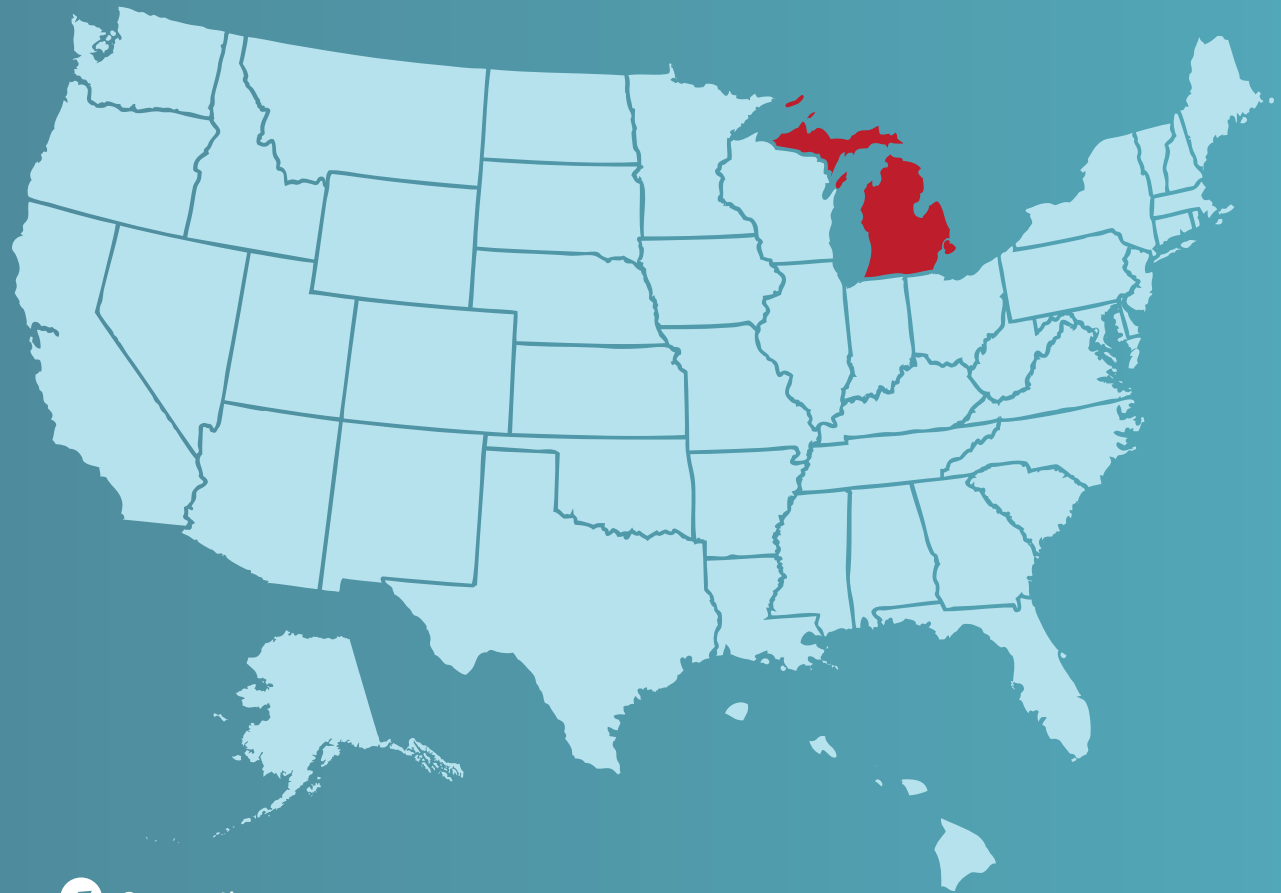




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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Conservatives,

We are pleased to present the American Conservative Union Foundation's ratings for the 2016 meeting of the Michigan Legislature. Like our Congressional Ratings, our State Ratings reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The Michigan legislators with the highest scores voted most consistently with the ideals articulated in the U.S. Constitution: limited and transparent government, individual rights, personal responsibility, and lasting cultural values.

