



2013 Session of the Missouri General Assembly

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This Legislative Scorecard details the voting record of all Missouri General Assembly members on critical public policy issues facing the state. It gives you accurate information about how your legislators have voted. The ten bills selected represent crucial choices on issues important to the quality of life of all Missourians. All but two bills passed both chambers and were sent to the Governor's desk. So far, at the time of printing, he has already vetoed several of the bills including paycheck deception, circuit breaker tax credit, Sharia law and the gun bill.

Votes recorded in this scorecard include such issues as protecting workers' rights and teacher tenure, preserving women's reproductive rights, protecting against discrimination and preventing tax cuts that hurt the 98 percent. With this scorecard, you have the information to demand that your legislators respond to you, rather than the big money special interests that are trying to dominate our government.

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### BILL DESCRIPTIONS AND VOTES

- **1.** SB29, Paycheck Deception: This bill would have required labor unions to get annual permission to deduct union dues from members' paychecks and to get separate annual permission to use a portion of those dues for political purposes. The bill passed the Senate on March 14 by a vote of 24-10 and an amended version passed out of the House on May 13<sup>h</sup>, by a vote of 85-69. The bill was vetoed by the Governor on June 25th. A vote against SB29 was a progressive vote.
- 2. SB350, Circuit Breaker Property Tax Credit: This bill would have eliminated the circuit breaker property tax credit for Missouri seniors and people with disabilities who rent their homes. This would have made it difficult for more than 104,000 Missourians to stay in their homes by increasing property taxes. The bill passed the Senate on April 2 by a vote of 21-12 and passed in the House on May 9th, by a vote of 91-69. The bill was vetoed by the Governor on May 14th. A vote against SB350 was a progressive vote.
- 3. <u>SB265, Agenda 21</u>: This bill prohibits the state or local governments from implementing a 1992 non-binding United Nations resolution that includes a broad outline of a plan for sustainability. *The bill passed the Senate on April 4th by a vote of 24-9 and passed the House on May 8th by a vote of 118-37. The Governor vetoed the bill on July 1st.* A vote against SB265 was a progressive vote.
- **4.** <u>SB267</u>, <u>Sharia Law</u>: This bill solves a non-problem by declaring that Missouri courts can't apply foreign laws that conflict with the Missouri or U.S. Constitutions, which Missouri courts already cannot do. *The bill passed in the Senate on April 11th by a vote of 24-9 and passed in the house on May 8th by a vote of 109-41. The bill was vetoed by the Governor on June 3. A vote against SB267 was a progressive vote.*
- **5.** Senate Substitute for HB 320, Missouri Non Discrimination Ordinance: Language that extended the existing Missouri Human Rights Statute to include sexual orientation and gender identity as protected categories, thereby prohibiting discrimination against the LGBT community, was added to HB320 in the Senate. The amended version passed the Senate on May 17<sup>h</sup> by a vote of 19-11 but the Senate Substitute did not get a vote in the House. A vote SS HB320 was a progressive vote.

