



2021 Senate Voting Record

Rhode Island General Assembly Civil Liberties Voting Record

2021 Legislative Session

Key to Voting Record

-  indicates a vote in favor of the ACLU position.
-  indicates a vote against the ACLU position.
- A** indicates that the legislator did not vote on the bill.

NOTE: The votes contained in this record were selected because the ACLU considers them some of the more important and representative civil liberties issues addressed by the Rhode Island General Assembly during the 2021 session; they in no way cover every bill with civil liberties implications. In addition, a legislator's leadership in committee or on the floor cannot be accurately reflected on a voting chart such as this. It is designed only to provide information as to how legislators voted on some key civil liberties issues in the 2021 legislative session.


If you are concerned about your legislator's vote on a particular issue, you are encouraged to contact him or her for an explanation.


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
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
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
1. First Amendment Rights (S 502 A): A vote to make it a crime to possess undefined visual depictions of “partially clothed” minors when used for the “specific purpose of sexual gratification.” A vote in opposition is marked . Passed 30-7.


2. Rights of Immigrants (S 190 A): A vote to allow undocumented residents to qualify for a driver's license. A vote in favor is marked . Passed 28-10.


3. Employment Discrimination (S 270 A): A vote to strengthen the legal remedies available to address pay inequity for female workers and other protected classes and to ban certain hiring practices which contribute to this inequity. A vote in favor is marked . Passed 34-2.


4. Medical Privacy (S 495 A): A vote to allow placement of a patient's medical records into a centralized state database without the patient's consent. A vote in opposition is marked . Passed 28-10.


5. Drug Reform (S 16 A): A vote to establish a pilot program to prevent drug overdoses through the establishment of supervised drug consumption facilities known as “harm reduction centers”. A vote in favor is marked . Passed 34-3.

6. Rights of Ex-Offenders (S 1001): A vote to remove from multiple statutes the vague term “crime of moral turpitude” as a justification for denying an occupational license to a person with a criminal record. A vote in favor is marked . Passed 36-1.

7. Rights of Immigrants (S 990): A vote to codify into law a process for undocumented students to qualify for in-state tuition rates at the state's university and colleges. A vote in favor is marked . Passed 32-6.

8. Gender Equality (S 0003): A vote to ban insurers from using gender as a factor in determining health insurance rates. A vote in favor is marked . Passed 38-0.

9. Freedom of Speech (S 803): A vote to significantly expand the definition of “hate crimes” and make it easier to prosecute protected speech. A vote in opposition is marked . Passed 35-2.

10. Right to Petition Government (S 336 A): A vote on a floor amendment to remove the authority of Senate committee chairs to require members of the public wishing to testify to do so under oath. A vote in favor is marked . Defeated 9-28.

2021 House of Representatives Voting Record

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1. First Amendment Rights (H 5614 A): A vote to make it a crime to possess undefined visual depictions of “partially clothed” minors when used for the “specific purpose of sexual gratification.” A vote in opposition is marked ✗. Passed 70-0.

2. Economic Discrimination (H 5257 A): A vote to bar landlords from denying housing to prospective tenants based on their source of income, such as housing vouchers or social security checks. A vote in favor is marked 👍. Passed 68-7.

3. Open Government (H 5891 A) A vote to allow elected public bodies to continue to meet remotely for the next two years. A vote in opposition is marked ✗. Passed 62-3.

4. Employment Discrimination (H 5261 A): A vote to strengthen the legal remedies available to address pay inequity for female workers and other protected classes and to ban certain hiring practices which contribute to this inequity. A vote in favor is marked 👍. Passed 72-0.

5. Medical Privacy (H 6210 A): A vote to allow placement of a patient’s medical records into a centralized state database without the patient’s consent. A vote in opposition is marked ✗. Passed 62-8.

6. Drug Reform (H 5245 A): A vote to establish a pilot program to prevent drug overdoses through the establishment of supervised drug consumption facilities known as “harm reduction centers”. A vote in favor is marked 👍. Passed 63-9.

7. Rights of Ex-Offenders (H 5599): A vote to remove from multiple statutes the vague term “crime of moral turpitude” as a justification for denying an occupational license to a person with a criminal record. A vote in favor is marked 👍. Passed 69-0.

8. Rights of Immigrants (H 5238): A vote to codify into law a process for undocumented students to qualify for in-state tuition rates at the state’s university and colleges. A vote in favor is marked 👍. Passed 63-9.

9. Gender Equality (H 5763): A vote to ban insurers from using gender as a factor in determining health insurance rates. A vote in favor is marked 👍. Passed 72-1.