In 2015, ACU Foundation was proud to make history by being the first organization to rate every single state legislature across the full spectrum of issues, helping each voter understand how his or her state ranks among the rest.

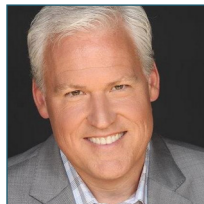
Ultimately, we are trying to help people understand what conservatism *is* and how it improves the lives of everyday Americans. Conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. We think that understanding this idea is essential if Americans are to successfully govern themselves again.

Working with our policy centers and fellows, the ACU Foundation engages in deep policy analysis to help create our annual state scorecards. We have enhanced the vote descriptions this year to show this effort more clearly.

By examining all 50 of our State Ratings, we can see which states have most effectively promoted conservative solutions and which have struggled. Our ratings also help identify legislators who have courageously fought against liberal majorities. We hope that this guide helps you learn how well, or poorly, your legislators work to preserve the values we share.

Sincerely,

Matt Schlapp
Chairman
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SELECTING THE VOTES

ACU researched and selected a range of bills before the Michigan Legislature that determine a member's adherence to conservative principles. We selected bills that focus on Ronald Reagan's philosophy of the "three-legged stool": 1) *fiscal and economic*: taxes, budgets, regulation, spending, healthcare, and property; 2) *social and cultural*: 2nd amendment, religion, life, welfare, and education; and 3) *government integrity*: voting, individual liberty, privacy, and transparency. This wide range of issues are designed to give citizens an accurate assessment that conveys which of Michigan's elected leaders best defend the principles of a free society: Life, Liberty and Property.



2016 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100%

AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE



SENATE

n/a

HOUSE

BARRETT	HOOKER
CHATFIELD	RUNESTAD
COLE	THEIS
GLENN	

<= 10%

COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT



SENATE

n/a

HOUSE

n/a

80-89%

AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT



SENATE

COLBECK
EMMONS
PAVLOV

HOUSE

CALLTON	LEUTHEUSER
CANFIELD	MILLER, A.
COX	MUXLOW
GLARDON	NESBITT
GOIKE	PRICE
GRAVES	RENDON
IDEN	SOMERVILLE
JENKINS	TEDDER
JOHNSON	VAUPEL
KELLY	VerHEULEN
LAUWERS	WHITEFORD



MICHIGAN SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 5070 Franchise Employee Regulations.** This bill clarifies the law to make the franchise business owner, rather than the franchisor, the sole employer of the employees in that franchise and responsible for following occupational health and safety regulations unless otherwise specified in a contract. ACU supports efforts to clarify franchise laws in light of Obama's National Labor Relations Board efforts to overturn precedents and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 11, 2016 by a vote of 26-11.

2. **HB 5105 Healthcare Tax Extension.** This bill extends for an additional eight years the Healthcare Insurance Claims Act, which enacts a tax on all healthcare claims. Michigan is the only state with this tax. Research based on the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index shows that higher tax burdens suppress economic growth, which reduces family prosperity. ACU opposes this tax that drives up the cost of health care for everyone and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 24, 2016 by a vote of 21-17.

3. **HB 4813 Apprentice Electrician Regulation.** This bill increases the number of apprentice electricians allowed to work with a master electrician from one to three. Expanding entrepreneurship promotes economic growth, which leads to greater family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU supports regulatory reform and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 23, 2016 by a vote of 22-15.

4. **SB 625 Insurance Mandates.** This bill requires health insurance policies to carry equal coverage of cancer drugs, whether they are administered orally or by a needle. ACU opposes such mandates, which drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 10, 2016 by a vote of 36-1.

5. **SB 853 Bag Bans and Taxes.** This bill prohibits a municipality from banning or imposing taxes on plastic bags or other "auxiliary containers," such as reusable bags, bottles or containers. ACU believes government should not limit people's choices in how they take their groceries home and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 10, 2016 by a vote of 25-12.

