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This legislator voted constitutionally on **50%** of the votes shown below.

★ Pro-liberty ✗ Anti-liberty ? Did not Vote **Vote**

1. SB186 Prohibit Ranked-choice Voting (Passed 74 to 28 on 5/2/2024). Prohibits the use of ranked-choice voting (RCV) in Alabama for electing or nominating candidates to any local, state, or federal office. **Yes**

2. HB129 Education Savings Accounts (Passed 69 to 34 on 2/27/2024). Creates a refundable tax credit for parents to cover educational expenses through Education Savings Accounts (ESAs). **Yes**

3. SB129 DEI Ban (Passed 75 to 28 on 3/7/2024). Prohibits public entities in Alabama from maintaining diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) offices or sponsoring DEI programs. **Yes**

4. HJR113 Disassociate With WHO (Passed 64 to 28 on 4/11/2024). Urges an end to U.S. funding for the World Health Organization (WHO). **Yes**

5. HB327 Carbon Storage (Passed 95 to 5 on 4/9/2024). Regulates carbon dioxide storage in Alabama, giving surface owners rights to underground "pore space" and authorizing state agencies to oversee and lease storage sites. **Yes**

6. HB36 Second Amendment Attack (Passed 60 to 38 on 4/30/2024). Prohibits the possession of firearms that have parts intended to convert them into machine guns. Violations of this law will result in a Class C felony. **Yes**



ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE **SCORECARD** BASED ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Rep. Russell Bedsole

AL Scorecard 2024

Lifetime Score: 67%

2024 Regular Session Score 50%

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

1. Prohibit Ranked-choice Voting

SB186 prohibits the use of ranked-choice voting (RCV) in Alabama for electing or nominating candidates to any local, state, or federal office.

The Alabama State House of Representatives passed SB186 on May 2, 2024 by a vote of 74 to 28. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because RCV undermines the electorate's ability to choose the best candidate in elections, threatens election integrity, and is designed to elect moderate-to-leftist politicians, which means they do not fully adhere to the Constitution.

2. Education Savings Accounts

HB129 creates a refundable tax credit for parents to cover educational expenses through Education Savings Accounts (ESAs), prioritizing low-income and disabled students, with credits capped at \$7,000 for participating schools and \$2,000 for others.

The Alabama State House of Representatives passed HB129 on February 27, 2024 by a vote of 69 to 34. We have assigned pluses to the nays because all government money comes with strings attached. ESAs might sound good in theory, but they expand government involvement into all aspects of education — including homeschools and religious schools — and can potentially affect rules and curriculum. Additionally, this legislation grossly prioritizes certain people over others. We encourage all parents to get their children out of the government school system and instead pursue sound alternatives such as homeschooling and patriotic private schools, such as *FreedomProject Academy*, where government funds are not involved.

3. DEI Ban

SB129 prohibits public entities in Alabama from maintaining diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) offices or sponsoring DEI programs. It also restricts the promotion of divisive concepts, such as ideas that imply racial superiority or collective guilt based on race or gender. Public institutions of higher education are required to designate restrooms based on biological sex.

The Alabama State House of Representatives passed SB129 on March 7, 2024 by a vote of 75 to 28. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the goal of DEI is to pit Americans against each other. Instead of pushing for equality, which is what the Constitution stands for, DEI programs in school push for equity, which is rooted in communism and is part of the Marxist agenda.

4. Disassociate With WHO

HJR113 urges an end to U.S. funding for the World Health Organization (WHO), citing corruption, mismanagement, and alignment with authoritarian regimes. The resolution opposes new WHO regulations and treaties that threaten U.S. sovereignty and calls on Alabama's congressional delegation to reject further support for the organization, emphasizing the need to protect American interests and freedoms.

The Alabama State House of Representatives passed HJR113 on April 11, 2024 by a vote of 64 to 28. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the World Health Organization holds no constitutional authority over the American people, and states have the sovereign right to nullify unconstitutional federal acts. Furthermore, the WHO advocates for a one-world government, which undermines national sovereignty and American self-governance.

5. Carbon Storage

HB327 sets regulations for storing carbon dioxide underground in Alabama. It defines "pore space" as underground areas for storage and gives surface property owners rights to the pore space beneath their land, unless sold separately. The bill gives the State Oil and Gas Board authority to oversee storage facility operations and establishes funds to monitor active and closed sites. It also allows the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources to lease pore space for carbon storage.

The Alabama State House of Representatives passed HB327 on April 9, 2024 by a vote of 95 to 5. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this expands government by pushing for interventions infringing on individual freedom and economic liberty. Tax dollars should not go toward complying with any aspect of Agenda 2030, as it is not constitutional. This legislation prioritizes international interests over national sovereignty and control. Government's involvement in mandating compensation and regulating carbon sequestration and storage infringes on private property rights protected under the Constitution.

6. 2nd Amendment Attack

HB36 prohibits the possession of firearms that have parts intended to convert them into machine guns. Violations of this law will result in a Class C felony.

The Alabama State House of Representatives passed HB36 on April 30, 2024 by a vote of 60 to 38. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the right to bear arms is protected by the U.S. Constitution, particularly in the 2nd, 9th, and 10th Amendments, and should not be infringed.