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**Arkansas's Freedom Scorecard:**  
How Our State Legislators Voted on Questions of  
Liberty and Good Government

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The legislators who served in Arkansas's 88th General Assembly (2011-12) were regularly faced with choices that tested their commitment to education reform, smaller and more ethical government, individual freedom, and lower taxes.

Some legislators failed those tests, while others passed with flying colors.

To find out how your legislator performed, see inside.

## Introduction

The Advance Arkansas Institute is pleased to present this study of the voting records of those legislators who served in Arkansas’s 88th General Assembly (2011-12). This study explains how legislators voted on over 40 notable bills of the session. Notability, of course, is in the eye of the beholder: in this case, the beholder is the Advance Arkansas Institute. Although it is not the role of the Institute to endorse (or condemn) any legislator, we believe that the statistics below illuminate how the voting records of some legislators advanced the values of freedom and good government, while the votes of others stood in the way of writing those values into law.

We ranked the voting records of legislators (in section I) by their fidelity to freedom and good government. We separated those votes into six separate subcategories (in section II), so that anyone who is interested in a more fine-grained examination of particular issues will be able to focus on them. We labeled some legislators (in section III) whose voting records were most consistent with freedom and good government “Friends of Freedom.” (Appropriate labels for other legislators are best left as an exercise for the reader.) Notably, this guide does not conclude that any particular vote or voting record is “good” or “bad.” You will have to decide whether the Institute’s advocacy of free markets, lower taxes, individual responsibility, and limited and transparent government reflects the values

that are important to you. *To emphasize, this document is not an absolute measure of any legislator’s merit: it does not constitute an endorsement.* It is intended to be a tool for general research and for accountability, so that the public can assess the work of their elected representatives.

Not all bills that the House voted on made it to the Senate floor; not all bills that the Senate voted on made it to the House floor. **Because of this, scores between the House and the Senate are not meaningfully comparable. That is, you can meaningfully compare the scores of two House members against each other or the scores of two Senate members against each other, but because the different bodies voted on different bills, you can’t meaningfully compare the score of a House member to a Senator.** More generally, we have avoided the temptation to assign letter grades, or something similar, to various scores. The numbers that are provided are not absolute measures of quality; rather, they are best used to compare one legislator with another.

All legislators face significant challenges. They are typically required to read, understand, and vote on thousands of bills over the course of a legislative session, while being burdened with other duties in the face of extraordinary time pressures. We may disagree with the choices legislators make, but we respect the burdens of the job they perform.

## I - Ranking by Score

The overall (combined and adjusted) scores listed below show how often legislators voted, in our judgment, in favor of free markets, lower taxes, individual responsibility, and limited and transparent government. We then sorted

the House and Senate scores so that the legislators whose overall score is most consistent with these values are at the top of each list. For more information on the calculation of these scores, see “Notes on Methodology” below.

Legislator	Overall Rating
Representative Baird . . . . .	95
Representative Collins . . . . .	95
Representative Harris . . . . .	93
Representative Kerr . . . . .	93
Representative Bell . . . . .	91
Representative Hobbs . . . . .	91
Representative Johnston . . . . .	91
Representative Malone . . . . .	91
Representative Meeks (D) . . . . .	91
Representative Carter . . . . .	89
Representative Garner . . . . .	89
Representative Hopper . . . . .	89
Representative Hutchinson . . . . .	89
Representative Meeks (S) . . . . .	89
Representative Sanders . . . . .	89
Representative English . . . . .	87
Representative Hubbard . . . . .	87
Representative Mauch . . . . .	87
Representative Clemmer . . . . .	85
Representative King . . . . .	85
Representative Lea . . . . .	85
Representative Benedict . . . . .	83
Representative Slinkard . . . . .	83
Representative Stubblefield . . . . .	83
Representative Burris . . . . .	81
Representative Eubanks . . . . .	81
Representative Jean . . . . .	81
Representative Linck . . . . .	81
Representative Westerman . . . . .	81
Representative Deffenbaugh . . . . .	79
Representative Rice . . . . .	79
Representative Biviano . . . . .	77
Representative Gillam . . . . .	77
Representative Mayberry . . . . .	77
Representative Shepherd . . . . .	77
Representative Altes . . . . .	75
Representative Hammer . . . . .	75
Representative Carnine . . . . .	73
Representative Dale . . . . .	73
Representative Barnett . . . . .	71
Representative Branscum . . . . .	71
Representative Steel . . . . .	71
Representative Vines . . . . .	71
Representative Collins-Smith . . . . .	69