6. **HB 4787 Coerced Abortions.** This bill makes it a misdemeanor to coerce a pregnant woman to have an abortion. Coercion is defined as threatening harm or physical restraint. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 25, 2016 by a vote of 26-11.

7. **HB 5387 Illegal Strike Sanctions and Teacher Collective Bargaining Regulations.** This bill, part of a package to deal with the bankrupt Detroit public school system, increases sanctions on Detroit public school teachers who participate in an illegal strike and prohibits collective bargaining between teachers' unions and the school district on issues such as teacher work assignments, performance assessments, and privatization issues. ACU supports government worker labor law reform and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 8, 2016 by a vote of 23-14.

8. **SB 727 Allowing Dogs at Restaurants.** This bill permits dogs to be at restaurants with the consent of the restaurant owner. ACU believes restaurant owners should be able to make these decisions without government interference and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 7, 2016 by a vote of 32-4.

9. **SB 1019 Nursing Regulations.** This bill expands the procedures that can be administered by a nurse anesthetist with a specialty certificate, including the ability to administer anesthesia. ACU supports regulatory reform that helps reduce the cost of healthcare and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 8, 2016 by a vote of 22-15.

10. **SB 1015 Behavior Analyst Licensing.** This bill requires a state license to practice "applied behavior analysis" or "assistant behavior analysis" for autism programs, among other provisions. A separate bill created a new bureaucracy to administer the licensing. ACU opposes the proliferation of license requirements that are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 21, 2016 by a vote of 34-1.

11. **SB 39 Use of Government-Owned Land.** This overhaul of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act requires the Department of Natural Resources to consider access to and use of government-owned land before classifying or designating the land. Among other provisions, the bill requires local approval for state purchase of land in northern Michigan, where at least one-third of the land is commercial forestland, and prohibits restricting access to land under state control unless required by federal law. ACU supports efforts to allow the public more access to "public" land and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on October 20, 2016 by a vote of 26-10.

12. **SB 1153 Business Subsidies.** This bill sets up a new program, the Michigan Business Withholding Abatement Program, that allows businesses chosen by the government to retain their income tax withholdings for up to ten years. ACU opposes such programs, which put businesses not chosen by the government at a disadvantage, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on November 29, 2016 by a vote of 30-7.

