vote of 24-10 and the bill was signed into law.
- 3. SB 13 (2nd Special Session) Reducing Unnecessary Licensing Barriers for EMS by Entering an Interstate Compact.** This bill joins Louisiana with 20 other states in the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA). The bill extends the privilege for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel from member states to practice in remote states on a short-term, intermittent basis under certain approved circumstances. ACU supports efforts to better provide emergency medical services through license reciprocity and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on October 13, 2020 by a vote of 36-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. SB 20 (2nd Special Session) Combatting Gov. John Bel Edward's Attempt to Weaken Election Integrity.** This bill is designed to combat Governor John Bel Edward's attempt to weaken election integrity through mail-in voting and other measures that advance fraud. Specifically, the bill creates a 10-member commission made up of lawmakers and the governor to provide oversight of an emergency elections plan proposed by the secretary of state. The plan is then to be debated before both chambers of the legislature, with the governor's veto authority removed. ACU opposes mail-in voting which creates significant avenues for fraud, supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensuring only legal ballots are counted, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on October 1, 2020 by a vote of 22-12 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
- 5. HB 38 (2nd Special Session) Preventing Local Governments from "Defunding the Police."** This bill is designed to combat radical leftist attempts to "defund the police" and advance lawlessness. Specifically, the bill requires an investigation of any local government that reduces its law enforcement budget by more than 10% to see if it would have a harmful effect on public safety. If it did, local governments would lose funds for capital outlay projects or sales tax monies. While ACU supports efforts to streamline and reduce waste at all levels and functions of government, we vehemently oppose the radical leftist notion of "defunding the police". ACU supports strong property rights and public safety and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill initially on October 22, 2020 by a vote of 20-14. (The bill failed to advance in conference committee.)
- 6. SB 50 Expanding an Excessive Ban on the Safe Use of Handheld Devices while Driving.** This bill would expand the state's ban on the use of handheld devices, including cellphones, while driving. Under current law, the use of a cellphone while driving is strictly prohibited in school zones and has been made a "primary offense" (a violation that gives law enforcement the ability to pull over drivers, issue citations, and impose further penalties). However, while cellphone usage on other public roadways is not a primary offense, drivers may be penalized for cellphone usage if they are stopped for another driving infraction. This bill would expand the school zone provision to now include all public roadways and thus strictly prohibit cellphone use while driving and making all violations primary offenses. ACU opposes fining motorists for the responsible use of cellphones absent any other driving safety infractions and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 13, 2020 by a vote of 31-5. (The bill was defeated in the House.)



7. **HB 51 (2nd Special Session) Ensuring Emergency Elections are not Tainted by Outside Interests.** This bill is designed to strengthen the integrity of elections that are held during a state of emergency, such as the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Under the bill, all state and local officials are prohibited from accepting any form of a donation for purposes of funding election-related expenses. ACU supports efforts to strengthen the integrity of our elections and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on October 22, 2020 by a vote of 25-12 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.

 8. **SB 74 (2nd Special Session) Strengthening Election Integrity by Tightening Election laws for Mail-In Ballots.** This bill helps protect ballot integrity by making it a crime to willfully cast a ballot by mail known to be fraudulent. Specifically, the bill expands current law which already makes it a crime to vote illegally at the ballot box to now also include voting by mail. ACUF's Center to Protect Voters and their Voices is a leader in rebuilding the safeguards of our election systems and ensuring that every legal vote counts. If our election system does not respect that principle, then American democracy will cease to exist. ACU supports strengthening ballot integrity and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on October 13, 2020 by a vote of 29-6 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.

 9. **SB 115 Reducing Lawsuit Abuse by Limiting Deceptive Legal Advertisements.** This bill is designed to help improve the state's legal climate by combatting the deceptive practices of ambulance chasing plaintiff attorneys. Under the bill, legal advertisements that include references to monetary settlements are required to disclose the attorney fees that are associated with the settlement. ACU recognizes Louisiana currently ranks as the 5th biggest "Judicial Hellhole" according to the American Tort Reform (ATR) Foundation, and from July to December of 2018, viewers in Louisiana's three biggest media markets were inundated with 251,116 legal advertisements at an estimated cost of \$15.6 million. While ACU supports free speech as protected under the First Amendment, including advertising, we oppose fraud and the abuse of the taxpayer-funded legal system by deviant plaintiff attorneys and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 29, 2020 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.

 10. **HB 129 Expanding Employment Opportunities through Expungement of Certain Arrest Records.** This bill is designed to expand employment opportunities by reforming expungement procedure to include arrest records of a person who successfully completed a pretrial diversion program. ACUF's Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports efforts to reduce recidivism and expand economic growth by making it easier for those with arrest records to obtain employment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 29, 2020 by a vote of 29-0 and the bill was signed into law.

 11. **HB 140 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights by Preempting Municipal Bans.** This bill strengthens Second Amendment rights by declaring localities only have the authority to ban firearms in buildings where their governing bodies meet, thus protecting the right to bear arms at all other locations except those places restricted under state law. The bill is in response to ordinances passed in places such as Baton Rouge, Kenner, and Mandeville that have banned firearms at places such as public buildings, playgrounds, and commercial establishments where children visit. ACU supports the founder's belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2020 by a vote of 28-8 and the bill was signed into law.

