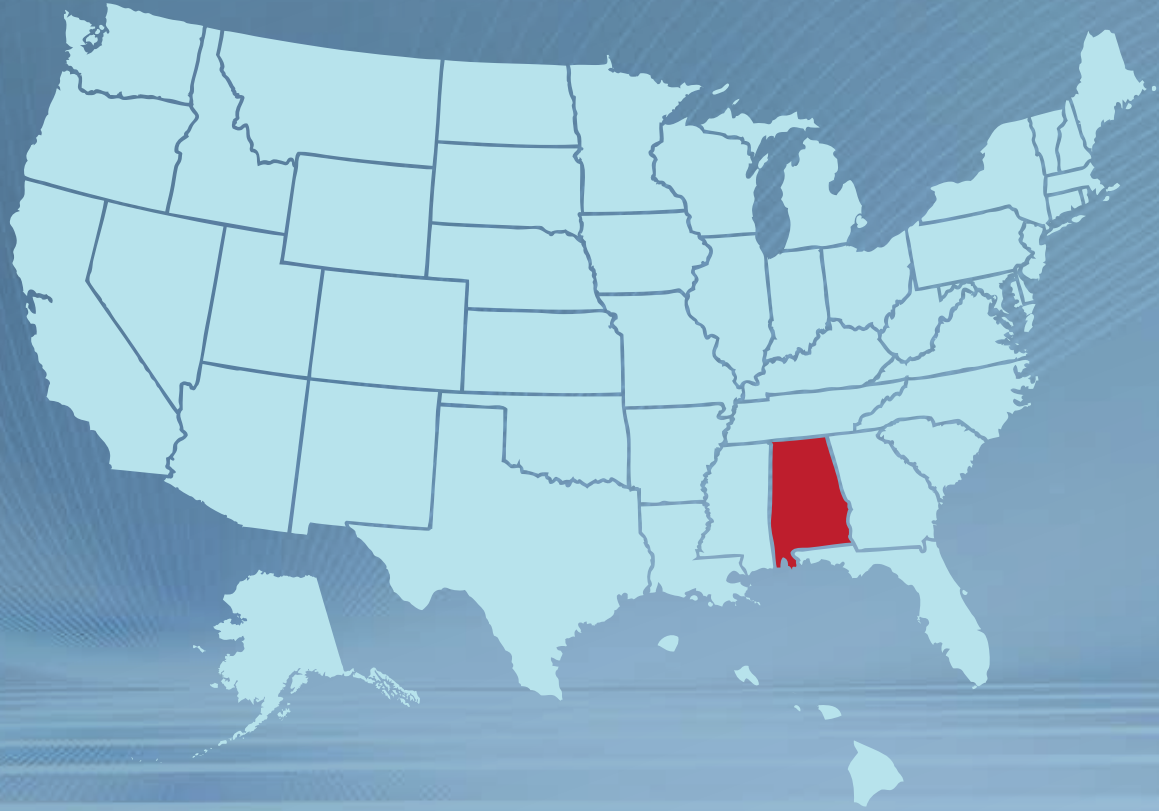
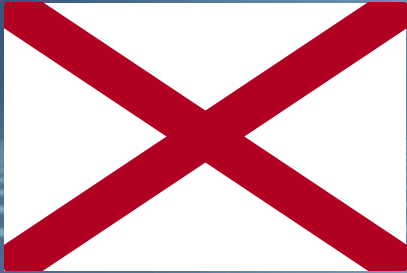




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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Conservative,

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of the Alabama 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  
Chairman  
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## SELECTING THE VOTES

ACU Foundation researched and selected a range of bills before the Alabama 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 Alabama's elected leaders best defend the principles of a free society: Life, Liberty and Property.

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## 2019 WINNERS & LOSERS



**90-100%** AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

SENATE

n/a

HOUSE

n/a



**≤ 10%** COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

SENATE

n/a

HOUSE

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**80-89%** AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

SENATE

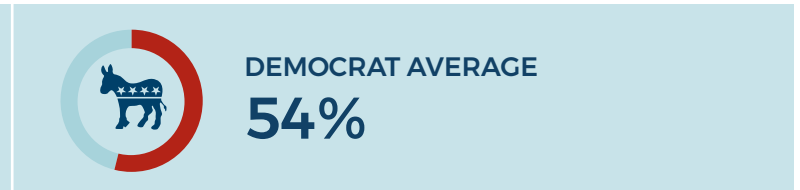
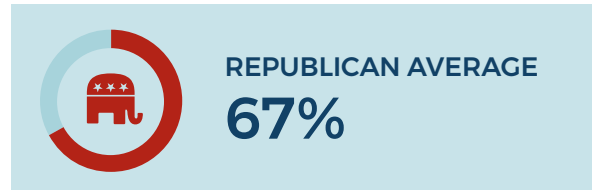
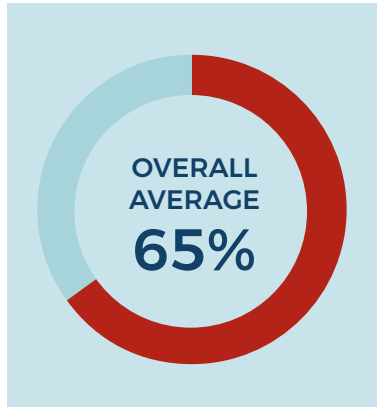
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HOUSE