Legislator	Overall Rating
Representative Hickerson . . . . .	69
Representative Summers . . . . .	69
Representative Woods . . . . .	69
Representative Wagner . . . . .	67
Representative Catlett . . . . .	65
Representative Wardlaw . . . . .	65
Representative Wren . . . . .	65
Representative Perry . . . . .	63
Representative Hyde . . . . .	61
Representative Lindsey . . . . .	61
Representative Murdock . . . . .	61
Representative Wright . . . . .	61
Representative Edwards . . . . .	59
Representative Gaskill . . . . .	59
Representative Lampkin . . . . .	59
Representative McLean . . . . .	59
Representative Nickels . . . . .	59
Representative Lovell . . . . .	57
Representative Post . . . . .	57
Representative Tyler . . . . .	57
Representative Baker . . . . .	55
Representative Bradford . . . . .	55
Representative Hall . . . . .	55
Representative Leding . . . . .	55
Representative McCrary . . . . .	55
Representative Patterson . . . . .	55
Representative Pennartz . . . . .	55
Representative Ratliff . . . . .	53
Representative Steele . . . . .	53
Representative Brown . . . . .	51
Representative Cheatham . . . . .	51
Representative Fielding . . . . .	51
Representative Lenderman . . . . .	51
Representative Powers . . . . .	51
Representative Rogers . . . . .	51
Representative Thompson . . . . .	51
Representative Webb . . . . .	51
Representative Allen . . . . .	49
Representative Pierce . . . . .	49
Representative Roebuck . . . . .	49
Representative Stewart . . . . .	49
Representative Wilkins (H) . . . . .	49
Representative Cowling . . . . .	47
Representative Ingram . . . . .	47

Legislator	Overall Rating
Representative Love . . . . .	47
Representative Overbey . . . . .	47
Representative Walker . . . . .	47
Representative Williams . . . . .	47
Representative Word . . . . .	47
Representative Elliott . . . . .	45
Representative Wilkins (B) . . . . .	45
Representative Dickinson . . . . .	43
Representative Smith (G) . . . . .	43
Senator Baker . . . . .	90
Senator Bledsoe . . . . .	87
Senator Key . . . . .	87
Senator Rapert . . . . .	87
Senator Dismang . . . . .	84
Senator Files . . . . .	84
Senator Holland . . . . .	84
Senator Pritchard . . . . .	84
Senator Williams . . . . .	84
Senator Bookout . . . . .	81
Senator Irvin . . . . .	81
Senator Lamoureux . . . . .	81
Senator Sample . . . . .	81
Senator Whitaker . . . . .	81
Senator Hendren . . . . .	78
Senator Hutchinson . . . . .	78
Senator Burnett . . . . .	72
Senator Teague . . . . .	72
Senator Fletcher . . . . .	69
Senator Luker . . . . .	69
Senator Malone . . . . .	66
Senator Taylor . . . . .	66
Senator Thompson . . . . .	66
Senator Flowers . . . . .	63
Senator Wyatt . . . . .	63
Senator Jeffress (G) . . . . .	57
Senator Jeffress (J) . . . . .	57
Senator Johnson . . . . .	57
Senator Chesterfield . . . . .	54
Senator Elliott . . . . .	54
Senator Harrelson . . . . .	54
Senator Laverty . . . . .	54
Senator Salmon . . . . .	54
Senator Crumbly . . . . .	51
Senator Madison . . . . .	51

## II - Voting Records

Most legislators, and their overall score and subscores, are listed alphabetically below. We decided to track votes in six categories: economic freedom, education reform, good government, personal liberty, small government, and tax/budget policy. The leftmost numerical column lists each legislators' overall score; the other numerical columns list subscores as a percentage for each category. The basis for each subscore is described in more detail in the following sections: each legislator was awarded a point whenever he or she voted for a bill that advanced freedom and good government, or declined to vote for a bill that hampered freedom or good government. This method created different

maximum subscores for the House and Senate in some cases.

Legislation is notoriously complex. It is beyond the scope of this paper to supply detailed descriptions of each bill and floor vote that was used to calculate the final score for each legislator. Instead, in addition to the raw voting records, we have supplied a very brief description of the aspect of the bill that was relevant to our judgment with respect to freedom and good government. When there were multiple floor votes, we typically used the one which most cleanly presented a question of freedom and good government. Each bill is available at the website of the Arkansas General Assembly, [www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us).