 12. **HB 152 Driving up Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating Coverage of Acupuncture.** This bill drives up the cost of health insurance by mandating all policies offered in the state provide coverage for acupuncture. The bill mandates all policies provide up to 12 visits per benefit period and prohibits policies from including any language deemed "discriminatory" against any person or method of practice. ACU opposes health care mandates which limit the ability of individuals to choose the health insurance plans that best suit their needs and drive up the cost of insurance for everyone and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 29, 2020 by a vote of 30-0 and the bill was signed into law.

 13. **SB 178 Expanding Competition by Further Reforming Regulations on Alcoholic Beverage Delivery.** This bill further expands competition within the alcoholic beverage industry by building upon the reforms passed last year within HB 508 (which ACU supported). The passage of HB 508 authorized businesses which are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages to deliver their products to residences and facilitate the sales through network technologies such as the internet. This bill builds upon the reform to also allow the beverages to be delivered by third-party delivery services like UberEats, Shipt, and Gopuff. ACU supports expanding consumer choice and eliminating unnecessary, anti-competitive regulations and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 13, 2020 by a vote of 32-5 and the bill was signed into law.
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14. **SB 189 Improving Oversight and Proper Usage of Federal COVID-19 Pandemic Funds.** This bill strengthens government integrity by providing legislative oversight of the distribution of the \$811 million in federal aid provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The bill directs \$300 million to businesses impacted by the forced shutdowns and \$511 million to localities. The bill is in response to actions taken by Governor John Bel Edwards to steer the funds entirely to localities without any legislative oversight. ACU supports increasing government integrity and ensuring emergency relief funds are directed towards those actually impacted by the forced shutdowns and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2020 by a vote of 28-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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15. **SB 299 Driving up Insurance Premiums by Limiting the Ability of Insurers to Assess Risk.** This bill ultimately drives up insurance premiums for everyone by utilizing the Chinese coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) as an excuse to impose additional mandates on insurers. Specifically, the bill prevents any insurer from setting an insurance rate or classifying any risk on the basis of an insured's employment type or job classification through August 1, 2023. ACU opposes these mandates which limit the ability of insurers to price risk, which inevitably drives-up insurance costs for everyone and opposed this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on May 21, 2020 by a vote of 14-21.
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16. **HB 328 Diluting the Tax Base through New Sales Tax Carve-Outs.** This bill attempts to provide a meaningful tax cut but would instead create an ineffective and narrow carve-out only for specific products. Under the bill, any local government could exempt feminine hygiene products and diapers from the sales tax through the end of 2021 at an estimated cost of \$249 million in tax revenue. ACU recognizes the need to reduce tax burdens, but further recognizes that any time a cut is applied only to particular products, that what necessarily follows are tax increases on other products to make up the difference. ACU supports a tax code that is broadly applied with the lowest possible rates for everyone. ACU opposes narrowly tailored tax carve-outs that ultimately shift tax burdens to other products and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 27, 2020 by a vote of 31-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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17. **HB 334 Strengthening 2nd Amendment Rights by Permitting Places of Worship to Establish Their Own Concealed Firearm Policies.** This bill strengthens 2nd Amendment Rights by permitting churches, synagogues, and mosques to establish their own policies concerning concealed firearms. Previous law mandated an individual annually complete eight hours of tactical training (in addition to obtaining a concealed carry permit and obtaining permission from the entity) in order to lawfully carry a firearm into a place of worship. The bill removes the excessive training mandate and instead allows the places of worship to establish their own policies. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and strengthening self-defense at places of worship and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 29, 2020 by a vote of 23-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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18. **SB 345 Infringing Contracting Rights Through Government Interference with Noncompete Agreements.** The Morris amendment to a bill providing technical changes to noncompete agreements would insert vague language that limits the ability of employers and employees to freely contract. Specifically, the bill declares that contracts and agreements are only enforceable if they meet the vague language of being "fair and equitable," thus creating legal uncertainty and unnecessary litigation. ACU supports the right of employers and employees to freely contract, opposes this government interference in the marketplace and opposed this amendment. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on May 13, 2020 by a vote of 13-23.
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19. **SB 418 Lowering Automobile Insurance Premiums Through Comprehensive Tort Reform.** This bill, known as the Omnibus Premium Reduction Act, contains a number of positive reforms to the state's legal system designed to lower motor vehicle insurance premiums by combatting lawsuit abuse by plaintiff attorneys. Most notably, the bill reduces "judge shopping" by lowering the jury trial threshold from \$50,000 (highest in the nation) to \$10,000 for tort actions and \$35,000 for all other actions. Furthermore, the bill reforms the state's "collateral source" rule to limit the ability of plaintiffs' attorneys from seeking "phantom damages," or medical damages that exceed the cost of actually treating the injury. Additionally, the bill repeals the "direct action" statute and eliminates the seat belt gag rule. ACU supports reducing lawsuit abuse which drives up insurance premiums for everyone, while also providing just legal outcomes by ensuring a court can consider relevant evidence in a case and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2020 by a vote of 28-10 but the bill was vetoed by the governor. However, a number of the bill's provisions were signed into law in HB 57, a watered-down version.