SOUTH, KYLE



## ALABAMA SENATE STATISTICS



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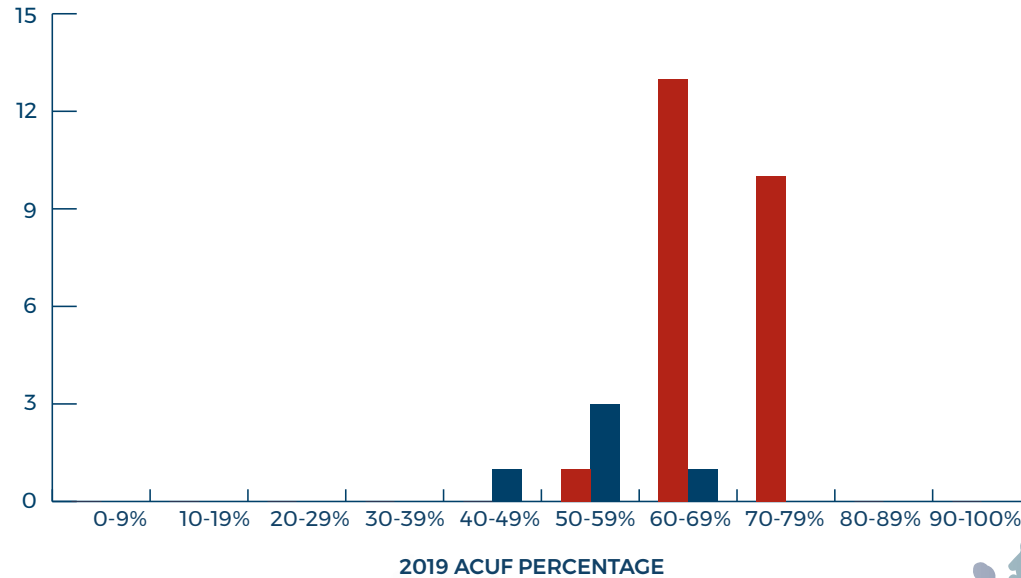
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# OF STATE SENATORS



LOWEST REPUBLICAN



ORR, ARTHUR  
**58%**



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT



BURKETTE, DAVID  
**60%**



# ALABAMA SENATE SCORES

## ALABAMA SENATE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	Dist.	ACU Foundation Position			Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y
			2019 %	2018 %	LIFETIME AVG	SB 119	SB 193	SB 45	HB 241	HB 314	SB 276	HB 41	HB 461	HB 479	HB 308	HB 518	SB 163	SB 191	HB 361	SB 90	HB 225	HB 498
ALBRITTON, GREG	R	22	60%	73%	64%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	X	+	X	-	+	+	-	-	-	+
ALLEN, GERALD	R	21	63%	71%	75%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+
BARFOOT, WILL	R	25	73%	n/a	73%	+	+	X	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	-	-	+
Beasley, Billy	D	28	56%	67%	44%	-	-	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+
Burkette, David	D	26	60%	n/a	60%	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	+
BUTLER, TOM	R	2	63%	n/a	63%	+	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+
CHAMBLISS, CLYDE	R	30	67%	73%	67%	+	+	+	-	+	X	X	X	X	+	-	+	+	-	-	X	+
CHESTEEN, DONNIE	R	29	71%	55%	62%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	-	X	X
Coleman-Madison, Linda	D	20	56%	60%	40%	-	X	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
Dunn, Priscilla	D	19	n/a†	73%	42%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ELLIOTT, CHRIS	R	32	69%	n/a	69%	X	+	+	-	+	X	-	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	-	-	+
Figures, Vivian	D	33	n/a†	62%	34%	-	+	+	-	-	X	X	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	X	X	X
GIVHAN, SAM	R	7	67%	n/a	67%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	-	X
GUDGER, GARLAN	R	4	69%	n/a	69%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	-	-	+
HOLLEY, JIMMY	R	31	n/a†	64%	71%	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
JONES, ANDREW	R	10	71%	n/a	71%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
LIVINGSTON, STEVE	R	8	71%	79%	69%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
MARSH, DEL	R	12	71%	67%	69%	+	+	X	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	X

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MELSON, TIM	R	1	71%	75%	72%	+	+	+	-	+	X	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	X	-	+
ORR, ARTHUR	R	3	58%	71%	65%	X	+	+	-	+	X	-	X	X	+	-	+	+	-	-	X	+
PRICE, RANDY	R	13	69%	n/a	69%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	X
REED, GREG	R	5	60%	73%	73%	+	+	X	-	+	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+
ROBERTS, DAN	R	15	65%	n/a	65%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+
Sanders-Fortier, Malika	D	23	n/a†	69%	36%	-	-	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+	+	X	X	-	X
SCOFIELD, CLAY	R	9	71%	69%	76%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
SESSIONS, DAVID	R	35	69%	50%	65%	X	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
SHELNUTT, SHAY	R	17	n/a†	91%	74%	X	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	X	X	X
Singleton, Bobby	D	24	53%	75%	41%	-	+	X	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	-	-
Smitherman, Rodger	D	18	46%	71%	45%	-	X	+	-	-	X	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	X	-	-	+
STUTTS, LARRY	R	6	64%	71%	69%	+	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	-	-	X
WAGGONER, J. T.	R	16	71%	69%	74%	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
WARD, CAM	R	14	71%	n/a	71%	+	+	+	X	+	X	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
WHATLEY, TOM	R	27	n/a†	67%	73%	+	X	+	-	X	X	X	X	X	+	-	+	+	+	X	-	+
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## ALABAMA SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **SB 119 Strengthening Local Control over Education by Eliminating Common Core.** This bill strengthens local control over educational curriculum by eliminating all programs and expenditures related to the nationwide curriculum known as common core. Instead, the bill empowers local boards of education to determine their own standards of curriculum and educational programs. ACU opposes “one-size-fits-all” approaches to education, supports providing local schools greater authority and flexibility to improve the educational outcomes of their students and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 21, 2019 by a vote of 23-7. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

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2. **SB 193 Improving Employment Opportunities by Reforming the Unemployment Insurance Program.** This bill improves employment opportunities and reduces hiring costs by establishing a sliding scale for the disbursement of unemployment insurance benefits. The previous system permitted individuals to draw unemployment benefits for up to 26 weeks—even during times of very low unemployment. Under this bill, the duration of unemployment benefits ranges between 14 weeks and 20 weeks and is determined through a sliding scale based on the state’s unemployment rate. However, the bill permits individuals to receive an additional 5 weeks of benefits and an additional \$10 per week in payments if they enroll in a state-approved training program. The bill is expected to lower the amount of unemployment taxes that are assessed on businesses and employees by \$45 million annually. ACU supports reforms to the unemployment system which reduce hiring costs and help encourage individuals to reenter the workforce and live happier, healthier, more productive lives and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 23, 2019 by a vote of 29-2 and the bill was signed into law.

