

SC 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 South Carolina General Assembly in 2021 and 2022 and ranks state representatives and senators based on their fidelity to (U.S.) constitutional and limited-government principles. This is our first state-level Scorecard; the selected votes may not be reflective of legislators' overall records. Their cumulative scores will change as we add more votes. Please check regularly for updates.



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This legislator voted constitutionally on **17%** of the votes shown below.

CPH: Estimated cost per household.

★ Pro-liberty	✗ Anti-liberty	? Did not Vote	CPH	Vote
1. H3770 Rental Assistance (Passed 96 to 14 on 3/4/2021). Disburses funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 to assist eligible households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.			\$139	Yes ✗
2. H4408 ARPA Funds (Passed 102 to 8 on 5/4/2022). Authorizes the expenditure of federal funds that have been disbursed to the state in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.			\$1,410	Yes ✗
3. H5399 Abortion Ban (Rejected 47 to 55). Prohibits abortion with no exceptions for rape or incest.				No ✗
4. H4608 Save Women's Sports Act (Passed 70 to 33 on 5/10/2022). Ensures fairness in women's sports in the state and requires the designation of separate sex-specific sports teams to maintain fairness in athletic opportunities for women.				No ✗
5. H3205 Con Con (Passed 64 to 48 on 3/29/2022). Applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the U.S. Constitution.				No ★
6. H3096 Constitutional Carry (Passed 69 to 47 on 4/7/2021). Removes the requirement that you must possess a permit when carrying a concealable weapon or firearm.				No ✗



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1. Rental Assistance

H3770 disburses funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 to assist eligible households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The South Carolina State House of Representatives passed H3770 on March 4, 2021 by a vote of 96 to 14. We have assigned the pluses to the nays because subsidized loans are a way government interferes in the free market economy. Subsidies make individuals more reliant on government assistance and when the government has their hands in places they shouldn't, the people lose more control and freedom. This legislation's purpose is to redistribute the wealth and bring us one step closer to socialism.

2. ARPA Funds

H4408 authorizes the expenditure of federal funds that have been disbursed to the state in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 passed by congress and signed by the President.

The South Carolina State House of Representatives passed H4408 on May 4, 2022 by a vote of 102 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the nays because the spending of taxpayer money for purposes not authorized under Art. 1 Sec. 8 of the U.S. Constitution tightens the federal-state lockstep on redistribution of income. Additionally, distribution of federal taxpayer dollars comes with contingencies and requirements, forcing states into situations that violate the U.S. Constitution.

3. Abortion Ban

H5399 prohibits abortion with no exceptions for rape or incest.

The South Carolina State House of Representatives rejected H5399 on August 30, 2022 by a vote of 47 to 55. We have assigned the pluses to the ayes because the right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the U.S. Constitution. Further, there is nothing in the U.S. Constitution that would prevent states from passing well-constructed statutes or adopting amendments to their state constitutions that provide even greater and more specific protections for the right to life than those provided by the 4th, 5th, and 14th Amendments.

4. Save Women's Sports Act

H4608 ensures fairness in women's sports in the state and requires the designation of separate sex-specific sports teams to maintain fairness in athletic opportunities for women. Females are allowed to compete in male sports, but males are not permitted to compete in female sports.

The South Carolina State House of Representatives passed H4608 on May 10, 2022 by a vote of 70 to 33. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this indoctrination is letting people believe that they can choose their pronouns and be transgender. Taxpayers fund sports programs in schools, so this legislation ensures that taxpayer dollars will not be going to athletic programs that embrace the woke culture.

5. Con Con

H3205 applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the U.S. Constitution, to call for a "Convention of the States" to pass a Balanced Budget Amendment and Term Limits.

The South Carolina State House of Representatives passed H3205 on March 29, 2022 by a vote of 64 to 48. We have assigned pluses to the nays because a so-called "Convention of the States" would not be of "limited" purpose. The vague and contradictory text contained in this joint resolution dangerously permits what Article V of the U.S. Constitution describes as a "Convention for proposing Amendments" or second constitutional convention. Notably, Article V of the U.S. Constitution was designed to correct structural deficiencies in the federal government, not the behavior of its elected officials. H3205 should be opposed in favor of less risky, more precise, and immediate solutions that would restore power back to the states and to the people.

6. Constitutional Carry

H3096 removes the requirement that you must possess a permit when carrying a concealable weapon or firearm.

The South Carolina State House of Representatives passed H3096 on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 69 to 47. We have assigned the pluses to the ayes because the fundamental right of the American people to keep and bear arms is protected by the U.S. Constitution, particularly in the 2nd, 9th, and 10th Amendments, and should not be infringed. The Constitution does not state where you can or cannot possess a firearm.