	Overall Rating	Economic Freedom	Education Reform	Good Government	Personal Liberty	Small Government	Tax/Budget Policy
Representative Allen	49	20%	40%	11%	28%	0%	85%
Representative Altes	75	60%	80%	55%	57%	50%	85%
Representative Baird	95	80%	100%	77%	100%	83%	100%
Representative Baker	55	40%	60%	44%	28%	0%	57%
Representative Barnett	71	60%	80%	44%	57%	33%	85%
Representative Bell	91	80%	100%	77%	100%	67%	85%
Representative Benedict	83	60%	100%	44%	100%	67%	85%
Representative Biviano	77	60%	80%	44%	85%	50%	85%
Representative Bradford	55	20%	20%	33%	57%	17%	71%
Representative Branscum	71	40%	60%	66%	42%	50%	85%
Representative Brown	51	20%	20%	22%	42%	17%	71%
Representative Burris	81	60%	100%	66%	71%	33%	100%
Representative Carnine	73	60%	60%	44%	71%	50%	85%
Representative Carter	89	60%	100%	77%	71%	83%	100%
Representative Catlett	65	40%	60%	44%	57%	17%	85%
Representative Cheatham	51	20%	0%	55%	42%	0%	57%
Representative Clemmer	85	40%	100%	66%	100%	83%	71%
Representative Collins	95	80%	100%	66%	100%	100%	100%
Representative Collins-Smith	69	40%	80%	44%	57%	33%	85%
Representative Cowling	47	20%	40%	11%	28%	17%	57%
Representative Dale	73	40%	80%	66%	57%	33%	85%
Representative Deffenbaugh	79	40%	100%	44%	100%	50%	85%
Representative Dickinson	43	40%	20%	22%	28%	17%	14%
Representative Edwards	59	20%	60%	44%	42%	0%	85%
Representative Elliott	45	20%	40%	22%	14%	0%	57%
Representative English	87	60%	100%	66%	100%	67%	85%
Representative Eubanks	81	40%	80%	66%	100%	50%	85%

## II - Voting Records (continued)

	Overall Rating	Economic Freedom	Education Reform	Good Government	Personal Liberty	Small Government	Tax/Budget Policy
Representative Fielding	51	20%	40%	22%	42%	0%	71%
Representative Garner	89	80%	100%	55%	100%	83%	85%
Representative Gaskill	59	20%	20%	44%	71%	17%	71%
Representative Gillam	77	60%	100%	44%	71%	50%	85%
Representative Hall	55	60%	40%	22%	57%	0%	57%
Representative Hammer	75	40%	80%	44%	85%	50%	85%
Representative Harris	93	60%	100%	66%	100%	100%	100%
Representative Hickerson	69	40%	80%	44%	42%	33%	100%
Representative Hobbs	91	80%	100%	66%	85%	100%	85%
Representative Hopper	89	60%	100%	55%	100%	100%	85%
Representative Hubbard	87	80%	80%	55%	100%	67%	100%
Representative Hutchinson	89	60%	80%	88%	85%	83%	85%
Representative Hyde	61	0%	60%	44%	57%	17%	85%
Representative Ingram	47	20%	40%	22%	14%	0%	71%
Representative Jean	81	80%	100%	33%	85%	67%	85%
Representative Johnston	91	80%	100%	66%	85%	83%	100%
Representative Kerr	93	60%	100%	88%	100%	83%	85%
Representative King	85	40%	100%	66%	85%	67%	100%
Representative Lampkin	59	20%	60%	44%	42%	17%	71%
Representative Lea	85	40%	100%	77%	100%	50%	85%
Representative Leding	55	40%	40%	33%	14%	50%	57%
Representative Lenderman	51	0%	60%	33%	57%	0%	42%
Representative Linck	81	60%	100%	44%	100%	50%	85%
Representative Lindsey	61	60%	80%	44%	42%	0%	57%
Representative Love	47	20%	0%	44%	14%	17%	57%
Representative Lovell	57	40%	60%	33%	42%	17%	57%
Representative Malone	91	80%	100%	66%	100%	83%	85%
Representative Mauch	87	40%	100%	77%	100%	50%	100%
Representative Mayberry	77	40%	80%	55%	85%	50%	85%
Representative McCrary	55	20%	80%	11%	42%	17%	71%
Representative McLean	59	20%	60%	44%	42%	17%	71%
Representative Meeks (D)	91	80%	100%	55%	85%	100%	100%
Representative Meeks (S)	89	60%	80%	55%	100%	100%	100%
Representative Murdock	61	60%	20%	44%	57%	33%	57%
Representative Nickels	59	20%	40%	66%	42%	17%	57%
Representative Overbey	47	0%	40%	22%	28%	17%	57%
Representative Patterson	55	20%	40%	11%	85%	17%	57%
Representative Pennartz	55	20%	40%	33%	42%	17%	71%
Representative Perry	63	20%	80%	55%	42%	17%	71%
Representative Pierce	49	0%	40%	44%	28%	17%	42%
Representative Post	57	40%	20%	33%	57%	17%	71%