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3. **SB 45 Protecting the Integrity of Asbestos Trust Funds.** This bill is designed to protect asbestos trust funds from abuse by plaintiffs and lawyers—such as repeatedly receiving awards from asbestos funds for already compensated injuries—by increasing transparency of claims. Specifically, the bill ensures that juries have more information when making decisions pertaining to product liability cases involving asbestos. The bill prevents plaintiffs’ lawyers from abusing the system, ensuring that those who have certain diseases related to asbestos are given priority for the funds. This bill is modeled after legislation supported by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). ACU supports litigation reform that protects the integrity of the asbestos trust fund and allows for legitimate claims and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 30, 2019 by a vote of 27-0 and the bill was signed into law.

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4. **HB 241 Harming Employment Opportunities by Further Empowering the Board of Landscape Architects.** This bill is one of a series of bills designed to restrict employment in the industry of landscape architecture. Firstly, the bill increases the license application fee for landscape architects by 100% from \$75 to \$150. Secondly, the bill increases the penalty fines for a violation of licensing board rules by 900% from \$250 to \$2,500. ACU opposes licensing regimes that are primarily designed to restrict competition, opposes these massive increases in fees that constitute significant barriers to employment and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 7, 2019 by a vote of 29-0 and the bill was signed into law.

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5. **HB 314 Protecting Life by Banning Abortion.** This bill protects life by prohibiting the abortion of unborn children at all stages of human development and by any method. Under the bill, performing an abortion is a Class A felony and attempted abortion a Class C felony. The bill provides exceptions to save the life of the mother or to avert serious risk of substantial physical impairment of a major bodily function of the mother. The bill also ensures that mothers who receive abortions will not face criminal or civil penalties. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 14, 2019 by a vote of 25-6 and the bill was signed into law.