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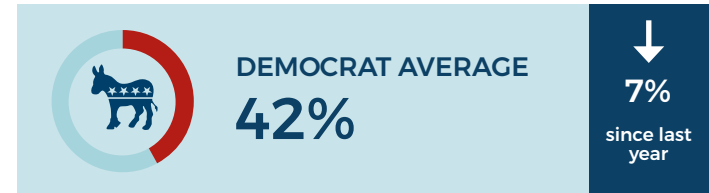
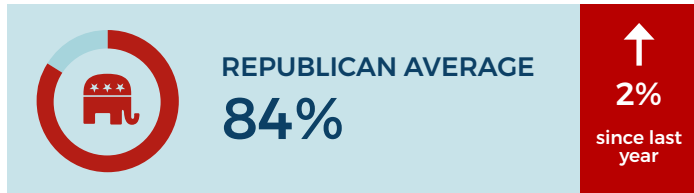
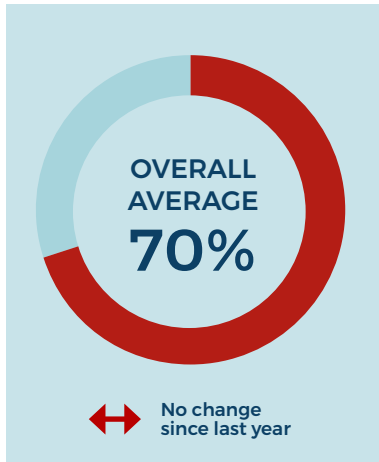
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20. **SB 443 Imposing New Mandates in the Insurance and Legal Industries.** This bill invokes unnecessary government interference in the marketplace by making it a “deceptive trade practice” for an individual or company to bill a client for expenses related to a legal or insurance advertisement. ACU supports the freedom for individuals to freely contract, opposes this unnecessary government interference in billing practices and opposed this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on May 14, 2020 by a vote of 13-21.
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21. **HB 469 Protecting Taxpayers by Restraining Government Spending Growth.** This bill helps protect taxpayers from overzealous government spending by reforming the state budget process. Specifically, the bill makes conservative reforms to the way the expenditure limit growth factor is calculated, helping ensure state spending does not increase at a rate exceeding 5%. ACU supports prudent fiscal policy and efforts to protect against tax increases or deficit spending during financial downturns and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 28, 2020 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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22. **SB 492 Protecting Property Owners from Local Bans of Natural Gas.** This bill strengthens property rights by prohibiting municipal and county governments from preventing a building permit applicant from selecting the utility provider of their choice. Under the bill, municipalities may not deny permit applications based on the utility provider, or source of energy, proposed to serve the project. Additionally, localities are prohibited from imposing additional fees on applicants based on their selection of utility provider. This bill is in response to local governments in California, Washington, and Massachusetts which have banned natural gas in new residential developments. ACU supports all sources of energy, does not believe government should favor one source of energy over another and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 28, 2020 by a vote of 34-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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23. **HB 532 Authorizing Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Through a Regulatory Framework.** This bill ensures individuals have the freedom to engage in peer-to-peer car sharing through platforms such as Turo and Zipcar. Under the bill, a regulatory framework is created that establishes reasonable insurance and liability standards. Additionally, the bill provides parity for traditional rental car companies by applying the same 3% rental car tax surcharge to transactions through car sharing platforms. ACU supports expanding consumer choice, equal treatment within the vehicle rental industry, and creating regulatory certainty to advance new technology and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 29, 2020 by a vote of 34-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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24. **HB 597 Combatting Lawsuit Abuse by Reforming Legal Procedure in Personal Injury Cases.** This bill reforms legal procedure in personal injury cases to curb lawsuit abuse by unscrupulous plaintiff attorneys. Specifically, the bill shifts the burden of proof back to plaintiff attorneys by requiring the plaintiff to prove the injury or illness was caused by the act and removing the presumption that the illness or injury did not exist before the accident. ACU supports efforts to reduce lawsuit abuse and ensure just legal outcomes and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 29, 2020 by a vote of 22-13 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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25. **HB 643 Reducing Taxpayer Costs by Reforming the Probation System.** This implements a series of reforms to the probation system to reduce taxpayer costs and better utilize public safety resources. Specifically, the bill provides the parole board greater flexibility to assess risk by allowing the board to reconsider a nonviolent offender’s term of probation after three years of parole or seven years for violent offenders. ACUF’s Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and safely reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports reducing taxpayer costs and improving public safety by reforming the justice system and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2020 by a vote of 35-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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26. **HB 781 Providing a Crucial Check on Governmental Emergency Powers and Strengthening Protection of Second Amendment Rights.** This bill provides a crucial check on emergency powers by prohibiting any governmental entity or official from infringing Second Amendment rights under the guise of an emergency. Specifically, the bill bars government from prohibiting, regulating, or curtailing the otherwise lawful sale, transportation, or transfer of firearms or ammunition. The bill is partly in response to the Chinese coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) which has prompted certain officials to shut down firearm dealers and servicers due to their alleged status as “non-essential businesses,” (a vague and arbitrary term) therefore restricting the ability of law-abiding individuals to exercise their Second Amendment rights. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported the bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 29, 2020 by a vote of 34-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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27. **HB 826 Protecting Businesses from Lawsuit Abuse Related to COVID-19.** This bill limits the liability of businesses for actions related to an injury from exposure or potential exposure to Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). This bill provides an exemption when the exposure is caused by “gross negligence” or “wanton misconduct.” This bill also ensures that workers cannot bring lawsuits against their employer for exposure to COVID-19 unless caused by an intentional act. ACU supports efforts to protect businesses from frivolous litigation related to COVID-19 and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2020 by a vote of 36-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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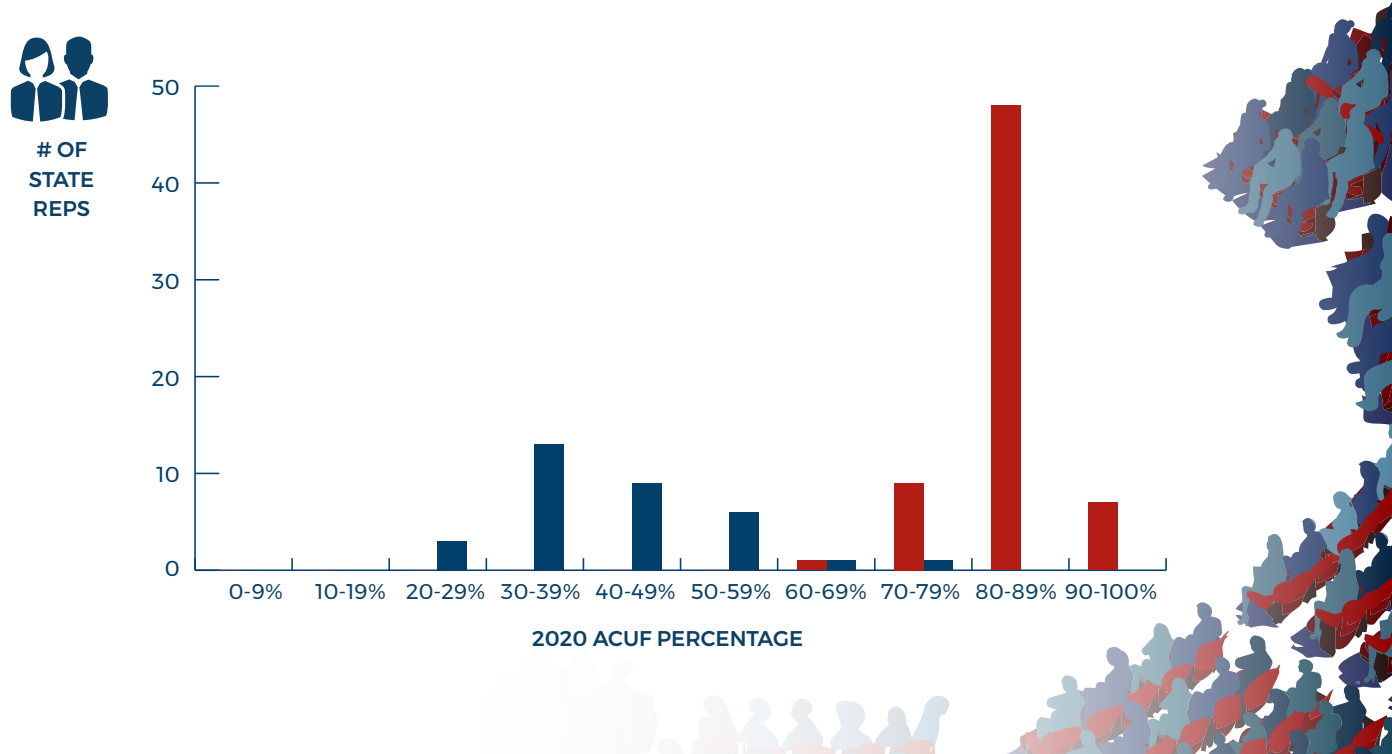
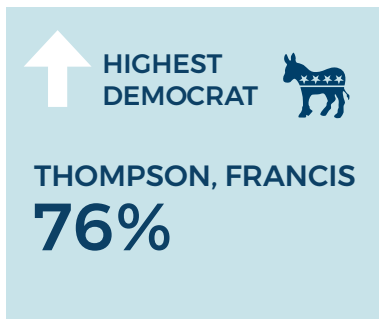
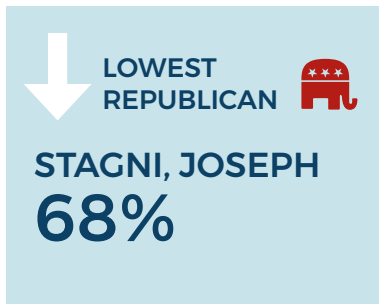
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69 TOTAL IN HOUSE