## II - Voting Records (continued)

	Overall Rating	Economic Freedom	Education Reform	Good Government	Personal Liberty	Small Government	Tax/Budget Policy
Representative Powers	51	20%	0%	33%	42%	33%	57%
Representative Ratliff	53	0%	40%	22%	71%	17%	57%
Representative Rice	79	60%	60%	66%	85%	50%	85%
Representative Roebuck	49	20%	20%	22%	42%	0%	71%
Representative Rogers	51	20%	20%	33%	28%	17%	71%
Representative Sanders	89	80%	60%	77%	100%	67%	100%
Representative Shepherd	77	40%	100%	55%	71%	50%	85%
Representative Slinkard	83	60%	80%	77%	85%	50%	85%
Representative Smith (G)	43	20%	0%	11%	42%	0%	57%
Representative Steel	71	20%	40%	66%	71%	67%	71%
Representative Steele	53	20%	60%	44%	28%	0%	57%
Representative Stewart	49	20%	40%	11%	42%	0%	71%
Representative Stubblefield	83	60%	100%	77%	71%	50%	85%
Representative Summers	69	40%	80%	44%	57%	33%	85%
Representative Thompson	51	20%	40%	22%	42%	17%	57%
Representative Tyler	57	20%	80%	22%	28%	17%	85%
Representative Vines	71	40%	80%	55%	57%	17%	100%
Representative Wagner	67	60%	60%	55%	57%	17%	71%
Representative Walker	47	20%	0%	44%	14%	33%	42%
Representative Wardlaw	65	40%	40%	55%	71%	17%	71%
Representative Webb	51	20%	20%	33%	28%	33%	57%
Representative Westerman	81	60%	80%	77%	57%	67%	85%
Representative Wilkins (B)	45	20%	20%	22%	28%	0%	57%
Representative Wilkins (H)	49	0%	60%	22%	42%	0%	57%
Representative Williams	47	20%	60%	11%	28%	0%	57%
Representative Woods	69	20%	60%	55%	71%	33%	85%
Representative Word	47	20%	60%	0%	42%	17%	42%
Representative Wren	65	20%	40%	44%	85%	17%	85%
Representative Wright	61	40%	40%	33%	71%	17%	71%

## II - Voting Records (continued)

	Overall Rating	Economic Freedom	Education Reform	Good Government	Personal Liberty	Small Government	Tax/Budget Policy
Senator Baker	90	40%	85%	50%	100%	20%	100%
Senator Bledsoe	87	40%	100%	25%	75%	20%	100%
Senator Bookout	81	40%	85%	25%	75%	20%	80%
Senator Burnett	72	20%	85%	25%	50%	0%	80%
Senator Chesterfield	54	20%	28%	0%	50%	0%	60%
Senator Crumbly	51	20%	28%	25%	25%	0%	40%
Senator Dismang	84	40%	100%	25%	75%	20%	80%
Senator Elliott	54	20%	42%	25%	0%	0%	60%
Senator Files	84	40%	100%	25%	100%	0%	80%
Senator Fletcher	69	20%	85%	25%	25%	0%	80%
Senator Flowers	63	20%	28%	50%	25%	20%	80%
Senator Harrelson	54	20%	28%	25%	25%	0%	60%
Senator Hendren	78	60%	100%	25%	25%	0%	80%
Senator Holland	84	40%	85%	25%	100%	20%	80%
Senator Hutchinson	78	40%	85%	25%	75%	0%	80%
Senator Irvin	81	40%	100%	25%	75%	0%	80%
Senator Jeffress (G)	57	40%	28%	25%	25%	0%	60%
Senator Jeffress (J)	57	20%	42%	25%	50%	0%	40%
Senator Johnson	57	60%	28%	50%	0%	20%	20%
Senator Key	87	40%	85%	25%	75%	40%	100%
Senator Lamoureux	81	60%	100%	0%	75%	0%	80%
Senator Lavery	54	40%	28%	0%	50%	0%	40%
Senator Luker	69	40%	42%	25%	75%	40%	40%
Senator Madison	51	20%	28%	25%	25%	20%	20%
Senator Malone	66	40%	57%	0%	75%	0%	60%
Senator Pritchard	84	40%	85%	50%	100%	0%	80%
Senator Rapert	87	60%	85%	25%	75%	40%	80%
Senator Salmon	54	40%	42%	25%	0%	0%	40%
Senator Sample	81	20%	100%	25%	75%	20%	80%
Senator Taylor	66	20%	85%	25%	25%	0%	60%
Senator Teague	72	60%	28%	0%	100%	20%	80%
Senator Thompson	66	20%	71%	25%	50%	0%	60%
Senator Whitaker	81	40%	85%	50%	50%	20%	80%
Senator Williams	84	40%	100%	0%	75%	40%	80%
Senator Wyatt	63	20%	71%	25%	25%	0%	60%