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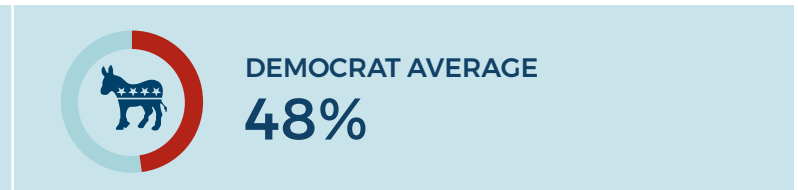
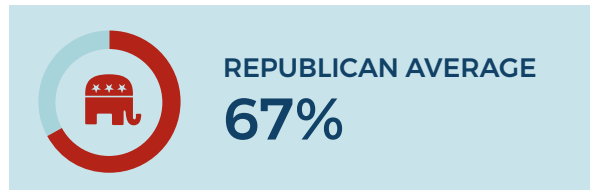
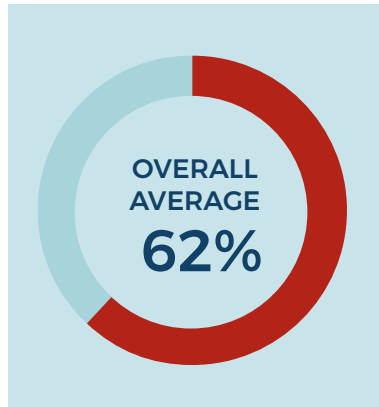
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6. **SB 276 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Easing Restrictions on Outdoor Alcohol Consumption.** This bill strengthens individual liberties by expanding the application of "entertainment districts." These districts are areas in which businesses with on-premises alcohol permits may allow customers to consume alcoholic beverages anywhere within the district. Specifically, this bill permits craft breweries and businesses with in-house tap rooms to participate in an entertainment district. ACU supports strengthening individual liberties and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 15, 2019 by a vote of 24-0 and was signed into law.
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7. **HB 41 Imposing Excessive Regulations on Vaping Establishments.** This bill imposes excessive regulations on vaping shops and nicotine retailers. Firstly, the bill forces any retailer that sells electronic nicotine delivery systems (such as a Juul) to submit to the arduous tobacco licensing process. Secondly, the bill prevents retailers from selling nicotine products to individuals under age 19. Thirdly, the bill places numerous restrictions on advertising, including product flavors, product placement, and classification of nicotine delivery devices as tobacco cessation products. Finally, the bill infringes property rights by prohibiting vaping shops from opening near numerous establishments such as parks, libraries, playgrounds, childcare facilities, youth centers, schools or churches. ACU believes that the use of both tobacco and e-cigarettes is a personal liberty issue and that government regulations on products are only appropriate when their use substantially impacts others. ACU opposes these excessive regulations which restrict competition and infringe property rights and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 15, 2019 by a vote of 28-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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8. **HB 461 Strengthening Self Defense through "Stand Your Ground."** This bill is one of several constitutional amendments proposed in the 2019 session which clarifies and expands the state's self-defense laws (commonly referred to as "Stand Your Ground"). While this particular bill pertains only to Lauderdale County, each of the proposed amendments would provide individuals with legal protections if they use deadly force against a person unlawfully intruding into a place of businesses or places of religious worship. Previously, these laws only applied to homes and places of habitation. ACU supports strengthening the right of self-defense, supports providing legal protections for self-defense to citizens of every county and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 15, 2019 by a vote of 25-0. The measure will appear before voters on the November 2020 ballot.
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9. **HB 479 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Reducing the Age Requirement for a Commercial Driver's License.** This bill permits more individuals to become employed in transporting freight by reducing the minimum age to obtain a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) from age 21 to age 18. Under the bill, individuals age 18 to 21 may now obtain licenses to transport certain nonhazardous freight within state lines. ACU supports expanding the employment opportunities for younger and less experienced workers and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 15, 2019 by a vote of 24-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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10. **HB 308 Ensuring Safe and Sanitary Conditions in Correctional Facilities.** This bill is designed to improve the safety and cleanliness of correctional facilities while ensuring the dignity of female inmates. Specifically, the bill requires the department of corrections to provide feminine hygiene products to female inmates who request the items. The Nolan Center for Justice is a leading authority on this issue and works to pursue policies that cut crime, protect victims, reduce the size and scope of government and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports this reform which is designed to improve sanitary conditions and protect the human dignity of those in state custody and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 21, 2019 by a vote of 27-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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11. **HB 518 Enacting Excessive Regulations in the "Meat" Industry.** This bill interferes in the marketplace by enforcing a government definition of "meat" in consumer labeling in order to protect the farming and ranching industries from competition. The bill is in response to new "cell-cultured edible products" which are meat-substitute proteins produced by in vitro cultivation of animal cells instead of sourced from animals raised for meat production. Under the bill, it is unlawful for cell-cultured products to be labeled with or use the term "meat." ACU recognizes, as noted by U.S. Senator Mike Lee (ACUF Lifetime 99%), that these labeling schemes are designed to "suppress competition and limit new players from entering the market." ACU supports a free and competitive market, opposes this blanket prohibition on labeling and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 23, 2019 by a vote of 30-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 12. SB 163 Reducing Occupational Licensing Barriers for Individuals with Criminal Convictions.** This bill strengthens employment opportunities for individuals with prior criminal convictions by reducing occupational licensing barriers. Under previous Alabama law, licensing boards were permitted to deny occupational licenses solely on the basis of prior misdemeanor or felony convictions, regardless of the relevance of the conviction to the occupation. Under this bill, individuals are permitted to petition a court for an order of limited relief which prohibits licensing authorities from automatically denying a certificate or license based solely on prior convictions. The bill does not apply to law enforcement employment. ACU Foundation'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 opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements which are primarily designed to restrict competition, supports efforts to combat recidivism by reducing barriers to the workforce and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 28, 2019 by a vote of 32-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 13. SB 191 Strengthening Property Rights by Improving Oversight of Asset Forfeiture.** This bill strengthens property rights by requiring law enforcement to maintain and publish detailed information about civil and criminal asset forfeitures. Under the bill, law enforcement must publish to the public and report annually to the legislature about property seized, forfeited or sold. Reports must include details about the property seized and any alleged criminal activity if applicable. Additionally, if the sale of property forfeited under civil law is required, the proceeds must be held in an account that is regularly audited. ACU Foundation'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 property rights and strong protections against asset forfeiture abuse and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on May 28, 2019 by a vote of 33-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 14. HB 361 Expanding Individual Liberties by Permitting Fantasy Sports Contests.** This bill allows fantasy sports contests to be legally held in the state by defining the contests as games of skill as opposed to games of chance. ACU supports regulatory reform and the expansion of individual liberties and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 28, 2019 by a vote of 22-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 15. SB 90 Further Socializing the Costs of Broadband Expansion.** This bill shifts even greater burdens to taxpayers for the cost of expanding broadband. Under the bill, subsidies for broadband providers are increased by 75% to cover up to a third of project costs or \$1,500,000 if the project meets government-preferred signal speeds. Additionally, the bill permits grantees to draw a greater amount of project funding from the federal government and still remain eligible for state subsidies. Furthermore, the bill permits the state to spend 130% more of its appropriated funds on administrative costs than under previous law. Finally, the bill fosters government-promoted racial discrimination by directing government to select grantees based on their race rather than the quality or efficiency of the taxpayer subsidized 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 Senate passed the bill on May 30, 2019 by a vote of 26-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 16. HB 225 Expanding Frivolous Litigation through Additional Employment Mandates.** This bill subjects employers to potentially frivolous and costly litigation by imposing additional employment mandates. The bill creates a new "equal pay" mandate on the basis of race and sex and permits an employee to sue an employer if they believe they were compensated differently than another employee. Furthermore, the bill infringes the right to contract by preventing an employer from requesting the salary history of an employee during the hiring process, despite the fact the federal government requires prospective employees to disclose salary history. ACU believes discrimination is wrong and that those who discriminate or fail to properly compensate employees will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes these mandates which subject businesses to costly litigation and infringe the right to contract and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 30, 2019 by a vote of 27-0 and was signed into law.
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- 17. HB 498 Strengthening 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, faculty and invited speakers to assemble and speak, as protected by the First Amendment. Under the bill, these protections are offered so long as the activity does not substantially disrupt the operation of the institution. The bill also requires disciplinary actions against those who infringe First Amendment rights and permits wronged individuals to bring litigation. ACU supports the freedom of speech and assembly and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 30, 2019 by a vote of 24-1 and the bill was signed into law.
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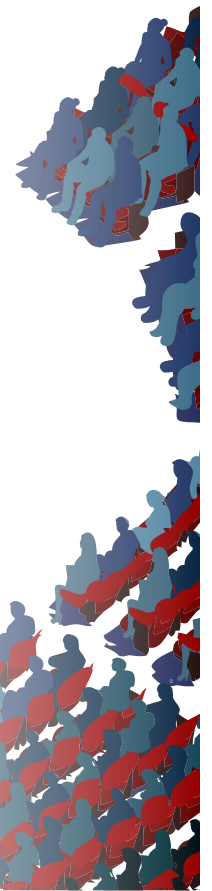
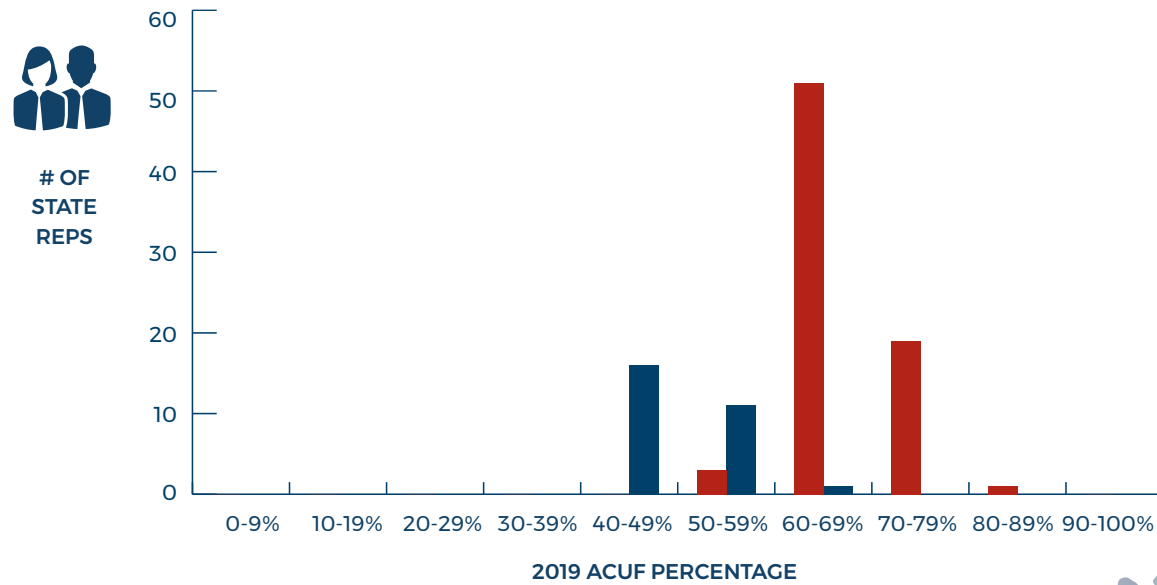
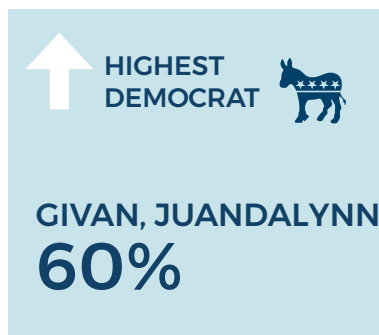
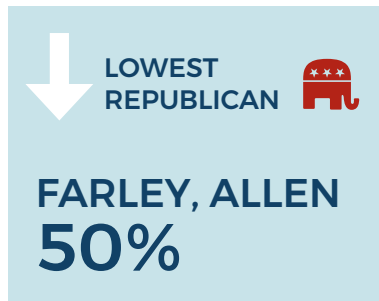
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ALLEN, WES	R	89	68%	n/a	68%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	-	+	-	+
BAKER, ALAN	R	66	68%	55%	60%	-	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	+
BALL, MIKE	R	10	71%	45%	64%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
BLACKSHEAR, CHRIS	R	80	67%	50%	63%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
Boyd, Barbara	D	32	50%	60%	42%	X	-	X	+	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
Bracy, Napoleon	D	98	45%	44%	34%	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
BROWN, CHIP	R	105	67%	n/a	67%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
BROWN, K. L.	R	40	67%	50%	63%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
CARNS, JIM	R	48	74%	50%	66%	+	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+
Chestnut, Prince	D	67	56%	38%	47%	-	-	-	X	+	X	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	-	+
Clarke, Adline	D	97	44%	40%	43%	X	X	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
CLOUSE, STEVE	R	93	67%	50%	66%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
Coleman, Merika	D	57	47%	n/a	33%	+	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	-
COLLINS, TERRI	R	8	63%	60%	66%	-	X	-	X	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
CRAWFORD, DANNY	R	5	60%	50%	58%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+
Daniels, Anthony	D	53	45%	38%	45%	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
DISMUKES, WILL	R	88	61%	n/a	61%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	X	+	X	+	-	X	-	-	+	-	+

