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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Conservative,

The American Conservative Union Foundation’s Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our Ratings of the Texas legislature for 2019. Like our Ratings of Congress, which date back 48 years, 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 correct purpose of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

As a 501(c)(3) educational endeavor, these Ratings serve as a retrospective analysis to explain to voters, the media, scholars and activists how consistently lawmakers apply conservative principles when casting votes. ACU Foundation evaluates over 100,000 bills and ultimately selects around 2,000 bills to produce scorecards for Congress and all 50 states.

Our American Experiment in self-governance depends on our ability as citizens to evaluate whether our elected officials implement policies that help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives. ACU Foundation’s Ratings of the States equips citizens with clear and effective analysis to hold the nation’s 8,000 lawmakers accountable for their votes.

The Left has renewed its commitment to advance socialism in their zeal to fundamentally transform America. With such an important fight ahead, it’s never been more important for our elected officials to understand the proper role of government and for Americans to defend our conservative values and take action to preserve liberty.

Matt Schlapp
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ACUF Foundation researched and selected a range of bills before the Texas 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 Texas’s elected leaders best defend the principles of a free society: Life, Liberty and Property.
# 2019 WINNERS & LOSERS

- **90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE**
  - **SENATE**
    - BETTENCOURT, PAUL
    - CREIGHTON, BRANDON
    - FALLON, PAT
    - HALL, BOB
    - HUGHES, BRYAN
    - PAXTON, ANGELA
  - **HOUSE**
    - CAIN, BRISCOE
    - HARRIS, CODY
    - HENFNER, COLE
    - HOLLAND, JUSTIN
    - KRAUSE, MATT
    - LANG, MIKE
    - LEACH, JEFF
    - MIDDLETON, MAYES
    - OLIVERSON, TOM
    - PATTerson, JARED
    - SCHAEFER, MATT
    - SHAHEEN, MATT
    - TINDERHOLT, TONY
    - ZEDLER, BILL

- **≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT**
  - **SENATE**
    - Menendez, Jose
    - Rodriguez, Jose
  - **HOUSE**
    - Anchia, Rafael
    - Blanco, Cesar
    - Cole, Sheryl
    - Hernandez, Ana
    - Howard, Donna
    - Israel, Celia
    - Ortega, Evelina
    - Rose, Toni
    - Turner, Chris

- **80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT**
  - **SENATE**
    - BIRDWELL, BRIAN
    - BUCKINGHAM, DAWN
    - CAMPBELL, DONNA
    - FLORES, PETER
    - HANCOCK, KELLY
    - KOLKhorST, LOIS
  - **HOUSE**
    - BELL, CECIL
    - BELL, KEITH
    - BIEDERMANN, KYLE
    - BONnen, GREG
    - BUCKLEY, BRAD
    - BURNS, DEWAYNE
    - CAPRIGLIONE, GIOVANNI
    - CRADDICK, TOM
    - CYRier, JOHN
    - DARBY, DREw
    - DEAN, JAY
    - FRULLo, JOHN
    - GOLDMAN, CRAIG
    - HARLESS, E. SAM
    - Klick, STEPHANIE
    - Landgraf, Brooks
    - Leman, Ben
    - Metcalf, wIll
    - Murr, Andrew
    - noble, CANDY
    - Parker, Tan
    - Paul, Dennis
    - Sanford, SCOTT
    - ShIne, Hugh
    - Smith, Reggie
    - Springer, DREw
    - Stickland, jonathan
    - Swanson, valoRee
    - Toth, steve
    - White, James
    - Wilson, Terry

Republicans in ALL CAPS, Democrats in initial capitals, asterisk indicates independent/libertarian/other
TEXAS SENATE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE 61%

LOWEST REPUBLICAN
SELIGER, KEL 61%

HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
LUCIO, EDDIE 48%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE 85%
DEMOCRAT AVERAGE 23%

TEXAS SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

# OF STATE SENATORS

2019 ACUF PERCENTAGE

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## TEXAS SENATE SCORES

### TEXAS SENATE VOTE DETAIL

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| Alvarado, Carol | D | 6 | 13% | 39% | 24% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| BETTENCOURT, PAUL | R | 7 | 94% | 91% | 93% | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| BIRDWELL, BRIAN | R | 22 | 87% | 96% | 93% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| BUCKINGHAM, DAWN | R | 24 | 87% | 96% | 91% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| CAMPBELL, DONNA | R | 25 | 87% | 90% | 86% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| CREDITON, BRANDON | R | 4 | 90% | 91% | 88% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| FALLON, PAT | R | 30 | 90% | 94% | 94% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| FLORES, PETER | R | 19 | 81% | n/a | 81% | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| HALL, BOB | R | 2 | 94% | 87% | 92% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| HANCOCK, KELLY | R | 9 | 84% | 96% | 91% | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Hinojosa, Juan | D | 20 | 42% | 48% | 53% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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7. **SB 1034 Providing Regulatory Relief by Eliminating Some Licensing Requirements for Plumbers.** This bill reduces a costly regulatory burden which forced utility contractors to hire only licensed plumbers to complete certain projects. Under the bill, individuals are no longer required to have plumbing licenses to complete water line projects which are located between the public right of way and a connection which is at least five feet from a building on private property. However, the bill maintains the licensing requirement for lines servicing one- and two-family dwelling units. ACU opposes licensing regimes that drive up housing costs and are primarily designed to restrict competition and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on April 23, 2019 by a vote of 21-10. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