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35 TOTAL IN HOUSE





LOUISIANA HOUSE SCORES

LOUISIANA HOUSE VOTE DETAIL

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- SB 13 (2nd Special Session) Reducing Unnecessary Licensing Barriers for EMS by Entering an Interstate Compact.
- HB 16 (1st Special Session) Expanding Cronyism by Increasing Tax Credits for Owners of "Historic" Buildings.
- HB 17 (1st Special Session) Providing Tax Relief to Small Businesses Through the Suspension of the Franchise Tax.
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Gaines, Randal	D	57	45%	43%	39%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
GAROFALO JR., RAYMOND	R	103	89%	96%	79%	+	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	X		
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GOUDEAU, JONATHAN	R	31	91%	n/a	91%	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Green Jr., Kyle	D	83	40%	n/a	40%	-	-	-	X	+	+	X	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	X	-	+	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	
HARRIS, LANCE	R	25	78%	82%	69%	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
HENRY, CHARLES	R	82	84%	n/a	84%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	
HILFERTY, STEPHANIE	R	94	77%	83%	74%	X	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	
HODGES, VALARIE	R	64	n/a†	90%	78%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	X	+	+	X	-	X	X	+	X	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	+	+	-	X	
HOLLIS, PAUL	R	104	n/a†	82%	75%	X	+	+	X	X	X	X	+	X	X	+	-	X	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HORTON, DODIE	R	9	82%	91%	78%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Hughes, Jason	D	100	35%	n/a	35%	-	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	
HUVAL, MIKE	R	46	82%	78%	68%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
ILLG JR., JOHN	R	78	82%	n/a	82%	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	