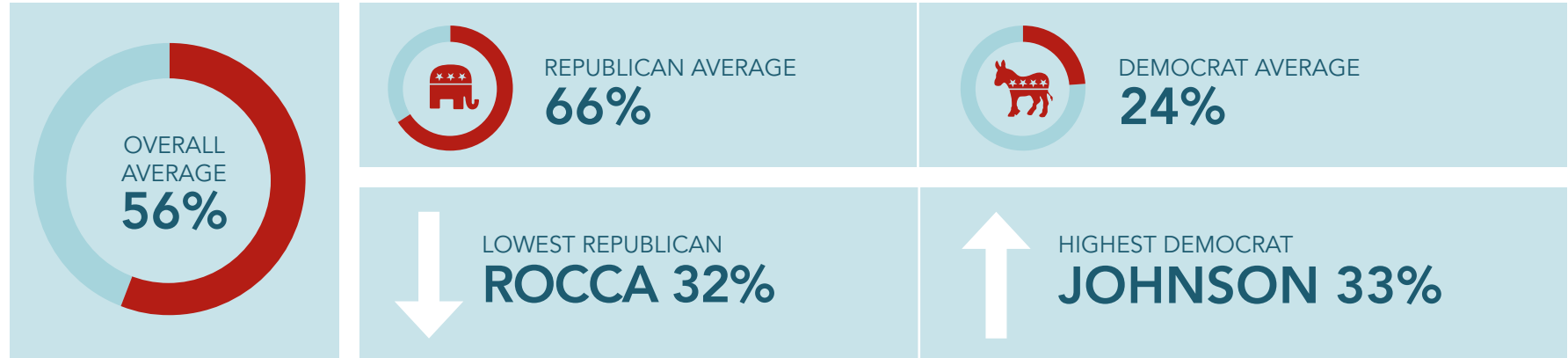


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16. **HB 4598 Licensing Requirements for Midwives.** This bill establishes a licensing regime for midwives, including criteria and fees. When entrepreneurship is suppressed, the resulting decline in economic growth leads to a reduction in family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements, which are primarily designed to restrict competition, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 14, 2016 by a vote of 36-1.
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18. **HB 5532 Morel Mushroom Regulations.** This bill eliminates the requirement that morel mushrooms picked in the wild for sale to restaurants undergo individual government inspection by an approved mushroom identification expert. ACU opposes such needless regulation, which drives up costs for small food establishments, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 14, 2016 by a vote of 26-11 but it was vetoed by the governor.
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19. **HB 4629 Civil Asset Forfeiture.** This bill eliminates the requirement that a 10% cash bond up to \$5,000 be posted in order to challenge seizure of property by the government under civil asset forfeiture laws. Currently, if a bond is not posted within 20 days, the property is permanently lost. ACU Foundation's Center for 21st Century Property Rights engages heavily on this issue, and agrees with U. S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas that major reforms of civil asset forfeiture laws are needed. ACU supported this bill as a modest change that is a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on December 14, 2016 by a vote of 29-8.
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20. **SB 437 EPA Clean Power Plan Implementation.** This bill and its companion bill, SB 438, helps implement the Obama Administration's "Clean Power Plan" rule through a series of mandates to require increased use of renewable energy, make it difficult for coal-fired plants to stay in business, and force utilities to prove they are following policies to meet these objectives. ACU opposes the EPA plan (which has been halted by the courts), believes government should not favor one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 15, 2016 by a vote of 33-4.
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MICHIGAN SENATE SCORES

MICHIGAN SENATE STATISTICS



MICHIGAN SENATE VOTE DETAIL

Party	District	HB 5070	HB 5105	HB 4813	SB 625	SB 853	HB 4787	HB 5387	SB 727	SB 1019	SB 1015	SB 39	SB 1153	SB 1012	SB 591	SB 564	HB 4598	HB 5400	HB 5532	HB 4629	SB 437	ACU Votes	Votes Cast	2016 %	2015 %	LIFETIME AVG
Ananich	D	27	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	5	20	25%	10%	20%
Bieda	D	9	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	4	20	20%	14%	17%
BOOHER	R	35	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	20	65%	86%	82%
BRANDBURG	R	8	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	12	20	60%	91%	87%
CASPERSON	R	38	+	-	E	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	13	19	68%	71%	69%
COLBECK	R	7	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	16	20	80%	86%	88%
Conyers†	D	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	2	9	n/a	n/a	n/a
EMMONS	R	33	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	17	19	89%	91%	89%
GREEN	R	31	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	20	65%	90%	83%
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HANSEN	R	34	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	11	20	55%	86%	73%
Hertel	D	23	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	5	20	25%	9%	17%
HILDENBRAND	R	29	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	14	20	70%	91%	83%
Hood†	D	3	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	X	3	12	n/a	14%	9%
Hopgood	D	6	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	4	20	20%	14%	15%
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KNOLLENBERG	R	13	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	15	20	75%	91%	87%
KOWALL	R	15	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	20	65%	82%	78%
MacGREGOR	R	28	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	12	20	60%	86%	82%
MARLEAU	R	12	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	E	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	14	19	74%	86%	81%
MEEKHOF	R	30	X	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	19	68%	86%	83%
NOFS	R	19	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	13	20	65%	72%	71%
O'BRIEN	R	20	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	13	20	65%	77%	78%
PAVLOV	R	25	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	17	20	85%	95%	92%
PROOS	R	21	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	13	20	65%	91%	81%
ROBERTSON	R	14	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	20	65%	86%	86%
ROCCA	R	10	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	6	19	32%	45%	67%
SCHMIDT	R	37	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	13	20	65%	86%	77%
SCHUITMAKER	R	26	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	14	20	70%	86%	84%
SHIRKEY	R	16	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	15	20	75%	86%	83%
Smith†	D	4	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	3	n/a	28%	13%
STAMAS	R	36	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	13	20	65%	86%	77%
Warren	D	18	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	5	20	25%	9%	11%
Young	D	1	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	4	20	20%	15%	14%
ZORN	R	17	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	11	20	55%	68%	71%

† Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result the 2016 percentage was not rated.



MICHIGAN HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 4604 Property Rights.** This bill eliminates the requirement for a government permit when performing earth changes on private property, such as tree stump removal or drainage work, among other projects. ACU Foundation's Center for 21st Century Property Rights engages heavily on this issue, supports strengthening property rights and common sense regulatory reform, and ACU supported this bill. The House passed the bill on January 13, 2016 by a vote of 64-43.

2. **HB 5105 Healthcare Tax Extension.** This bill extends for an additional eight years the Healthcare Insurance Claims Act, which enacts a tax on all healthcare claims. Michigan is the only state with this tax. Research based on the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index shows that higher tax burdens suppress economic growth, which reduces family prosperity. ACU opposes this tax that drives up the cost of health care for everyone and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 24, 2016 by a vote of 77-25.

3. **HB 4787 Coerced Abortions.** This bill makes it a misdemeanor to coerce a pregnant woman to have an abortion. Coercion is defined as threatening harm or physical restraint. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 24, 2016 by a vote of 65-43.

4. **HB 4813 Apprentice Electrician Regulation.** This bill increases the number of apprentice electricians allowed to work with a master electrician from one to three. Expanding entrepreneurship promotes economic growth, which leads to greater family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU supports regulatory reform and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 24, 2016 by a vote of 60-48.

5. **HB 5401 Pollution Facilities Regulation.** This bill eliminates the requirement that air and water pollution facilities receiving a tax exemption obtain approval from the Department of Environmental Quality, and instead requires inspection by a licensed engineer to prove they meet the conditions for an exemption. ACU supports regulatory reform and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 18, 2016 by a vote of 70-39.

6. **HB 5532 Morel Mushroom Regulations.** This bill eliminates the requirement that morel mushrooms picked in the wild for sale to restaurants undergo individual government inspection by an approved mushroom identification expert. ACU opposes such needless regulation, which drives up costs for small food establishments, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 31, 2016 by a vote of 57-52 but it was vetoed by the governor.

7. **HB 5387 Illegal Strike Sanctions and Teacher Collective Bargaining Regulations.** This bill, part of a package of bills to deal with the bankrupt Detroit public school system, increases sanctions on Detroit public school teachers who participate in an illegal strike and prohibits collective bargaining between teachers' unions and the school district on issues such as teacher work assignments, performance assessments and privatization issues. ACU supports government worker labor law reform, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 2, 2016 by a vote of 58-50.

8. **HB 5613 State Regulatory Reform.** This bill prevents state agencies from adopting rules more stringent than standards set by the federal government unless they can show a "clear and convincing need" for a regulation. ACU supports reasonable limits on government regulation and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 7, 2016 by a vote of 61-47.

9. **HB 5469 Legislative Open Records Act.** This bill creates the Legislative Open Records Act allowing the public to obtain documents pertaining to the workings of the legislature. ACU supports government transparency and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on September 21, 2016 by a vote of 100-6.

10. **HB 4282 Builder Licensing Requirement.** This bill eases the requirements for a contractor's license by raising the minimum project cost level where the licensing requirement is needed from \$600 to \$4,000. Expanding entrepreneurship promotes economic growth, which leads to greater family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU supports reform of heavy-handed licensing requirements and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on September 22, 2016 by a vote of 66-40.