8. **SB 542 Expanding an Affordable Housing Tax Credit Program.** This bill places further financial burdens on state taxpayers by expanding a program that provides tax credits to select developers who build “affordable housing.” The bill lifts the restriction that tax credits may be provided annually to only one affordable housing development located within certain regions of the state. ACU opposes government intervention in the housing market and efforts to award competitive advantages to developers at the expense of taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 24, 2019 by a vote of 20-11. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

9. **SB 2232 Studying the Harmful Effects of Renewable Energy Subsidies.** This bill directs the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) to study the effects renewable energy subsidies have on the Texas electricity market. Under the bill, ERCOT is directed to examine the effects the subsidies have on electricity pricing, reliability and efficiency, and recommend policy solutions. The bill is in response to certain subsidies such as the federal Production Tax Credit (PTC) which has distorted the market, created inefficiencies and ultimately imposed greater costs on taxpayers and ratepayers. ACU opposes subsidies that distort the marketplace and place companies not favored by the government at a competitive disadvantage, supports efforts to improve transparency of taxpayer-funded subsidies and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 24, 2019 by a vote of 23-8. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

10. **SB 1834 Subsidizing Farmers through Food Stamps.** This bill establishes a pilot program to enrich Texas producers of fruits and vegetables by providing a special incentive for their purchase by recipients of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). These incentives, which are not provided to traditional grocers, typically provide increased benefits to recipients of SNAP or direct subsidies to local farmers. This crony scheme is in addition to federal and local incentive programs. ACU opposes this program which is designed to enrich certain food producers at the expense of taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 25, 2019 by a vote of 26-4 and the bill was signed into law.

11. **SB 535 Protecting Second Amendment Rights in Places of Worship.** This bill permits individuals to lawfully carry firearms on the premises of a church, synagogue or other place of worship (previously prohibited by law) as long as they have the permission of the religious institution. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported the bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 1, 2019 by a vote of 23-8 and the bill was signed into law.

12. **SB 549 Imposing Excessive Regulations on Motorized Scooters.** This bill imposes excessive statewide regulations prohibiting various uses of motorized scooters. The bill imposes a statewide 15 mph speed limit, prohibits anyone under age 16 from operating a scooter, and mandates that scooters of any design must not transport more than a single rider. ACU opposes excessive statewide mandates which discourage environmentally-friendly travel and limit mobility options for commuters, tourists and families and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 1, 2019 by a vote of 20-11. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

13. **SB 2243 Protecting the Lives of the Unborn by Ensuring Counseling is Provided Prior to Abortions.** This bill requires physicians to certify that pregnant mothers seeking an abortion have received counseling on “obtaining support services other than abortion,” including housing, job placement, and adoption services, among others. Additionally, the bill requires physicians to screen patients for history of family violence, coercion to abort a child, and human trafficking. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 3, 2019 by a vote of 20-10. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
14. **SB 629 Improving Transparency of School District Spending.** This bill improves transparency of taxpayer fund expenditures by requiring both public and charter school districts to post annual reports of financial expenditures, revenues, debts, and specific costs on their websites. ACU supports fiscal transparency of taxpayer-funded school districts, believes this bill is instrumental in ensuring tax dollars are spent responsibly, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 7, 2019 by a vote of 30-1. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

15. **SB 968 Protecting Charter Schools from Zoning and Land Use Discrimination.** This bill is designed to help ensure open-enrollment charter schools are treated the same as traditional public schools when it comes to zoning. Specifically, the bill requires municipalities to apply the same zoning, permitting, code compliance and land development standards regardless of the classification of the school. ACU supports school choice and equal treatment under the law for both charter schools and public schools and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 7, 2019 by a vote of 26-5. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

16. **SB 1033 Protecting the Lives of the Unborn by Banning Discriminatory Abortion.** This bill bans “discriminatory abortion,” or abortions which are elected due to the “race, ethnicity, sex, or... disability” of the unborn child. The bill includes exemptions for cases in which the life of the mother is in jeopardy or there is a serious risk of substantial impairment of a major bodily function of the mother. Additionally, the bill ensures access to palliative care for mothers who have been informed of their unborn child’s potentially life-threatening disability. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice and supported the bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 7, 2019 by a vote of 20-11. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

17. **HB 440 Improving Accountability of Expenditures of Public Bond Revenues.** This bill improves fiscal accountability by requiring certain conditions in order for local governments to issue bonds (debt) and spend the resulting funds. Under the bill, local governments are prohibited from issuing bonds to pay for economically infeasible projects or property. Additionally, the bill helps reduce waste of excess bond proceeds by requiring majority approval from voters in order to spend bonds revenues for a purpose different than originally intended. ACU supports improving government accountability and transparency with taxpayer funds and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 14, 2019 by a vote of 31-0 and the bill was signed into law.