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DRAKE, DICKIE	R	45	65%	56%	62%	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	X	+	+	X	+	-	-	X	-	+	-	+			
Drummond, Barbara	D	103	47%	40%	42%	-	-	-	X	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+			
EASTERBROOK, BRETT	R	65	67%	n/a	67%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+			
ELLIS, CORLEY	R	41	65%	55%	64%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+			
England, Christopher	D	70	45%	50%	37%	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-			
ESTES, TRACY	R	17	65%	n/a	65%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	-	+	-	+			
FARLEY, ALLEN	R	15	50%	60%	65%	-	X	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+			
FAULKNER, DAVID	R	46	68%	50%	60%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	+			
FAUST, JOE	R	94	67%	40%	63%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+			
FINCHER, BOB	R	37	63%	45%	55%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+			
Forte, Berry	D	84	47%	56%	38%	-	-	+	-	+	X	-	-	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-			
FRIDY, MATT	R	73	71%	50%	64%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+			
GARRETT, DANNY	R	44	68%	44%	59%	X	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+			
GASTON, VICTOR	R	100	64%	50%	62%	-	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	X	+	X	X	-	+	X	-	+	-	X			
Givan, Juandalynn	D	60	60%	50%	37%	+	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	-			
Gray, Jeremy	D	83	44%	n/a	44%	-	-	X	X	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-			
GREER, LYNN	R	2	70%	55%	68%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	+			
Grimsley, Dexter	D	85	50%	50%	32%	-	-	+	+	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-			
Hall, Laura	D	19	40%	38%	32%	X	-	+	X	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	X	X	+	-	X	+	-	+	-	-			
HAMBY-WOOD, DEBBIE	R	38	62%	n/a	62%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+			
HANES, JAMES	R	23	72%	55%	59%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	X	X	X	+			