## Economic Freedom

Those who appreciate economic freedom will resist (among other things) inefficient or costly regulations, as well as burdens on the right to earn a living. The troublesome bills AAI monitored in this area included HB 1385 (mandates on home construction), HB 1455 (regulations on farmers' markets), HB 1915 (new mandates

on health insurance), and SB 437 (new regulations on pharmacies and their customers). The one bill AAI monitored in this category that sought to expand economic freedom was HB 1893, which established teaching license reciprocity with other states.

Legislator	HB 1385	HB 1455	HB 1915	SB 437	HB 1893	Economic Freedom Score
Representative Allen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Altes	N	Y	P	Y	Y	3
Representative Baird	N	Y	N	N	Y	4
Representative Baker	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Barnett	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	3
Representative Bell	N	Y	N	N	Y	4
Representative Benedict	N	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Biviano	Y	Y	N	NV	Y	3
Representative Bradford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Branscum	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Brown	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Burris	N	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Carmine	N	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Carter	NV	Y	Y	NV	Y	3
Representative Catlett	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Cheatham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Clemmer	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Collins	N	Y	N	N	Y	4
Representative Collins-Smith	Y	NV	Y	N	NV	2
Representative Cowling	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Dale	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Deffenbaugh	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Dickinson	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	2
Representative Edwards	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Elliott	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative English	N	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Eubanks	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Fielding	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Garner	N	Y	N	N	Y	4
Representative Gaskill	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Gillam	N	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Hall	Y	Y	NV	N	Y	3
Representative Hammer	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Harris	N	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Hickerson	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	2
Representative Hobbs	N	Y	P	N	Y	4
Representative Hopper	N	Y	Y	P	Y	3
Representative Hubbard	N	Y	N	N	Y	4
Representative Hutchinson	NV	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Hyde	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	0
Representative Ingram	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Jean	N	Y	NV	NV	Y	4
Representative Johnston	N	NV	Y	NV	Y	4

## Economic Freedom (continued)

Legislator	HB 1385	HB 1455	HB 1915	SB 437	HB 1893	Economic Freedom Score
Representative Kerr	Y	Y	NV	N	Y	3
Representative King	NV	NV	Y	Y	NV	2
Representative Lampkin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Lea	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Leding	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	2
Representative Lenderman	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	0
Representative Linck	N	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Lindsey	N	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Love	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Lovell	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	2
Representative Malone	N	Y	N	N	Y	4
Representative Mauch	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Mayberry	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	2
Representative McCrary	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative McLean	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Meeks (D)	N	Y	N	N	Y	4
Representative Meeks (S)	N	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Murdock	Y	NV	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Nickels	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Overbey	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	0
Representative Patterson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Pennartz	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Perry	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Pierce	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	0
Representative Post	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Powers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Ratliff	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	0
Representative Rice	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	3
Representative Roebuck	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Rogers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Sanders	N	Y	NV	N	Y	4
Representative Shepherd	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Slinkard	N	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Smith (G)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Steel	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Steele	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Stewart	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Stubblefield	N	N	Y	Y	Y	3
Representative Summers	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	2
Representative Thompson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Tyler	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Vines	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Wagner	N	Y	Y	N	Y	3
Representative Walker	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Wardlaw	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Webb	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	1
Representative Westerman	N	Y	Y	N	Y	3