18. **HB 16 Protecting Children who Survive Abortion.** This bill requires health practitioners to immediately admit to a hospital any child who is born alive after an abortion is attempted and failed. Additionally, practitioners will face criminal penalties if they do not provide the same degree of care to children who survive abortion as they would any other child. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported the bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 16, 2019 by a vote of 21-10 and the bill was signed into law.

19. **HB 985 Ensuring State Neutrality on Public Works Project Labor Agreements.** This bill ensures both union and nonunion workers and companies have the same opportunity to contract with the state for construction projects. Specifically, the bill prohibits the state from expressing a preference for or against bidders which maintain labor agreements. ACU supports protecting taxpayers through a competitive bidding process and the right to work without joining a union and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 16, 2019 by a vote of 19-12 and the bill was signed into law.

20. **HB 918 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Providing Inmates Work Training Documentation.** This bill is designed to expand employment opportunities by providing inmates returning to society with documentation detailing professional skills they developed while incarcerated. This documentation includes copies of inmates’ job training, work records and resumes detailing the trade they learned and their level of proficiency. Furthermore, the bill ensures inmates have the documents they need to become hired, including copies of their social security cards and birth certificates. ACU Foundation’s Nolan Center for Justice is a leading authority on this issue and works to pursue policies that cut crime, reduce the size and scope of government and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports expanding employment and reducing recidivism through this and other necessary reforms to our criminal justice system and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 17, 2019 by a vote of 31-0 and the bill was signed into law.
21. **HB 1631 Protecting Residents from Costly Fines by Banning Red Light Cameras.** This bill ultimately bans photographic traffic signal enforcement systems (including red light cameras). Under the bill, implementation of new systems is prohibited and local governments must cease operation of existing systems once previous contracts have been fulfilled. ACU opposes these devices that are used primarily to produce revenue and we also have serious concerns about the ability of these systems to invade privacy by tracking people’s movements and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 17, 2019 by a vote of 23-8 and the bill was signed into law.

22. **HJR 38 Amending the State Constitution to Prohibit a State Income Tax.** This resolution proposes an amendment to the state constitution to prohibit the state from proposing an income tax. Texas is one of the few states in the country which does not tax income, and the constitution currently requires a vote of the legislature and voter approval in order to enact an income tax. This bill would provide an additional protection by requiring a two-thirds majority vote of the legislature in addition to voter approval. ACU supports pro-growth tax relief and supported this resolution. The Senate adopted the resolution on May 20, 2019 by a vote of 22-9. (The measure will appear on the ballot as Proposition 4 in the November 2019 election.)

23. **HB 1143 Protecting Second Amendment Rights in Vehicles and on School Grounds.** This bill prevents school districts from banning or regulating how firearms and ammunition are stored in vehicles while on school parking lots. The bill maintains a requirement that firearms and ammunition may not be kept in plain sight. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported the bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 21, 2019 by a vote of 20-11 and the bill was signed into law.

24. **HB 2363 Eliminating a Costly Barrier for Foster Parents to Exercise their Second Amendment Rights.** This bill eliminates a burdensome and costly mandate placed on foster care providers by no longer requiring firearms and ammunition to be stored in separate locked storage compartments. The Senate version of the bill is weaker than the initial House version due to a trigger lock requirement. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on May 21, 2019 by a vote of 24-7 and the bill was signed into law.

25. **SB 21 Raising the Minimum Age to 21 to Purchase Tobacco Products.** This bill raises the minimum age to purchase tobacco products, including e-cigarettes such as Juul, from age 18 to age 21. Additionally, the bill increases to age 30 the perceived age at which retailers must require photo ID for tobacco purchases (previously age 27). ACU believes the usage of both cigarettes and e-cigarettes is a personal liberty issue and those who are old enough to fight for our country are old enough to decide whether to use tobacco products and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 21, 2019 by a vote of 27-4 and the bill was signed into law.

26. **HB 170 Increasing Insurance Costs by Mandating Coverage of Diagnostic Mammograms.** This bill drives up insurance costs by mandating that all public and private health care plans offered in the state provide coverage for diagnostic mammograms if they provide coverage for a screening mammogram. ACU opposes health insurance mandates which prevent individuals from obtaining more affordable insurance by selecting the plans that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 22, 2019 by a vote of 26-5 and the bill was signed into law.

27. **HB 2536 Forcing the Disclosure of Drug Pricing and Other Confidential Information.** This bill forces all drug manufactures, pharmacy benefit managers and insurance companies to file drug pricing reports in certain circumstances. For example, drug manufacturers which sell prescription drugs with a wholesale price over $100 (for a one-month supply) must file an annual report with state government that discloses numerous specified pieces of information if they increase the cost by 15% from the previous year or 40% over three years. This information includes marketing and research costs, the price increases of the drug and the availability of generics. ACU opposes this government interference in the marketplace which forces the disclosure of confidential and competitively sensitive information that, in the end, could discourage innovation and increase the cost and availability of consumer drugs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 22, 2019 by a vote of 27-4 and the bill was signed into law.
28. **SB 1978 Preventing Government Discrimination on the Basis of Religion.** This bill, known as the “Save Chick-fil-A” bill, prohibits any governmental entity from taking adverse action against a private company solely for its religious beliefs. Under the bill, prohibited adverse actions include tactics to harm businesses via tax treatment, contracting, licensing and eligibility for programs. The bill became known as “Save Chick-fil-A” due to discriminatory action taken by the San Antonio City Council to block the company from opening a restaurant due to the religious beliefs about marriage held by the company’s leadership. ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all, supports the religious protections under the First Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 23, 2019 by a vote of 19-12 and the bill was signed into law.