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Hatcher, Kirk	D	78	42%	n/a	42%	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	
HILL, JIM	R	50	70%	55%	59%	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	
Hollis, Rolanda	D	58	44%	44%	53%	-	-	-	X	+	X	-	-	-	+	X	+	X	+	-	+	+	X	+	-	
HOLMES, MIKE	R	31	75%	56%	67%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	
Howard, Ralph	D	72	47%	33%	35%	X	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	
HURST, STEVE	R	35	78%	64%	63%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	X	-	+	-	
INGRAM, REED	R	75	65%	55%	54%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	
ISBELL, GIL	R	28	68%	n/a	68%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	
Jackson, Thomas	D	68	41%	63%	36%	-	-	+	-	X	X	-	-	-	+	X	+	X	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	
JOHNSON, RONALD	R	33	71%	64%	63%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	X	+	X	X	X	+	+	-	+	-	
JONES, MIKE	R	92	62%	44%	58%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	
Jones, Sam	D	99	50%	n/a	50%	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	
KIEL, JAMIE	R	18	67%	n/a	67%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	
KITCHENS, WES	R	27	70%	n/a	70%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	-	+	-	
Lawrence, Kelvin	D	69	47%	50%	43%	-	-	-	X	+	X	-	X	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	-	
LEDBETTER, NATHANIEL	R	24	65%	60%	57%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	-	+	+	
LEE, PAUL	R	86	67%	55%	64%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	
LIPSCOMB, B. CRAIG	R	30	70%	n/a	70%	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	
LOVVORN, JOE	R	79	60%	44%	57%	-	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	
MARQUES, RHETT	R	91	67%	n/a	67%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	

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Mccampbell, Artis	D	71	50%	50%	33%	X	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
Mcclammy, Thad	D	76	41%	44%	34%	-	-	-	X	+	X	-	-	+	X	+	X	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
MCCUTCHEON, MAC	R	25	67%	60%	66%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
MCMILLAN, STEVE	R	95	67%	n/a	68%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
MOONEY, ARNOLD	R	43	65%	56%	62%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+
Moore, Mary	D	59	53%	44%	37%	-	-	+	X	+	-	+	-	+	X	+	X	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	-
MOORE, PARKER	R	4	74%	n/a	74%	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	+
Morris, Tashina	D	77	56%	n/a	56%	+	-	+	X	+	X	X	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
NORDGREN, BECKY	R	29	63%	40%	63%	-	X	-	X	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
OLIVER, ED	R	81	76%	n/a	76%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
PETTUS, PHILLIP	R	1	67%	44%	55%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+
POLIZOS, DIMITRI	R	74	n/a†	50%	56%	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
POOLE, BILL	R	63	60%	44%	62%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
PRINGLE, CHRIS	R	101	67%	n/a	60%	X	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
Rafferty, Neil	D	54	47%	n/a	47%	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	-
REYNOLDS, REX	R	21	67%	n/a	67%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
RICH, KERRY	R	26	67%	45%	62%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
ROBERTSON, PRONCEY	R	7	70%	n/a	70%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	+
Rogers, John	D	52	50%	50%	37%	-	-	+	X	+	-	+	-	+	-	X	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	-
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SANDERFORD, HOWARD	R	20	70%	55%	65%	-	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
Scott, Rod	D	55	56%	44%	33%	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	X	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	X
SELLS, CHRIS	R	90	n/a†	50%	61%	X	+	X	X	X	X	-	+	-	+	X	+	+	X	X	+	X	-	+	-	+
SHAVER, GINNY	R	39	65%	n/a	65%	-	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
SHEDD, RANDALL	R	11	64%	60%	56%	-	+	X	+	X	+	-	+	-	+	X	+	X	+	X	X	X	-	+	-	+
SHIVER, HARRY	R	64	67%	40%	65%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
SIMPSON, MATT	R	96	65%	n/a	65%	-	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
SORRELL, ANDREW	R	3	75%	n/a	75%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	+
SORRELLS, JEFF	R	87	60%	n/a	60%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	X	-	+	-	+
SOUTH, KYLE	R	16	80%	63%	63%	X	X	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	X	+	-	+
STADTHAGEN, SCOTT	R	9	65%	n/a	65%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	X
STANDRIDGE, DAVID	R	34	67%	55%	60%	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	-	-	X	-	+	-	+
STRINGER, SHANE	R	102	63%	n/a	63%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	-	X
SULLIVAN, RODNEY	R	61	67%	n/a	67%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
TREADAWAY, ALLEN	R	51	53%	63%	66%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	-	-	X	-	+	-	+
WADSWORTH, TIM	R	14	76%	56%	69%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+
Warren, Pebblin	D	82	50%	44%	37%	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	X	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
WEAVER, APRIL	R	49	67%	56%	65%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+
WHEELER, DAVID	R	47	67%	n/a	67%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+
WHITT, ANDY	R	6	70%	n/a	70%	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	+
WHORTON, RITCHIE	R	22	67%	70%	66%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+

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WINGO, RICH	R	62	57%	56%	59%	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
WOOD, RANDY	R	36	67%	40%	62%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+

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## ALABAMA HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **HB 2 (Special Session) Protecting Taxpayers by Eliminating an Automatic and Perpetual Gas Tax Increase.** The Holmes (ACUF Lifetime 67%) amendment to the gas tax bill would eliminate a provision which permits the gas tax to automatically increase in perpetuity. Specifically, the bill eliminates the section of the bill which linked the gas tax to the National Highway Construction Cost Index. As a result, the gas tax could rise an additional \$0.01 per gallon every two years starting in 2023. ACU opposes this endless tax increase which is in addition to the bill's \$0.10 gas tax increase and supported this amendment. The House voted to table the amendment (defeat it) on March 8, 2019 by a vote of 68-26. (A "No" vote supported the ACU position).