11. **HB 5847 Rainy Day Fund.** This bill prohibits the use of the Rainy Day Fund for government spending in a year when the annual growth rate in personal income is more than zero. The bill also provides for 25% of unassigned funds to be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund and repeals use of the Fund based on the unemployment rate or prior year appropriations. ACU supports reserving the Rainy Day Fund for true emergencies and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on November 29, 2016 by a vote of 70-37.

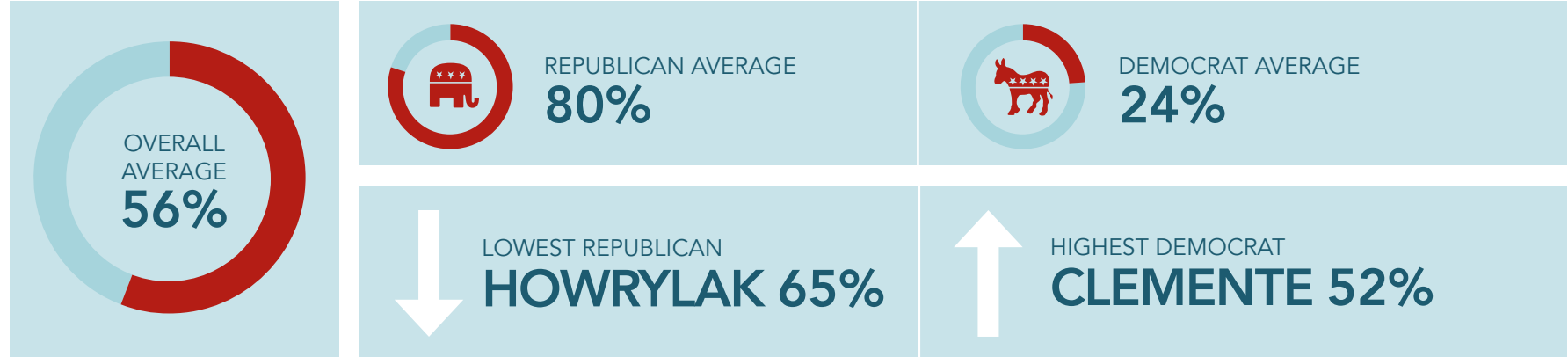
12. **HB 5025 Michigan Craft Beverage Council.** This bill expands the Michigan Craft Beverage Council's programs to include how to sell hops, barley, beer and spirits, among other provisions. ACU opposes such government-sanctioned bureaucracies, funded through mandatory fees, for activities better addressed by private enterprise and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on December 1, 2016 by a vote of 103-4.