29. **SB 22 Prohibiting Government Entities from Contracting with Abortion Providers such as Planned Parenthood.** This bill prevents both state and local governments from contracting or transacting with entities that perform abortions such as Planned Parenthood. This bill does not prohibit contracts or transactions with hospitals. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported the bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 24, 2019 by a vote of 20-11 and the bill was signed into law.

30. **SB 2 Protecting Property Owners through a 3.5% Cap on Tax Increases.** This property tax reform bill contains a number of provisions designed to protect property owners from losing their properties through excessive taxation. Previously, local governments and school districts could forego voter approval for increases of the rollback tax rate up to 8%. Under this bill, voter approval is required for increases of the rollback tax rate in excess of 3.5% when levied by local governments and 2.5% when levied by school districts. The rollback tax rate refers to the level of taxation imposed on a property and is calculated based on changes in housing values and assessment rates. Additionally, the bill improves transparency by requiring local governments to post tax rate information posted online. ACU Foundation’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect the property rights of all property owners. ACU supports improving protections against out-of-control taxation and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 25, 2019 by a vote of 21-9 and the bill was signed into law.

31. **HB 1177 Protecting Second Amendment Rights during Times of Disaster.** This bill permits individuals to carry handguns without a state-issued license for up to one week following the declaration of a state or local disaster. The bill maintains the prohibition of carrying firearms for individuals who are prohibited by state or federal law from possessing firearms. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 26, 2019 by a vote of 16-15 and the bill was signed into law.
TEXAS HOUSE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE 52%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE 80%

DEMOCRAT AVERAGE 18%

LOWEST REPUBLICANS
ALLISON, STEVE SHEFFIELD, J.D. 65%

HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
GUILLEN, RYAN 52%

TEXAS HOUSE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS  BLUE = DEMOCRATS

# OF STATE REPS

2019 ACUF PERCENTAGE

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- HB 1 Raising Funding for the Alternatives to Abortion Program
- HB 1 Maintaining Government Dependency by Preventing Reforms to Health and Human Services
- HB 1 Encouraging Government Dependency by Expanding Medicaid
- HB 2129 Expanding Cronyism by Extending a Tax Exemption Program
- HB 800 Providing Contraceptives to Children on Welfare
- HB 2806 Providing Special Subsidies to Music Venues
- HB 2423 Forcing Taxpayers to Subsidize Rural Broadband
- HB 985 Ensuring State Neutrality on Public Works Project Labor Agreements
- HB 2100 Protecting Free Speech on College Campuses
- SB 2 Allowing Tax Rates to be Increased
- HB 843 Protecting Property Taxes by Limiting the Budget Process
- HB 918 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Providing Inmates Work Training Documentation
- HB 2363 Eliminating a Costly Barrier for Foster Parents to Exercise their Second Amendment Rights
- HB 993 Permitting Tenants to terminate their Leases in the Event of Flood Damage
- HB 1342 Reducing Occupational Licensing Barriers for Individuals with Criminal Convictions
- HB 1631 Protecting Residents from Costly Fines by Banning Red Light Cameras
- HB 36 Prohibiting the State Constitution to Prohibit a State Income Tax
- HB 2881 Incentivizing Government Dependency by Increasing Medicaid Payouts
- HB 1143 Protecting Second Amendment Rights in Vehicles and on School Grounds
- HB 3576 Forcing Taxpayers to Subsidize Additional College Grants
- SB 611 Reducing Competition by Extending the State Board of Plumbing Examiners
- SB 21 Raising the Minimum Age to 21 to Purchase Tobacco Products
- SB 22 Prohibiting Government Entities from Contracting with Abortion Providers such as Planned Parenthood
- SB 29 Restricting the Ability of Municipalities to Use Taxpayer Funds to Lobby
- SB 535 Protecting Second Amendment Rights in Places of Worship
- HB 1834 Subsidizing Farmers through Food Stamps
- SB 2828 Preventing Government Discrimination on the Basis of Religion
- SB 440 Improving Accountability of Expenditures of Public Bond Revenues
- HB 16 Protecting Children who Survive Abortion
- HB 888 Combating Human Trafficking by Criminalizing Family Misrepresentation at the Border
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- SB 2 Protecting Property Owners through a 3.5% Cap on Tax Increases
- HB 1077 Protecting Second Amendment Rights during Times of Disaster.
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- HB 2806 Providing Special Subsidies to Music Venues
- HB 2425 Forcing Taxpayers to Subsidize Rural Broadband
- HB 985 Ensuring State Neutrality on Public Works Project Labor Agreements
- HB 2100 Protecting Free Speech on College Campuses
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- SB 29 Requiring Informed Consent for Informed Consent for Tobacco Use
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- SB 1834 Subsidizing Farmers through Food Stamps
- SB 1978 Preventing Government Discrimination on the Basis of Religion
- HB 440 Improving Accountability of Expenditures of Public Bond Revenues
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- SB 2 Protecting Property Owners through a 3.5% Cap on Tax Increases
- HB 1777 Protecting Second Amendment Rights during Times of Disaster
### TEXAS HOUSE VOTE DETAIL