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  2. **HB 233 Strengthening Election Integrity through Updates to the Voter Registration Database.** This bill strengthens election integrity by improving the state's system which verifies voters whose residential addresses may have changed. Specifically, the bill requires the secretary of state to use federally-approved databases to investigate whether a voter has changed residence addresses. Additionally, the bill lays out a procedure to update voter rolls and confirm whether a voter still resides at the address of government record, and if not, confirm their new address for voting purposes. ACU supports maintaining and updating voter registration databases to help prevent the disenfranchisement of eligible voters due to rampant voter fraud and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 23, 2019 by a vote of 70-26. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

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  3. **HB 241 Harming Employment Opportunities by Further Empowering the Board of Landscape Architects.** This bill is one of a few of bills designed to restrict employment in the industry of landscape architecture and further empower the Board of Landscape Architects. Firstly, the bill increases the license application fee for landscape architects by 100% from \$75 to \$150. Secondly, the bill increases the fines for a violation of licensing board rules by 900% from \$250 to \$2,500. ACU opposes licensing regimes that are primarily designed to restrict competition, opposes this measure which harms job opportunities and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 23, 2019 by a vote of 72-19 and the bill was signed into law.

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  4. **HB 461 Strengthening Self Defense through "Stand Your Ground."** This bill is one of several constitutional amendments proposed in the 2019 session which clarifies and expands the state's self-defense law commonly referred to as "Stand Your Ground." The law currently provides legal protections to individuals who use deadly force in self-defense against another person they reasonably believe is about to commit a crime involving death or serious physical injury. While this particular bill pertains only to Lauderdale County, each of the proposed amendments would provide individuals with legal protections if they use deadly force against a person unlawfully intruding into a place of businesses or places of religious worship. Previously, these laws only applied to homes and places of habitation. ACU supports strengthening the right of self-defense and providing legal protections for self-defense to citizens of every county and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 30, 2019 by a vote of 81-4. The measure will appear before voters on the November 2020 ballot.

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  5. **HB 479 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Reducing the Age Requirement for a Commercial Driver's License.** This bill permits more individuals to become employed in the trucking and transportation industry by reducing the minimum age to obtain a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) from age 21 to 18. However, individuals in this age range are restricted to intrastate and nonhazardous freight. ACU supports this measure to expand employment opportunities and reduce transportation costs, especially at a time when the industry is experiencing a labor shortfall and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 30, 2019 by a vote of 96-1 and the bill was signed into law.

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  6. **HB 314 Protecting Life by Banning Abortion.** This bill protects life by prohibiting the abortion of unborn children at all stages of human development and by any method. Under the bill, performing an abortion is a Class A felony and attempted abortion a Class C felony. The bill provides exceptions to save the life of the mother or to avert serious risk of substantial physical impairment of a major bodily function of the mother. The bill also ensures that mothers who receive abortions will not face criminal or civil penalties. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 30, 2019 by a vote of 74-3 and the bill was signed into law. (Lawmakers who declined to defend the lives of the Unborn by failing to appear in the chamber for this vote were counted as opposing the ACU position.)
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7. **HB 518 Enacting Excessive Regulations in the “Meat” Industry.** This bill interferes in the marketplace by enforcing a government definition of “meat” in consumer labeling in order to protect the farming and ranching industries from competition. The bill is in response to new “cell-cultured edible products” which are meat-substitute proteins produced by in vitro cultivation of animal cells instead of sourced from animals raised for meat production. Under the bill, it is unlawful for cell-cultured products to be labeled with or use the term “meat.” ACU recognizes, as noted by U.S. Senator Mike Lee (ACUF Lifetime 99%), that these labeling schemes are designed to “suppress competition and limit new players from entering the market.” ACU supports a free and competitive market, opposes this blanket prohibition on labeling and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 14, 2019 by a vote of 97-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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8. **SB 193 Improving Employment Opportunities by Reforming the Unemployment Insurance Program.** This bill improves employment opportunities and reduces hiring costs by establishing a sliding scale for the disbursement of unemployment insurance benefits. The previous system permitted individuals to draw unemployment benefits for up to 26 weeks—even during times of very low unemployment. Under this bill, the duration of unemployment benefits ranges between 14 weeks and 20 weeks and is determined through a sliding scale based on the state’s unemployment rate. However, the bill permits individuals to receive an additional 5 weeks of benefits and an additional \$10 per week in payments if they enroll in a state-approved training program. The bill is expected to lower the amount of unemployment taxes that are assessed on businesses and employees by \$45 million annually. ACU supports reforms to the unemployment system which reduce hiring costs and help encourage individuals to reenter the workforce and live happier, healthier, more productive lives and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 14, 2019 by a vote of 74-26 and the bill was signed into law.
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9. **HB 41 Imposing Excessive Regulations on Vaping Establishments.** This bill imposes excessive regulations on vaping shops and nicotine retailers. Firstly, the bill forces any retailer that sells electronic nicotine delivery systems (such as a Juul) to submit to the arduous tobacco licensing process. Secondly, the bill prevents retailers from selling nicotine products to individuals under age 19. Thirdly, the bill places numerous restrictions on advertising, including product flavors, product placement, and classification of nicotine delivery devices as tobacco cessation products. Finally, the bill infringes property rights by prohibiting vaping shops from opening near numerous establishments such as parks, libraries, playgrounds, childcare facilities, youth centers, schools or churches. ACU believes that the use of both tobacco and e-cigarettes is a personal liberty issue and that government regulations on products are only appropriate when their use substantially impacts others. ACU opposes these excessive regulations which restrict competition and infringe property rights and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 15, 2019 by a vote of 98-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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10. **SB 45 Protecting the Integrity of Asbestos Trust Funds.** This bill is designed to protect asbestos trust funds from abuse by plaintiffs and lawyers—such as repeatedly receiving awards from asbestos funds for already compensated injuries—by increasing transparency of claims. Specifically, the bill ensures that juries have more information when making decisions pertaining to product liability cases involving asbestos. The bill prevents plaintiffs’ lawyers from abusing the system, ensuring that those who have certain diseases related to asbestos are given priority for the funds. This bill is modeled after legislation supported by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). ACU supports litigation reform that protects the integrity of the asbestos trust fund and allows for legitimate claims and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 15, 2019 by a vote of 101-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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11. **HB 491 Protecting Children Who Survive Abortion.** This bill would require health practitioners to immediately admit to a hospital any child who is born alive after an abortion is attempted and failed. Additionally, practitioners would 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 to end the practice and supported the bill. The House passed the bill on May 21, 2019 by a vote of 66-18. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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**12. HB 308 Ensuring Safe and Sanitary Conditions in Correctional Facilities.**

This bill is designed to strengthen the safety and sanitary conditions of state correctional facilities for both inmates and correctional staff. Under the bill, a framework is established to ensure all inmates have necessary clothing, bedding and medical attention and that all female inmates are provided with feminine hygiene products. ACUF's Nolan Center for Justice is a leading authority on this issue and works to pursue policies that cut crime, protect victims, reduce the size and scope of government and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports efforts to improve the safety and sanitary conditions of correctional facilities and protect human dignity and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 22, 2019 by a vote of 100-0 and the bill was signed into law.