13. **SB 853 Bag Bans and Taxes.** This bill prohibits a municipality from banning or imposing taxes on plastic bags or other “auxiliary containers,” such as reusable bags, bottles or containers. ACU believes government should not limit people’s choices in how they take their groceries home and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 1, 2016 by a vote of 62-46.
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14. **HB 4630 Employer Mandate.** This bill removes the employer mandate requiring an advertising statement for employment to include a notification that the employee would be replacing someone who is on strike. ACU opposes such mandates and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 7, 2016 by a vote of 59-48.
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15. **HB 6066 Ballot Integrity.** This bill requires that any voter not showing a proper ID when voting must cast a provisional ballot and then supply proper identification within 10 days. Currently, if a person is listed in the register, they may sign an affidavit and cast a regular vote. ACU supports efforts to preserve ballot integrity and reduce voter fraud and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 7, 2016 by a vote of 57-50.
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20. **HB 5400 Nurse Regulations.** This bill allows advanced practice registered nurses to prescribe drugs, make patient calls, go on rounds, and be a physician’s assistant, among other provisions. ACU supports regulatory reform that will help bring down the cost of health care and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 15, 2016 by a vote of 101-7.
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21. **SB 953 Billboard Regulations.** This bill eases restrictions on billboards by prohibiting the State Department of Transportation from removing billboards that meet conditions in current law. It also allows existing billboards to be converted into digital billboards. ACU supports common-sense regulatory reform and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 15, 2016 by a vote of 63-44.
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22. **SB 437 EPA Clean Power Plan Implementation.** This bill and its companion bill, SB 438, helps implement the Obama Administration’s “Clean Power Plan” rule through a series of mandates to require increased use of renewable energy, makes it difficult for coal-fired plants to stay in business, and forces utilities to prove they are following policies to meet these objectives. ACU opposes the EPA plan (which has been halted by the courts), believes government should not favor one form of energy over another, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on December 15, 2016 by a vote of 79-28.
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23. **HB 4598 Licensing Requirements for Midwives.** This bill establishes a licensing regime for midwives, including criteria and fees. When entrepreneurship is suppressed, the resulting decline in economic growth leads to a reduction in family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements, which are primarily designed to restrict competition, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on December 15, 2016 by a vote of 81-27.
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AFENDOULIS	R	73	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	18	23	78%	82%	80%
Banks	D	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	5	23	22%	6%	13%
BARRETT	R	71	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	21	23	91%	76%	84%
BIZON	R	62	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	17	23	74%	53%	63%
Brinks	D	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%	12%	32%
Brunner	D	96	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	8	23	35%	25%	39%
BUMSTEAD	R	100	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	18	23	78%	82%	82%
Byrd	D	3	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	7	23	30%	6%	18%
CALLTON	R	87	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	19	23	83%	65%	77%
CANFIELD	R	84	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	19	23	83%	82%	82%
Chang	D	6	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%	12%	15%
CHATFIELD	R	107	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	23	96%	88%	92%
Chirkun	D	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	5	22	23%	18%	20%
Clemente	D	14	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	12	23	52%	29%	39%
Cochran	D	67	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%	12%	37%
COLE	R	105	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	21	23	91%	82%	87%
COTTER	R	99	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	18	23	78%	76%	80%
COX	R	19	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	19	23	83%	88%	85%
CRAWFORD	R	38	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	17	23	74%	76%	77%



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Darany	D	15	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	6	21	29%	29%	27%	
Dianda	D	110	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	8	23	35%	35%	58%
Driskell	D	52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	5	23	22%	25%	39%
Durhal	D	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	5	23	22%	6%	17%
Faris	D	48	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	5	23	22%	18%	23%
FARRINGTON	R	30	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	16	23	70%	82%	81%	
FORLINI	R	24	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	18	23	78%	76%	76%
FRANZ	R	101	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	17	23	74%	76%	84%
GARCIA	R	90	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	18	23	78%	76%	77%
Garrett	D	7	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	5	23	22%	6%	14%
Gay-Dagnogo	D	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%	12%	15%
Geiss	D	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	5	23	22%	18%	20%
GLARDON	R	85	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	20	23	87%	76%	76%
GLENN	R	98	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	23	96%	94%	95%
GOIKE	R	33	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	20	23	87%	82%	86%
GRAVES	R	51	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	20	23	87%	88%	81%
Green†	D	28	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	3	13	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greig	D	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%	6%	12%
Greimel	D	29	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	7	23	30%	24%	30%
Guerra	D	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	3	23	13%	12%	12%
HEISE†	R	20	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9	10	n/a	76%	80%
Hoadley	D	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	5	23	22%	12%	17%
HOOKER	R	77	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	21	23	91%	88%	90%
Hovey-Wright	D	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%	6%	12%
HOWELL	R	82	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	15	21	71%	n/a	71%
HOWRYLAK	R	41	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	15	23	65%	65%	71%
HUGHES	R	91	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	-	-	16	21	76%	76%	75%
IDEN	R	61	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	20	23	87%	76%	82%
INMAN	R	104	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	18	23	78%	75%	77%
Irwin	D	53	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	6	23	26%	12%	18%
JACOBSEN	R	46	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	17	23	74%	76%	77%
JENKINS	R	57	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	19	23	83%	82%	81%
JOHNSON	R	97	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	19	23	83%	82%	82%
KELLY	R	94	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	19	23	83%	88%	88%
KESTO	R	39	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	18	23	78%	82%	77%