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| Perez, Mary Ann | D | 144 | 21% | 44% | 24% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| PHELAN, DADE | R | 21 | 71% | 72% | 76% | + | X | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| PRICE, FOUR | R | 87 | 76% | 78% | 73% | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ramos, Ana-Maria | D | 102 | 15% | n/a | 15% | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| RANEY, JOHN | R | 14 | 66% | 75% | 66% | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | X | - | - | - | - | - |
| Raymond, Richard | D | 42 | 39% | 50% | 37% | - | X | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | - | - | + | - | - | - | - |
| Reynolds, Ron | D | 27 | 12% | 33% | 19% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | - | - | - | - |
| Rodriguez, Eddie | D | 51 | 20% | 39% | 25% | - | X | - | - | - | - | + | - | + | X | + | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| Romero, Ramon | D | 90 | 15% | 50% | 31% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Rose, Toni | D | 110 | 10% | 33% | 18% | X | X | X | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | - |
| Rosenthal, Jon | D | 135 | 13% | n/a | 13% | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| SANFORD, SCOTT | R | 70 | 83% | 100% | 93% | + | + | + | - | - | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | X | X | X | + | + | + | + | + |

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- SB 1834: Subsidizing Farmers through Food Stamps
- SB 1978: Preventing Government Discrimination on the Basis of Religion
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- HB 16: Protecting Children who Survive Abortion
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### 2019 Ratings

- **HB 1 (Bucy Amd.)**:permitting tenancy to terminate their rights.
- **HB 2100**:prohibiting a state income tax.
- **HB 2363**:eliminating a costly barrier for foster parents to exercise their second amendment rights.
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- **SB 2**:protecting property owners through a 3.5% cap on tax increases.
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### 2017 Ratings

- **HB 2129**:expanding cronymism by extending a tax exemption program.
- **HB 2806**:providing special subsidies to music venues.
- **HB 2435**:forcing taxpayers to subsidize rural broadband.
- **HB 985**:ensuring state neutrality on public works project labor agreements.
- **HB 2100**:protecting free speech on college campuses.
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- **SB 2**:raising property taxes by curtailing the budget process.
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- **HB 985** Ensuring State Neutrality on Public Works Project Labor Agreements.
TEXAS HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 1 Raiding Funding for the Alternatives to Abortion Program.** The C. Turner (ACUF Lifetime 20%) amendment to the appropriations bill eliminates over $10 million for abortion alternatives research and redirects the funds (with an increased expenditure of taxpayer money) to various other purposes. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and opposed this amendment. The House defeated the amendment on March 27, 2019 by a vote of 64-83.

2. **HB 1 Maintaining Government Dependency by Preventing Reforms to Health and Human Services.** The E. Johnson (ACUF Lifetime 24%) amendment to the appropriations bill prevents the state Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from implementing reforms to encourage self-sufficiency and reduce intergenerational poverty. Specifically, the amendment prevents HHS from implementing any cost containment initiative, including changes to eligibility or duration, scope or amount of benefits for recipients. ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, supports efforts to reduce government dependency by encouraging people to become more self-sufficient and opposed this amendment. The House passed the amendment on March 27, 2019 by a vote of 70-61.

3. **HB 1 Encouraging Government Dependency by Expanding Medicaid.** The Bucy (ACUF Lifetime 12%) amendment to the appropriations bill directs the state to seek a waiver from the federal government to expand Medicaid to the “maximum extent permitted by federal law.” As a result, work-ready adults earning up to 138% of the federal poverty level would receive socialized health care. ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives, supports efforts to reduce government dependency by encouraging people to become more self-sufficient and opposed this amendment. The House defeated the amendment on March 27, 2019 by a vote of 66-80.

