

ME Scorecard 2021-2022

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

The following scorecard lists several key votes in the Maine Legislature in 2021 and 2022 and ranks state representatives and senators based on their fidelity to (U.S.) constitutional and limited-government principles.

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Timothy Roche

House of Representatives District HD-007
Republican



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This legislator voted constitutionally on **75%** of the votes shown below.

| Pro-liberty | Anti-liberty | Did not Vote | Vote |
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| 1. LD1045 State-Controlled Health Care (passed 81 to 58 on 6/15/2021). Establishes the Maine Health Care Plan, which provides universal health care coverage to all residents of the state. | | | -- |
| 2. LD855 Gender Changes on Birth Certificates (passed 82 to 56 on 6/14/2021). Permits the issuance of a new certificate of birth following an application for a "gender marker" change. | | | -- |
| 3. LD202 Ranked-Choice Voting in Maine's Constitution (failed 77 to 65 on 6/8/2021). Proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to implement ranked-choice voting in general elections for the offices of Governor, State Senator, and State representative. | | | No |
| 4. [Motion to Defeat] LD980 Limiting the Governor's Emergency Powers (passed 78 to 62 on 6/7/2021). Would place several limitations on the powers of the Governor to issue and maintain an emergency proclamation, and specify that a violation by the Governor of the exercise of emergency powers is an impeachable offense. | | | No |
| 5. [Motion to Defeat] LD1138 Right to Self-Defense (passed 79 to 62 on 6/3/2021). Would permit the use of deadly force to prevent death or serious bodily injury in self-defense, or in defense of a 3rd person, or to prevent a kidnapping, robbery, or gross sexual assault. | | | No |
| 6. [Motion to Defeat] HP348 Article V Convention: Term Limits (passed 80 to 61 on 5/19/2021). Would apply to Congress to call an "Article V constitutional convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to impose congressional term limits." | | | No |



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1. State-Controlled Health Care

LD1045 establishes the Maine Health Care Plan, which provides universal health care coverage to all residents of the state.

Health care is not the legitimate object of government, nor should be under federal, state, or local jurisdiction in the United States. No state should compel its citizens to furnish taxpayer money for a government-run health care system or any other unconstitutional project in violation of the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.

2. Gender Changes on Birth Certificates

LD855 permits the issuance of a new certificate of birth following an application for a “gender marker” change.

This bill attempts to erase manhood and womanhood by absurdly replacing biological “sex” on birth certificates with fictional “gender markers” that endorse homosexuality and transgenderism. The state does not have the constitutional authority to redefine males and females, who — as the Declaration of Independence affirms — are created by God and form the basis of self-government, which begins with the individual and the family.

3. Ranked-Choice Voting in Maine's Constitution

LD202 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to implement ranked-choice voting in general elections for the offices of Governor, State Senator, and State representative.

States should oppose all attempts to enact ranked-choice voting. This complicated, multiple-round, and unconstitutional method threatens election integrity by allowing a candidate to potentially win without genuine support from a plurality of voters. The scheme’s ballot casting requirements not only undermine a citizen’s right to vote, but could effectively force them to violate their conscience.

4. [Motion to Defeat] Limiting the Governor's Emergency Powers

LD980 would place several limitations on the powers of the Governor to issue and maintain an emergency proclamation, and specify that a violation by the Governor of the exercise of emergency powers is an impeachable offense.

Article IV, Section 1, of the Maine Constitution vests legislative power in the House of Representatives and the Senate, not the Governor. Each state, under Article IV, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution, is guaranteed a republican form of government, which requires a limitation and separation of powers.

5. [Motion to Defeat] Right to Self-Defense

LD1138 would permit the use of deadly force to prevent death or serious bodily injury in self-defense, or in defense of a 3rd person, or to prevent a kidnapping, robbery, or gross sexual assault. Government has a duty to secure the natural, individual, and unalienable right to self-defense — of one’s life, liberty, and property. This fundamental right belongs to the people and is guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.

6. [Motion to Defeat] Article V Convention: Term Limits

HP348 would apply to Congress to call an “Article V constitutional convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to impose congressional term limits.”

Term limits conflict with the right of the American people to choose their representatives. Moreover, states should act immediately to nullify all unconstitutional federal laws, rather than risk an Article V convention. Article V of the U.S. Constitution was designed to correct potential errors or defects in the Constitution, not the failure of elected officials to uphold their oath of office.