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- **6.** <u>HB34, Prevailing Wage:</u> Changes how the local prevailing wage for public construction projects is calculated in rural communities. *The bill passed the Senate on April 29th by a vote of 23-10 and passed the House on May 6th by a vote of 93-64.* **A vote against HB34 was a progressive vote.**
- 7. <u>HB631, Teacher Tenure:</u> This bill sought to restrict tenure for public school teachers and impose statewide evaluation standards for teachers and administrators.. *The bill was defeated in the House on April 10th by a vote of 55-102*. A vote against HB631 was a progressive vote.
- **8.** <u>HB253, Income Tax Cut:</u> This bill lowers the income tax rate for corporations from 6.25 percent to 3.25 percent and drops the individual rate from 6 percent to 5.5 percent. By reducing state revenue collections by about \$800 million per year, it threatens the ability of the state to pay for basic services. *The bill passed the Senate on May 8th by a vote of 24 to 9 and passed the House on May 9th by a vote of 103 to 51. The bill was vetoed by the Governor on June 7th.* **A vote against HB253 was a progressive vote.**
- 9. HB436, Gun Bill: This bill makes it a crime punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine for federal or state law enforcement officers to enforce existing or future federal gun laws within Missouri's borders. Also makes it a crime to publish the names of gun owners under any circumstances, including those accused or convicted of crimes, even if the crime isn't gun-related. The bill passed the Senate on May 2 with a vote of 26-6 and passed the House on May 8th with a vote of 116-38. The Governor vetoed the bill on July 5th. A vote against HB436 was a progressive vote.
- **10.** HB400, Non-Surgical Abortion Restriction Bill: HB 400 was the only anti-choice bill to pass both houses of the General Assembly this session. It requires a doctor present for the administration of RU-486. This limits access to reproductive care, especially for women in rural areas who often have to drive long distances to see a doctor in person. The bill passed the Senate on May 7th by a vote of 23-7 and passed the House on May 13th by a vote of 115-39. NARAL Pro-Choice MO has called on Gov. Nixon to veto the bill. As of printing, Gov. Nixon has not taken any action. A vote against HB400 was a progressive vote.

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D -	088	Jill Schupp	Α	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	100%	R - 058 David Wood	-	-	-	-	S	-	+	٠.	-	Α	13%
R -	016	Noel J. Shull	-	-	-	-	S	-	-	-	-	-	0%	D - 047 John Wright	+	+	-	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	89%
R -	005	Lindell Shumake	-	+	-	-	S	-	+	-	-	-	22%	R - 065 Anne Zerr	+	-	-	Α	S	+	-	-	-	-	25%
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# THANKS TO THE 100% CLUB!

#### The following elected officials cast progressive votes on all bills voted on in their respective chambers and had no absences:

Sen. Maria Chapelle-Nadal Rep. Genise Monticello Rep. Sharon Pace Rep. Ira Andrews Rep. Jeanne Kirkton Sen. Kiki Curls Rep. Michael Butler Rep. Jeremy LaFaver Rep. Judy Morgan Rep. Joshua Peters Sen. Jolie Justus Rep. Jon Carpenter Rep. Karla May Rep. Stacy Newman Rep. Tommie Pierson Rep. Courtney Allen Curtis Rep. Gail McCann-Beatty Rep. Mary Nichols Rep. John Rizzo Sen. Joe Keaveny Sen. Jamilah Nasheed Rep. Randy Dunn Rep. Tom McDonald Rep. Charlie Norr Rep. Clem Smith Sen. Scott Sifton Rep. Rory Ellinger Rep. Bill Otto Rep. Margo McNeil Rep. Jacob Hummel Rep. Sue Meredith

## METHODOLOGY

ProVote, in consultation with our member groups, selected ten bills on a broad range of issues to create a progressive index percentage for each legislator in the 2013 session. Because each member group only focused on the bills pertinent to its core mission, this progressive index percentage should be seen as ProVote's evaluation, not as that of all ProVote member groups. Each member group may not have a stance on each bill.

For each bill, the pertinent groups determined whether a vote of "yes" or "no" counted as "progressive."

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The progressive index percentage is based on votes cast during the regular session. In cases where the legislator was "absent," the vote was not included in the calculation. In cases where the legislator voted "present," the vote was counted as an unprogressive vote. You can verify all of the votes by going to www.house.mo.gov or www.senate.mo.gov and reviewing the journal for the date of the vote.

# PROVOTE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

American Federation of Teachers (AFT) - Missouri American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Local 420 Communication Workers of America (CWA) District 6 Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 6355 Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 6300 Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 6301 Communication Workers of America (CWA) St. Louis City Council

International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 148 MOLLI's List

Missouri Progressive Action Group (MOPAG)

Missouri Votes Conservation (MVC) NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri National Organization of Women (NOW) **PROMO** Senior Democrats of the Ozarks Service Employees International Union (SEIU) MO/KS State Council Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1 Teamsters Joint Council 13 DRIVE Teamsters Local 245 National Women's Political Caucus - Metro Saint Louis