4. **HB 2129 Expanding Cronyism by Extending a Tax Exemption Program.** This bill extends to 2032 a provision within the Texas Economic Development Act which allows school districts to provide special tax exemptions to a narrow set of government-favored industries and companies. It has been reported that this scheme has depleted school property taxes by nearly $1 billion per year and forced everyday taxpayers to make up the difference by raiding the general fund. ACU opposes providing competitive tax advantages to select companies and industries, which shifts the tax burden to other individuals and businesses not favored by government, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 9, 2019 by a vote of 115-28. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

5. **HB 800 Providing Contraceptives to Children on Welfare.** This bill provides contraceptive drugs and devices to children under age 18 who receive health care from the state through the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). ACU believes the use of contraceptives is a matter of individual liberty and that its costs should be borne by the individual, that a mandate for every taxpayer to provide contraceptives infringes religious liberty, and opposes this mandate which is designed to enrich contraceptive providers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 16, 2019 by a vote of 81-64. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

6. **HB 2806 Providing Special Subsidies to Music Venues.** This bill provides subsidies to certain music venues and festival promoters by giving them the sales tax revenue collected on alcohol sales at their events. ACU opposes special advantages to select industries and events, supports a tax system which provides the lowest possible rates for everyone and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 24, 2019 by a vote of 95-43. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
7. **HB 2423 Forcing Taxpayers to Subsidize Rural Broadband.** This bill duplicates federal subsidies and establishes a new government commission and grant program to subsidize broadband development in rural areas. Under the bill, companies engaged in broadband development may receive grants up to $250,000 or 30% of the cost of each project. ACU believes the market is the best mechanism to determine the need for broadband and does not believe that taxpayers in one area should be forced to subsidize the services of those who choose to live in another area and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 25, 2019 by a vote of 122-8. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

8. **HB 985 Ensuring State Neutrality on Public Works Project Labor Agreements.** This bill ensures both union and nonunion workers and companies have the same opportunity to contract with the state for construction projects. Specifically, the bill prohibits the state from expressing a preference for or against bidders which maintain labor agreements. ACU supports protecting taxpayers through a competitive bidding process and the right to work without joining a union and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 30, 2019 by a vote of 93-54 and the bill was signed into law.

9. **HB 2100 Protecting Free Speech on College Campuses.** This bill directs all public institutions of higher education to adopt free expression policies that protect the freedom of all students and faculty to assemble and speak as protected under the First Amendment so long as the activity does not substantially disrupt the operation of the institution. Under the bill, students and faculty may exercise First Amendment rights in all outdoor areas, rather than merely “free speech zones.” Additionally, student groups may invite outside speakers regardless of their beliefs and universities may not ban speakers based on their viewpoints. Finally, the bill directs universities to discipline students or organizations which infringe the First Amendment rights of others. ACU supports the freedom of speech and assembly and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 30, 2019 by a vote of 85-58. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

10. **SB 2 Allowing Tax Rates to be Increased.** The Rodriguez (ACUF Lifetime 30%) amendment to the property tax reform bill allows local governments to continually impose higher levels of property taxation by increasing “rollback tax rates” through a one-time voter referendum. The rollback tax rate refers to the level of taxation imposed on a property and is calculated based on changes in housing values and assessment rates. Under the amendment, municipalities have the ability to continually raise rollback tax rates over the next four years. ACU believes voters should have a say in every tax increase and opposes this scheme which delegates decisions about tax revenues to local bureaucrats and silences voters by seeking blanket, one-time approval and opposed this amendment. The House voted to table the amendment on April 30, 2019 by a vote of 84-63. (A “yes” vote supported the ACU position.)

11. **SB 2 Raising Property Taxes by Gaming the Budget Process.** The Martinez (ACUF Lifetime 25%) amendment to the property tax reform bill is a scheme to further raise property taxes. Specifically, the amendment exempts economic development expenditures from the calculation used to determine the bill’s 3.5% cap on the rollback tax rate. The rollback tax rate refers to the level of taxation imposed on a property and is calculated based on changes in housing values and assessment rates. As a result of the amendment, government may collect more money through property taxation. ACU supports government transparency and fiscal responsibility, opposes raising property taxes by overriding necessary checks and balances with accounting gimmicks and opposed this amendment. The House voted to table the amendment on April 30, 2019 by a vote of 83-57. (A “yes” vote supported the ACU position.)

12. **HB 918 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Providing Inmates Work Training Documentation.** This bill is designed to expand employment opportunities by providing inmates returning to society with documentation detailing professional skills they developed while incarcerated. This documentation includes copies of inmates’ job training, work records and resumes detailing the trade they learned and their level of proficiency. Furthermore, the bill ensures inmates have the documents they need to become hired, including copies of their social security cards and birth certificates. ACU Foundation’s Nolan Center for Justice is a leading authority on this issue and works to pursue policies that cut crime, reduce the size and scope of government and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports expanding employment and reducing recidivism through this and other necessary reforms to our criminal justice system and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 2, 2019 by a vote of 141-0 and the bill was signed into law.
13. **HB 2363 Eliminating a Costly Barrier for Foster Parents to Exercise their Second Amendment Rights.** This bill eliminates a burdensome and costly mandate placed on foster care providers by no longer requiring firearms and ammunition to be stored in separate locked storage compartments. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 2, 2019 by a vote of 97-43 and the bill was signed into law. (The final version of the bill is weaker than the initial House version due to a trigger lock requirement made by the Senate.)