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NELSON, RICHARD	R	89	88%	n/a	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Newell, Candace	D	99	35%	n/a	35%	-	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	X	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	
ORGERON, JOSEPH	R	54	n/a†	n/a	n/a	+	+	X	+	+	X	X	X	+	X	+	+	X	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OWEN, CHARLES	R	30	88%	n/a	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
OWEN, ROBERT	R	76	85%	n/a	85%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Phelps, Tammy	D	3	30%	n/a	30%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	
Pierre, Vincent	D	44	34%	41%	38%	-	X	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	
PRESSLY IV, THOMAS	R	6	82%	n/a	82%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
RISER, NEIL	R	20	85%	67%	65%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
ROMERO, TROY	R	37	87%	n/a	87%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
SCHAMERHORN, RODNEY	R	24	85%	n/a	85%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
SCHEXNAYDER, CLAY	R	81	87%	76%	65%	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
SEABAUGH, ALAN	R	5	84%	93%	82%	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	

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ST. BLANC III, VINCENT	R	50	88%	n/a	88%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
STAGNI, JOSEPH	R	92	68%	74%	67%	-	X	+	X	X	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
STEFANSKI, JOHN	R	42	82%	81%	78%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	
TARVER, PHILLIP	R	36	84%	n/a	84%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
THOMAS, POLLY	R	80	82%	84%	78%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Thompson, Francis	D	19	76%	67%	55%	-	X	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
TURNER, CHRISTOPHER	R	12	82%	76%	79%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
VILLIO, DEBBIE	R	79	82%	n/a	82%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
WHEAT JR., WILLIAM	R	73	83%	n/a	83%	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	-	X	+	X	+	-	X	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
White, Malinda	D	75	57%	63%	58%	-	X	+	-	+	+	-	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	X	+	-	+	-	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Willard, Matthew	D	97	31%	n/a	31%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	X		
WRIGHT, MARK	R	77	80%	93%	82%	X	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	X	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
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- 1. HB 4 (2nd Special Session) Strengthening Legislative Oversight of Executive Emergency Declarations.** This bill provides necessary oversight of executive branch emergency declarations by allowing lawmakers to vote whether to terminate or continue a state of disaster or emergency. ACU supports strengthening crucial checks and balances between the coequal branches of government, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on October 20, 2020 by a vote of 54-30 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
- 2. HB 9 (2nd Special Session) Protecting Religious Liberties During the Government COVID-19 Shutdown.** This bill strengthens religious liberties by ensuring that no government official or agency can arrest or impose any monetary penalty against an individual who is gathering to practice their religion. The bill also provides retroactive criminal immunity back to March 11, 2020 for individuals who defied the governor's declarations by practicing their religion in a gathering of 10 or more. ACU supports the freedom to practice religion, as protected under the 1st Amendment, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on October 13, 2020 by a vote of 66-24. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 3. SB 9 (1st Special Session) Helping Ensure Just Legal Outcomes by Permitting Seatbelt Usage to be Admissible in Lawsuits.** This bill helps ensure more just legal outcomes by permitting a court to consider seatbelt usage in certain lawsuits. Specifically, the bill repeals a law which prevented failure to wear a seatbelt to be considered evidence of "comparative negligence" in lawsuits concerning the "ownership, maintenance or operation" of a motor vehicle. ACU supports tort reform, supports providing just legal outcomes by ensuring a court may consider relevant evidence and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 24, 2020 by a vote of 76-25 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. HCR 13 (2nd Special Session) Protecting Businesses from COVID-19 Shutdowns Enforced by the State Fire Marshal.** This resolution helps reopen Louisiana's economy by preventing the state fire marshal from enforcing Governor John Bel Edwards' heavy-handed business shutdowns during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. ACU supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this resolution as a step in the right direction. The House passed the resolution on October 12, 2020 by a vote of 62-33. (The resolution failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 5. SB 13 (2nd Special Session) Reducing Unnecessary Licensing Barriers for EMS by Entering an Interstate Compact.** This bill joins Louisiana with 20 other states in the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA). The bill extends the privilege for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel from member states to practice in remote states on a short-term, intermittent basis under certain approved circumstances. ACU supports efforts to better provide emergency medical services through license reciprocity and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on October 21, 2020 by a vote of 95-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 6. HB 16 (1st Special Session) Expanding Cronyism by Increasing Tax Credits for Owners of "Historic" Buildings.** This bill expands cronyism by extending and hiking tax credits under a program which provides subsidies to owners of buildings that government bureaucrats deem "historic". Under the bill, owners of "historic" buildings in certain regions of the state who make improvements or renovations to their properties are entitled to tax credits of up to 30% of the eligible costs. ACU recognizes this state tax credit is on top of other federal tax credits provided to owners of historic properties. ACU supports a broadly applied tax code with as low of rates as possible for everyone, opposes this cronyism which shifts tax burdens to other taxpayers, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 17, 2020 by a vote of 55-38. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 7. HB 17 (1st Special Session) Providing Tax Relief to Small Businesses Through the Suspension of the Franchise Tax.** This bill provides broad tax relief to businesses battling the Chinese coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19). Under the bill, the first \$300,000 of taxable capital is exempted from the franchise tax through June 30, 2024. ACU supports broadly applied tax relief, especially at a time when businesses are struggling due to government-imposed shutdowns and supported this bill. The House failed to pass the bill on June 17, 2020 by a vote of 67-29. (A two-thirds majority was required for the bill.)