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**13. HB 350 Expanding Competition by Permitting Direct Shipment of Wine to Consumers.**

This bill strengthens consumer choice and expands competition by allowing wine manufacturers to ship wine directly to consumers. Under the bill, manufacturers based in Alabama which obtain a shippers license may deliver to households within the state up to 12 cases of wine per year. ACU supports expanding consumer choice and eliminating unnecessary and anti-competitive regulations and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on May 23, 2019 by a vote of 77-11. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

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**14. SB 163 Reducing Occupational Licensing Barriers for Individuals with Criminal Convictions.**

This bill strengthens employment opportunities for individuals with prior criminal convictions by reducing occupational licensing barriers. Under previous Alabama law, licensing boards were permitted to deny occupational licenses solely on the basis of prior misdemeanor or felony convictions, regardless of the relevance of the conviction to the occupation. Under this bill, individuals are permitted to petition a court for an "order of limited relief" which prohibits licensing authorities from automatically denying a certificate or license based solely on prior convictions. The bill contains certain exclusions such as law enforcement employment. 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 opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements which are primarily designed to restrict competition, supports efforts to combat recidivism by reducing barriers to the workforce and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 23, 2019 by a vote of 97-0 and the bill was signed into law.

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**15. HB 495 Harming Employment Opportunities by Further Empowering the Board of Auctioneers.**

This bill would unnecessarily harm employment opportunities by increasing licensing burdens for aspiring and practicing auctioneers. Under the bill, auctioneers would be required to undergo 85 hours of state-approved education and post a \$10,000 surety bond to the board of auctioneers in order to work. Additionally, the board would have new, wide sweeping powers to determine certain fees and fines, including imposing \$50 per day penalties, attorney fees and court costs for anyone who violates the rules of the board. ACU opposes the proliferation of licenses which are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 23, 2019 by a vote of 80-7. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)

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**16. HB 361 Expanding Individual Liberties by Permitting Fantasy Sports Contests.**

This bill allows fantasy sports contests to be legally held in the state by clarifying that the contests do not constitute gambling. Under the bill, the contests are defined as games of skills rather than chance. ACU supports regulatory reform and the expansion of individual liberties and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 28, 2019 by a vote of 82-16 and the bill was signed into law.

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**17. SB 276 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Easing Restrictions on Outdoor Alcohol Consumption.**

This bill expands business opportunities and strengthens individual liberties by expanding the application of "entertainment districts." These districts are areas in which businesses with on-premises alcohol permits may allow customers to consume alcoholic beverages anywhere within the district. Specifically, this bill permits craft breweries and businesses with in-house tap rooms to participate in an entertainment district. ACU supports expanding business opportunities and entrepreneurship, supports strengthening individual liberties and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 29, 2019 by a vote of 83-9 and was signed into law.

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18. **SB 90 Further Socializing the Costs of Broadband Expansion.** This bill shifts even greater burdens to taxpayers for the cost of expanding broadband to rural areas. Under the bill, state subsidies for broadband providers (in addition to federal subsidies) are increased by 75% to cover up to a third of project costs or \$1.5 million. Additionally, the bill permits grantees to draw a greater amount of project funding from the federal government and still remain eligible for state subsidies. Furthermore, the bill permits the state to spend 130% more of its appropriated funds on administrative costs than under previous law. Finally, the bill fosters government-promoted racial discrimination by providing taxpayer money to grantees strictly based on the racial backgrounds of their contractors. 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 May 30, 2019 by a vote of 97-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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19. **SB 191 Strengthening Property Rights by Improving Oversight of Asset Forfeiture.** This bill strengthens property rights by requiring law enforcement to maintain and publish detailed information about civil and criminal asset forfeitures. Under the bill, law enforcement must publish to the public and report annually to the legislature about property seized, forfeited or sold. The reports must detail the property seized and any alleged criminal activity if applicable. Additionally, if the sale of property forfeited under civil law is required, the proceeds must be held in an account that is regularly audited. ACU Foundation'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 strengthening property rights and strong protections against asset forfeiture abuse and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on May 30, 2019 by a vote of 102-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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20. **HB 225 Expanding Frivolous Litigation through Additional Employment Mandates.** This bill subjects employers to potentially frivolous and costly litigation by imposing additional employment mandates. The bill creates a new "equal pay" mandate on the basis of race and sex and permits an employee to sue an employer if they believe they were compensated differently than another employee. Furthermore, the bill infringes the right to contract by preventing an employer from requesting the salary history of an employee during the hiring process, despite the fact the federal government requires prospective employees to disclose salary history. ACU believes discrimination is wrong and that those who discriminate or fail to properly compensate employees will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes these mandates which subject businesses to costly litigation and infringe the right to contract and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 30, 2019 by a vote of 102-0 and was signed into law.
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21. **HB 498 Strengthening 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, faculty and invited speakers to assemble and speak, as protected by the First Amendment. For example, the bill prohibits "free speech zones" which limit speech to only small sections of a campus. Additionally, the bill ensures student groups are not denied benefits or privileges solely due to their points of view or sincerely held religious beliefs. ACU supports the freedom of speech and assembly as protected under the First Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 30, 2019 by a vote of 73-26 and the bill was signed into law.
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