14. **HB 993 Permitting Tenants to Terminate their Leases in the Event of Flood Damage.** This bill forces all landlords who rent properties located in areas that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) deems “susceptible to flooding” to include special notification language in their leases. If landlords fail to notify tenants as specified in the bill, tenants may terminate their leases if they experience any flood damage. ACU recognizes that tenants already have the ability to terminate leases if properties are uninhabitable due to flooding and that this bill imposes yet another undue burden on housing providers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 8, 2019 by a vote of 88-56. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

15. **HB 1342 Reducing Occupational Licensing Barriers for Individuals with Criminal Convictions.** This bill makes it easier for individuals with past criminal convictions to obtain employment by reducing occupational licensing barriers. Under the bill, applicants may not be denied a license solely due to a past criminal conviction, unless the conviction directly relates to the occupation for which they are seeking licensure or the conviction meets certain other criteria such as being “sexually violent in nature.” The bill is designed to prevent unaccountable regulatory and licensing boards from relying on a vague requirement that the applicant be of “good moral character” to exclude an ex-offender from licensure. ACU Foundation’s Nolan Center for Justice is a leading authority on this issue and works to pursue policies that cut crime, reduce the size and scope of government and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports expanding employment and reducing recidivism through this and other necessary reforms to our criminal justice system and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 8, 2019 by a vote of 147-0 and the bill was signed into law.

16. **HB 1631 Protecting Residents from Costly Fines by Banning Red Light Cameras.** This bill ultimately bans photographic traffic signal enforcement systems (including red light cameras). Under the bill, implementation of new systems is prohibited and local governments must cease operation of existing systems once previous contracts have been fulfilled. ACU opposes these devices that are used primarily to produce revenue and we also have serious concerns about the ability of these systems to invade privacy by tracking people’s movements and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 8, 2019 by a vote of 109-34 and the bill was signed into law.

17. **HJR 38 Amending the State Constitution to Prohibit a State Income Tax.** This resolution proposes an amendment to the state constitution to prohibit the state from proposing an income tax. Texas is one of the few states in the country which does not tax income, and the constitution currently requires a vote of the legislature and voter approval in order to enact an income tax. This bill would provide an additional protection by requiring a two-thirds majority vote of the legislature in addition to voter approval. ACU supports pro-growth tax relief and supported this resolution. The House adopted the resolution on May 9, 2019 by a vote of 100-42. (The measure will appear on the ballot as Proposition 4 in the November 2019 election.)

18. **HB 288 Incentivizing Government Dependency by Increasing Medicaid Payouts.** This bill increases cash welfare to Medicaid recipients living in nursing homes. Specifically, the bill increases the allowance provided to individuals in long-term care facilities to $75 per month (25% increase). ACU opposes this additional expenditure at this time considering Texas’ Medicaid spending has increased over 42% to over $40 billion in recent years and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 10, 2019 by a vote of 98-33. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

19. **HB 1143 Protecting Second Amendment Rights in Vehicles and on School Grounds.** This bill prevents school districts from banning or regulating how firearms and ammunition are stored in vehicles while on school parking lots. The bill maintains a requirement that firearms and ammunition may not be kept in plain sight. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported the bill. The House passed the bill on May 10, 2019 by a vote of 97-37 and the bill was signed into law.
20. **HB 3657 Forcing Taxpayers to Subsidize Additional College Grants.** This bill subsidizes education for individuals favored by government by establishing the Texas Competency-Based Education Grant Program. This grant program would be in addition to other existing state and federal scholarship programs and is estimated to cost taxpayers $40 million per year. The program funds roughly 75% of the cost of obtaining a bachelor’s degree for select students. ACU believes subsidizing higher education represents the largest transfer of wealth from lower-income individuals to higher-income individuals and believes instead society should reduce the exorbitant cost of higher education by eliminating wasteful programs and useless administrative positions and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 10, 2019 by a vote of 80-51. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

21. **SB 621 Reducing Competition by Extending the State Board of Plumbing Examiners.** The S. Thompson (ACUF Lifetime 29%) amendment to a plumbing regulation reform bill extends the existence of the state Board of Plumbing Examiners for two additional years. Under the original bill (without this amendment), the board would be dissolved under the sunset clause (which requires agencies to be periodically reviewed) and its duties would be transferred to the Department of Licensing and Regulation. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements which are primarily designed to reduce competition, strongly opposes extending this particular government-run licensing regime considering the board faces eight-month backlogs in administering licenses and opposed this amendment. The House passed adopted the amendment on May 14, 2019 by a vote of 81-61.

22. **SB 21 Raising the Minimum Age to 21 to Purchase Tobacco Products.** This bill raises the minimum age to purchase tobacco products, including e-cigarettes such as Juul, from age 18 to age 21. Additionally, the bill increases to age 30 the perceived age at which retailers must require photo ID for tobacco purchases (previously age 27). ACU believes the usage of both cigarettes and e-cigarettes is a personal liberty issue and those who are old enough to fight for our country are old enough to decide whether to use tobacco products and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 15, 2019 by a vote of 110-36 and the bill was signed into law.

23. **SB 22 Prohibiting Government Entities from Contracting with Abortion Providers such as Planned Parenthood.** This bill prevents both state and local governments from contracting or transacting with entities that perform abortions such as Planned Parenthood. This bill does not prohibit contracts or transactions with hospitals. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported the bill. The House passed the bill on May 17, 2019 by a vote of 83-63 and the bill was signed into law.