8. **HCR 17 Hiking Payouts to the Nursing Home Industry Without Crucial Reforms.** This bill enriches the nursing home industry through “re-basing” or hiking Medicaid reimbursements to nursing homes. This bill costs taxpayers an additional \$24 million annually and fails to make any reforms to increase utilization of much less costly home and community-based programs. ACU opposes this fiscal irresponsibility and believes the state should make significant reforms to protect the solvency of the Medicaid Trust Fund the Elderly (MTFE) and opposed this bill. The House passed the resolution on May 26, 2020 by a vote of 62-35. (The resolution was not taken up by the Senate.)

 9. **SB 20 (2nd Special Session) Combatting Gov. John Bel Edward’s Attempt to Weaken Election Integrity.** This bill is designed to combat Governor John Bel Edward’s attempt to weaken election integrity through mail-in voting and other measures that advance fraud. Specifically, the bill creates a 10-member commission made up of lawmakers and the governor to provide oversight of an emergency elections plan proposed by the secretary of state. The plan is then to be debated before both chambers of the legislature, with the governor’s veto authority removed. ACU opposes mail-in voting which creates significant avenues for fraud, supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensuring only legal ballots are counted, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on October 22, 2020 by a vote of 59-27 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.

 10. **HB 28 (1st Special Session) Expanding Cronyism Through Property Tax Exemptions to Government Favored Businesses.** This bill expands cronyism by authorizing localities to provide property tax exemptions for so-called “strategic investments” made by certain businesses favored by government. Specifically, the bill permits localities to engage in “payment in lieu of tax” schemes which exempt companies from ad valorem taxes. ACU supports a broadly applied tax code with as low of rates as possible for everyone, opposes this cronyism which shifts tax burdens to other taxpayers not favored by government, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 17, 2020 by a vote of 60-38. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

 11. **HB 38 (2nd Special Session) Preventing Local Governments from “Defunding the Police.”** This bill is designed to combat radical leftist attempts to “defund the police” and advance lawlessness. Specifically, the bill requires an investigation of any local government that reduces its law enforcement budget by more than 10% to see if it would have a harmful effect on public safety. If it did, local governments would lose funds for capital outlay projects or sales tax monies. While ACU supports efforts to streamline and reduce waste at all levels and functions of government, we vehemently oppose the radical leftist notion of “defunding the police”. ACU supports strong property rights and public safety and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on October 23, 2020 by a vote of 68-29. (The bill failed to advance in conference committee.)

 12. **HB 42 (2nd Special Session) Strengthening School Choice Through Appeals to the State Board of Education.** This bill allows parents to appeal to the State Board of Education if their child is denied the school of their choice by a local school board. ACU supports improving educational outcomes through the expansion of school choice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on October 14, 2020 by a vote of 79-12. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

 13. **SB 50 Expanding an Excessive Ban on the Safe Use of Handheld Devices while Driving.** This bill would expand the state’s ban on the use of handheld devices, including cellphones, while driving. Under current law, the use of a cellphone while driving is strictly prohibited in school zones and has been made a “primary offense” (a violation that gives law enforcement the ability to pull over drivers, issue citations, and impose further penalties). However, while cellphone usage on other public roadways is not a primary offense, drivers may be penalized for cellphone usage if they are stopped for another driving infraction. This bill would expand the school zone provision to now include all public roadways and thus strictly prohibit cellphone use while driving and making all violations primary offenses. ACU opposes fining motorists for the responsible use of cellphones absent any other driving safety infractions and opposed this bill. The House defeated the bill on May 27, 2020 by a vote of 40-59.