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Kivela	D	109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	6	23	26%	38%	42%	
Kosowski	D	16	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	9	23	39%	29%	38%
LaFONTAINE	R	32	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	18	23	78%	76%	83%	
LaGrand	D	75	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	4	19	21%	n/a	21%	
Lane	D	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	5	23	22%	25%	31%	
LAUWERS	R	81	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	19	23	83%	82%	81%	
LaVoy	D	17	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	7	23	30%	29%	42%	
LEONARD	R	93	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	18	23	78%	82%	83%	
LEUTHEUSER	R	58	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	19	23	83%	76%	80%	
Liberati	D	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	5	22	23%	29%	26%	
Love	D	10	-	X	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	5	22	23%	12%	17%	
LUCIDO	R	36	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	18	23	78%	88%	83%	
LYONS	R	86	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	18	23	78%	76%	77%	
MATUREN	R	63	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	17	23	74%	76%	75%	
McBROOM	R	108	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	17	23	74%	71%	75%	
McCREADY	R	40	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	X	-	+	-	-	15	21	71%	88%	73%	
MILLER, A.	R	59	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	20	23	87%	82%	85%	
Miller, D.†	D	28	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	1	n/a	29%	29%	
Moss	D	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	4	23	17%	6%	12%	
MUXLOW	R	83	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	19	23	83%	n/a	75%	
Neeley	D	34	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	5	23	22%	18%	20%	
NESBITT	R	66	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	19	23	83%	82%	86%	
OUTMAN	R	70	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	18	23	78%	76%	79%	
Pagan	D	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	3	23	13%	12%	12%	
PAGEL	R	78	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	15	22	68%	76%	73%	
PETTALIA†	R	106	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7	8	n/a	82%	75%	
Phelps	D	49	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	4	22	18%	19%	29%	
Plawecki, J.†	D	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	8	n/a	6%	6%	
Plawecki, L.†	D	11	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	3	13	n/a	n/a	n/a	
POLESKI	R	64	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	16	23	70%	82%	77%	
POTVIN	R	102	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	17	23	74%	76%	77%	
PRICE	R	89	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	19	23	83%	76%	81%	
PSCHOLKA	R	79	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	17	23	74%	76%	80%	
RENDON	R	103	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	19	23	83%	76%	82%	
ROBERTS, B.	R	65	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	17	23	74%	82%	78%	



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Roberts, S.	D	18	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	6	23	26%	12%	15%	
Robinson	D	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	X	X	-	-	-	+	+	X	X	-	4	19	21%	12%	18%
RUNESTAD	R	44	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	21	23	91%	94%	93%
Rutledge	D	54	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	9	23	39%	13%	25%
Santana	D	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	7	23	30%	38%	24%
Schor	D	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%	6%	15%
SHEPPARD	R	56	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	18	23	78%	76%	77%
Singh	D	69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%	12%	15%
Smiley	D	50	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	6	21	29%	18%	34%
SOMERVILLE	R	23	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	20	23	87%	88%	85%
Talabi	D	2	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	6	22	27%	6%	12%
TEDDER	R	43	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	20	23	87%	88%	88%
THEIS	R	42	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22	23	96%	94%	95%
Townsend	D	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	5	23	22%	13%	17%
VAUPEL	R	47	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	19	23	83%	82%	82%
VerHEULEN	R	74	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	19	23	83%	82%	79%
VICTORY	R	88	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	18	23	78%	76%	78%
WEBBER	R	45	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	18	23	78%	82%	80%
WHITEFORD	R	80	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	17	21	81%	n/a	81%
Wittenberg	D	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	5	23	22%	12%	17%
Yanez	D	25	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	5	23	22%	24%	32%
YONKER	R	72	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	16	23	70%	76%	78%
Zemke	D	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	4	23	17%	6%	19%

† Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result the 2016 percentage was not rated.