24. **SB 29 Restricting the Ability of Municipalities to Use Taxpayer Funds to Lobby.** This bill protects taxpayers and improves government accountability by preventing local governments from using taxpayer funds to lobby on certain issues. Prohibited issues include taxation, bond elections, debt, and ethics and transparency of public servants. Furthermore, the bill increases transparency by requiring disclosures of money spent on lobbying activities. ACU supports “draining the swamp” by prohibiting taxpayer funds from being used by outside entities to lobby for issues that harm taxpayers and grow the unnecessary and invasive functions of government and supported this bill. The House defeated the bill on May 20, 2019 by a vote of 58-85.

25. **SB 535 Protecting Second Amendment Rights in Places of Worship.** This bill permits individuals to lawfully carry firearms on the premises of a church, synagogue or other place of worship (previously prohibited by law) as long as they have the permission of the religious institution. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported the bill. The House passed the bill on May 21, 2019 by a vote of 86-53 and the bill was signed into law.

26. **SB 1834 Subsidizing Farmers through Food Stamps.** This bill establishes a pilot program to enrich Texas producers of fruits and vegetables by providing a special incentive for their purchase by recipients of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). These incentives, which are not provided to traditional grocers, typically provide increased benefits to recipients of SNAP or direct subsidies to local farmers. This crony scheme is in addition to federal and local incentive programs. ACU opposes this program which is designed to enrich certain food producers at the expense of taxpayers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 21, 2019 by a vote of 88-53 and the bill was signed into law.
27. **SB 1978 Preventing Government Discrimination on the Basis of Religion.** This bill, known as the “Save Chick-fil-A” bill, prohibits any governmental entity from taking adverse action against a private company solely for its religious beliefs. Under the bill, prohibited adverse actions include tactics to harm businesses via tax treatment, contracting, licensing and eligibility for programs. The bill became known as “Save Chick-fil-A” due to discriminatory action taken by the San Antonio City Council to block the company from opening a restaurant due to the religious beliefs about marriage held by the company’s leadership. ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all, supports the religious protections under the First Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 21, 2019 by a vote of 79-64 and the bill was signed into law.

28. **HB 440 Improving Accountability of Expenditures of Public Bond Revenues.** This bill improves fiscal accountability by requiring certain conditions in order for local governments to issue bonds (debt) and spend the resulting funds. Under the bill, local governments are prohibited from issuing bonds to pay for economically infeasible projects or property. Additionally, the bill helps reduce waste of excess bond proceeds by requiring majority approval from voters in order to spend bonds revenues for a purpose different than originally intended. ACU supports improving government accountability and transparency with taxpayer funds and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 22, 2019 by a vote of 144-0 and the bill was signed into law.

29. **HB 16 Protecting Children who Survive Abortion.** This bill requires health practitioners to immediately admit to a hospital any child who is born alive after an abortion is attempted and failed. Additionally, practitioners will face criminal penalties if they do not provide the same degree of care to children who survive abortion as they would any other child. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported the bill. The House passed the bill on May 23, 2019 by a vote of 84-57 and the bill was signed into law.

30. **HB 888 Combatting Human Trafficking by Criminalizing Family Misrepresentation at the Border.** This bill is designed to combat human trafficking and unlawful border crossings. Specifically, the bill criminalizes the act of knowingly misrepresenting an unrelated child as a family member to a law enforcement officer at a Texas port of entry to the United States. ACU supports efforts to end the tragic crime of human trafficking, supports assisting the federal government in performing its constitutional duty to enforce our nation’s immigration laws and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 23, 2019 by a vote of 100-43 and the bill was signed into law.

31. **HB 170 Increasing Insurance Costs by Mandating Coverage of Diagnostic Mammograms.** This bill drives up insurance costs by mandating that all public and private health care plans offered in the state provide coverage for diagnostic mammograms if they provide coverage for a screening mammogram. ACU opposes health insurance mandates which prevent individuals from obtaining more affordable insurance by selecting the plans that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 24, 2019 by a vote of 128-13 and the bill was signed into law.

32. **HB 2536 Forcing the Disclosure of Drug Pricing and Other Confidential Information.** This bill forces all drug manufactures, pharmacy benefit managers and insurance companies to file drug pricing reports in certain circumstances. For example, drug manufacturers which sell prescription drugs with a wholesale price over $100 (for a one-month supply) must file an annual report with state government that discloses numerous specified pieces of information if they increase the cost by 15% from the previous year or 40% over three years. This information includes marketing and research costs, the price increases of the drug and the availability of generics. ACU opposes this government interference in the marketplace which forces the disclosure of confidential and competitively sensitive information that, in the end, could discourage innovation and increase the cost and availability of consumer drugs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 24, 2019 by a vote of 142-0 and the bill was signed into law.
34. HB 1177 Protecting Second Amendment Rights during Times of Disaster.
This bill permits individuals to carry handguns without a state-issued license for up to one week following the declaration of a state or local disaster. The bill maintains the prohibition of carrying firearms for individuals who are prohibited by state or federal law from possessing firearms. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 26, 2019 by a vote of 91-52 and the bill was signed into law.