 14. **HB 51 (2nd Special Session) Ensuring Emergency Elections are not Tainted by Outside Interests.** This bill is designed to strengthen the integrity of elections that are held during a state of emergency, such as the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Under the bill, all state and local officials are prohibited from accepting any form of a donation for purposes of funding election-related expenses. ACU supports efforts to strengthen the integrity of our elections and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on October 23, 2020 by a vote of 66-28 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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15. **SB 74 (2nd Special Session) Strengthening Election Integrity by Tightening Election Laws for Mail-In Ballots.** This bill helps protect ballot integrity by making it a crime to willfully cast a ballot by mail known to be fraudulent. Specifically, the bill expands current law which already makes it a crime to vote illegally at the ballot box to now also include voting by mail. ACUF's Center to Protect Voters and their Voices is a leader in rebuilding the safeguards of our election systems and ensuring that every legal vote counts. If our election system does not respect that principle, then American democracy will cease to exist. ACU supports strengthening ballot integrity and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on October 21, 2020 by a vote of 72-17 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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16. **SB 115 Reducing Lawsuit Abuse by Limiting Deceptive Legal Advertisements.** This bill is designed to help improve the state's legal climate by combatting the deceptive practices of ambulance chasing plaintiff attorneys. Under the bill, legal advertisements that include references to monetary settlements are required to disclose the attorney fees that are associated with the settlement. ACU recognizes Louisiana currently ranks as the 5th biggest "Judicial Hellhole" according to the American Tort Reform (ATR) Foundation, and from July to December of 2018, viewers in Louisiana's three biggest media markets were inundated with 251,116 legal advertisements at an estimated cost of \$15.6 million. While ACU supports free speech as protected under the First Amendment, including advertising, we oppose fraud and the abuse of the taxpayer-funded legal system by deviant plaintiff attorneys and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 28, 2020 by a vote of 69-26 and the bill was signed into law.
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17. **HB 118 Protecting Taxpayers Through a 2% Budget Restraint.** This bill helps protect taxpayers by requiring budget architects to only spend 98% of the state's annual operating budget. The other 2% would be saved, which amounts to roughly \$206 million. ACU supports prudent fiscal policy and efforts to protect against tax increases or deficits during financial downturns and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 15, 2020 by a vote of 67-32. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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18. **HB 129 Expanding Employment Opportunities through Expungement of Certain Arrest Records.** This bill is designed to expand employment opportunities by reforming expungement procedure to include arrest records of a person who successfully completed a pretrial diversion program. ACUF's Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports efforts to reduce recidivism and expand economic growth by making it easier for those with arrest records to obtain employment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 22, 2020 by a vote of 91-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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19. **HB 140 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights by Preempting Municipal Bans.** This bill strengthens Second Amendment rights by declaring localities only have the authority to ban firearms in buildings where their governing bodies meet, thus protecting the right to bear arms at all other locations except those places restricted under state law. The bill is in response to ordinances passed in places such as Baton Rouge, Kenner, and Mandeville that have banned firearms at places such as public buildings, playgrounds, and commercial establishments where children visit. ACU supports the founder's belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 1, 2020 by a vote of 71-23 and the bill was signed into law.
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20. **HB 152 Driving up Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating Coverage of Acupuncture.** This bill drives up the cost of health insurance by mandating all policies offered in the state provide coverage for acupuncture. The bill mandates all policies provide up to 12 visits per benefit period and prohibits policies from including any language deemed "discriminatory" against any person or method of practice. ACU opposes health care mandates which limit the ability of individuals to choose the health insurance plans that best suit their needs and drive up the cost of insurance for everyone and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 22, 2020 by a vote of 94-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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21. **SB 178 Expanding Competition by Further Reforming Regulations on Alcoholic Beverage Delivery.** This bill further expands competition within the alcoholic beverage industry by building upon the reforms passed last year within HB 508 (which ACU supported). The passage of HB 508 authorized businesses which are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages to deliver their products to residences and facilitate the sales through network technologies such as the internet. This bill builds upon the reform to also allow the beverages to be delivered by third-party delivery services like UberEats, Shipt, and Gopuff. ACU supports expanding consumer choice and eliminating unnecessary, anti-competitive regulations and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 28, 2020 by a vote of 87-13 and the bill was signed into law.
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22. **SB 189 Improving Oversight and Proper Usage of Federal COVID-19 Pandemic Funds.** This bill strengthens government integrity by providing legislative oversight of the distribution of the \$811 million in federal aid provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The bill directs \$300 million to businesses impacted by the forced shutdowns and \$511 million to localities. The bill is in response to actions taken by Governor John Bel Edwards to steer the funds entirely to localities without any legislative oversight. ACU supports increasing government integrity and ensuring emergency relief funds are directed towards those actually impacted by the forced shutdowns and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on June 1, 2020 by a vote of 62-39 and the bill was signed into law.
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23. **HB 328 Diluting the Tax Base through New Sales Tax Carve-Outs.** This bill attempts to provide a meaningful tax cut but would instead create an ineffective and narrow carve-out only for specific products. Under the bill, any local government could exempt feminine hygiene products and diapers from the sales tax through the end of 2021 at an estimated cost of \$249 million in tax revenue. ACU recognizes the need to reduce tax burdens, but further recognizes that any time a cut is applied only to particular products, that what necessarily follows are tax increases on other products to make up the difference. ACU supports a tax code that is broadly applied with the lowest possible rates for everyone. ACU opposes narrowly tailored tax carve-outs that ultimately shift tax burdens to other products and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 15, 2020 by a vote of 80-16 and the bill was signed into law.
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24. **HB 334 Strengthening 2nd Amendment Rights by Permitting Places of Worship to Establish Their Own Concealed Firearm Policies.** This bill strengthens 2nd Amendment Rights by permitting churches, synagogues, and mosques to establish their own policies concerning concealed firearms. Previous law mandated an individual annually complete eight hours of tactical training (in addition to obtaining a concealed carry permit and obtaining permission from the entity) in order to lawfully carry a firearm into a place of worship. The bill removes the excessive training mandate and instead allows the places of worship to establish their own policies. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and strengthening self-defense at places of worship and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 31, 2020 by a vote of 76-20 and the bill was signed into law.
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25. **SB 418 Lowering Automobile Insurance Premiums Through Comprehensive Tort Reform.** This bill, known as the Omnibus Premium Reduction Act, contains a number of positive reforms to the state's legal system designed to lower motor vehicle insurance premiums by combatting lawsuit abuse by plaintiff attorneys. Most notably, the bill reduces "judge shopping" by lowering the jury trial threshold from \$50,000 (highest in the nation) to \$10,000 for tort actions and \$35,000 for all other actions. Furthermore, the bill reforms the state's "collateral source" rule to limit the ability of plaintiffs' attorneys from seeking "phantom damages," or medical damages that exceed the cost of actually treating the injury. Additionally, the bill repeals the "direct action" statute and eliminates the seat belt gag rule. ACU supports reducing lawsuit abuse which drives up insurance premiums for everyone, while also providing just legal outcomes by ensuring a court can consider relevant evidence in a case and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 1, 2020 by a vote of 66-31 but the bill was vetoed by the governor. However, a number of the bill's provisions were signed into law in HB 57, a watered-down version.
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26. **HB 469 Protecting Taxpayers by Restraining Government Spending Growth.** This bill helps protect taxpayers from overzealous government spending by reforming the state budget process. Specifically, the bill makes conservative reforms to the way the expenditure limit growth factor is calculated, helping ensure state spending does not increase at a rate exceeding 5%. ACU supports prudent fiscal policy and efforts to protect against tax increases or deficit spending during financial downturns and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 15, 2020 by a vote of 85-10 and the bill was signed into law.
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27. **SB 492 Protecting Property Owners from Local Bans of Natural Gas.** This bill strengthens property rights by prohibiting municipal and county governments from preventing a building permit applicant from selecting the utility provider of their choice. Under the bill, municipalities may not deny permit applications based on the utility provider, or source of energy, proposed to serve the project. Additionally, localities are prohibited from imposing additional fees on applicants based on their selection of utility provider. This bill is in response to local governments in California, Washington, and Massachusetts which have banned natural gas in new residential developments. ACU supports all sources of energy, does not believe government should favor one source of energy over another and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 27, 2020 by a vote of 96-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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28. **HB 532 Authorizing Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Through a Regulatory Framework.** This bill ensures individuals have the freedom to engage in peer-to-peer car sharing through platforms such as Turo and Zipcar. Under the bill, a regulatory framework is created that establishes reasonable insurance and liability standards. Additionally, the bill provides parity for traditional rental car companies by applying the same 3% rental car tax surcharge to transactions through car sharing platforms. ACU supports expanding consumer choice, equal treatment within the vehicle rental industry, and creating regulatory certainty to advance new technology and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 31, 2020 by a vote of 95-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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29. **HB 597 Combatting Lawsuit Abuse by Reforming Legal Procedure in Personal Injury Cases.** This bill reforms legal procedure in personal injury cases to curb lawsuit abuse by unscrupulous plaintiff attorneys. Specifically, the bill shifts the burden of proof back to plaintiff attorneys by requiring the plaintiff to prove the injury or illness was caused by the act and removing the presumption that the illness or injury did not exist before the accident. ACU supports efforts to reduce lawsuit abuse and ensure just legal outcomes and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 31, 2020 by a vote of 68-23 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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30. **HB 643 Reducing Taxpayer Costs by Reforming the Probation System.** This implements a series of reforms to the probation system to reduce taxpayer costs and better utilize public safety resources. Specifically, the bill provides the parole board greater flexibility to assess risk by allowing the board to reconsider a nonviolent offender's term of probation after three years of parole or seven years for violent offenders. ACU's Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and safely reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports reducing taxpayer costs and improving public safety by reforming the justice system and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 1, 2020 by a vote of 72-19 and the bill was signed into law.
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31. **HB 703 Increasing the Integrity of the Unemployment Compensation System.** This bill increases the integrity of the unemployment compensation system by requiring recipients to submit proof that they are actively searching for work. Specifically, the bill requires the submission of completed interview verification forms which include details of job interviews and those conducting them. ACU supports increasing the integrity of the unemployment system, especially at a time when coupled with federal benefits recipients are receiving payouts greater than their previous salaries and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 15, 2020 by a vote of 65-31. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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32. **HB 781 Providing a Crucial Check on Governmental Emergency Powers and Strengthening Protection of Second Amendment Rights.** This bill provides a crucial check on emergency powers by prohibiting any governmental entity or official from infringing Second Amendment rights under the guise of an emergency. Specifically, the bill bars government from prohibiting, regulating, or curtailing the otherwise lawful sale, transportation, or transfer of firearms or ammunition. The bill is partly in response to the Chinese coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) which has prompted certain officials to shut down firearm dealers and servicers due to their alleged status as "non-essential businesses," (a vague and arbitrary term) therefore restricting the ability of law-abiding individuals to exercise their Second Amendment rights. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported the bill. The House passed the bill on May 22, 2020 by a vote of 80-17 and the bill was signed into law.
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33. **HB 813 Imposing Excessive Licensing Fees on Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors.** This bill nearly triples the cost to become licensed as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. For example, the license and written examination fee are hiked from \$300 to \$800, and multiple additional fees are now also imposed. These counselors help individuals (primarily individuals with disabilities or suffering from substance abuse) obtain employment. ACU opposes the state's licensing mandate on this profession, which is primarily designed to restrict competition, and placing even greater financial burdens on individuals working in this profession and opposed this bill. The House defeated the bill on May 22, 2020 by a vote of 21-76.
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34. **HB 826 Protecting Businesses from Lawsuit Abuse Related to COVID-19.** This bill limits the liability of businesses for actions related to an injury from exposure or potential exposure to Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). This bill provides an exemption when the exposure is caused by "gross negligence" or "wanton misconduct." This bill also ensures that workers cannot bring lawsuits against their employer for exposure to COVID-19 unless caused by an intentional act. ACU supports efforts to protect businesses from frivolous litigation related to COVID-19 and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 1, 2020 by a vote of 93-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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