## Economic Freedom (continued)

Legislator	HB 1385	HB 1455	HB 1915	SB 437	HB 1893	Economic Freedom Score
Representative Wilkins (B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Wilkins (H)	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	0
Representative Williams	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Woods	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Word	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Wren	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Wright	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	2
Senator Baker	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Bledsoe	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Bookout	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Burnett	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Chesterfield	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Crumbly	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Dismang	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Elliott	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Files	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Fletcher	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Flowers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Harrelson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Hendren	N	N	Y	Y	Y	3
Senator Holland	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Hutchinson	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Irvin	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Jeffress (G)	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	2
Senator Jeffress (J)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Johnson	NV	Y	Y	NV	Y	3
Senator Key	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Lamoureux	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	3
Senator Lavery	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	2
Senator Luker	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	2
Senator Madison	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Malone	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Pritchard	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Rapert	N	N	Y	Y	Y	3
Senator Salmon	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Sample	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Taylor	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Teague	Y	NV	Y	NV	Y	3
Senator Thompson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Whitaker	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	2
Senator Williams	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Wyatt	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1

## Education Reform

Maintaining “a general, suitable, and efficient system of free public schools” is required by the Constitution of Arkansas. Most of the bills that AAI monitored in this category apparently attempted to make education more suitable and efficient, such as SB 303 (removes burdens from students under public school choice law), SB 346 (eases the cap on charter schools), SB 436 (repeals the parent-petition requirement for charter schools), SB 578 (removes

subjective criteria for admission to Governor’s Scholars program), and SB 914 (protects students’ right to public school choice). However, other bills seemed to be aimed at making education less efficient, such as SB 956 (ends the requirement to report public-school grade inflation) and SB 957 (creates additional obstacles to charter-school formation).

Legislator	SB 303	SB 346	SB 436	SB 578	SB 914	SB 956	SB 957	Education Reform Score
Representative Allen	Y	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	2
Representative Altes	Y	Y	NV	Y	n/a	NV	n/a	4
Representative Baird	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Baker	Y	NV	Y	N	n/a	NV	n/a	3
Representative Barnett	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative Bell	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Benedict	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Biviano	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative Bradford	N	NV	Y	NV	n/a	Y	n/a	1
Representative Branscum	Y	Y	NV	NV	n/a	N	n/a	3
Representative Brown	N	NV	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	1
Representative Burris	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Carnine	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	3
Representative Carter	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Catlett	Y	N	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	3
Representative Cheatham	N	NV	NV	N	n/a	Y	n/a	0
Representative Clemmer	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Collins	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Collins-Smith	Y	Y	NV	Y	n/a	NV	n/a	4
Representative Cowling	Y	NV	Y	NV	n/a	Y	n/a	2
Representative Dale	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative Deffenbaugh	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Dickinson	NV	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	1
Representative Edwards	Y	NV	Y	NV	n/a	NV	n/a	3
Representative Elliott	Y	NV	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	2
Representative English	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Eubanks	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative Fielding	NV	N	Y	N	n/a	NV	n/a	2
Representative Garner	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Gaskill	NV	NV	NV	NV	n/a	NV	n/a	1
Representative Gillam	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Hall	Y	Y	NV	N	n/a	Y	n/a	2
Representative Hammer	Y	N	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative Harris	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Hickerson	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative Hobbs	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Hopper	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Hubbard	Y	Y	Y	NV	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative Hutchinson	Y	Y	Y	NV	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative Hyde	Y	N	Y	N	n/a	NV	n/a	3
Representative Ingram	Y	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	2

## Education Reform (continued)

Legislator	SB 303	SB 346	SB 436	SB 578	SB 914	SB 956	SB 957	Education Reform Score
Representative Jean	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Johnston	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Kerr	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative King	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	NV	n/a	5
Representative Lampkin	Y	NV	Y	N	n/a	P	n/a	3
Representative Lea	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Leding	N	N	Y	N	n/a	NV	n/a	2
Representative Lenderman	Y	N	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	3
Representative Linck	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Lindsey	NV	Y	Y	Y	n/a	NV	n/a	4
Representative Love	N	N	N	N	n/a	Y	n/a	0
Representative Lovell	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	3
Representative Malone	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Mauch	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Mayberry	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative McCrary	Y	Y	Y	NV	n/a	NV	n/a	4
Representative McLean	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	3
Representative Meeks (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Meeks (S)	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative Murdock	NV	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	1
Representative Nickels	P	NV	Y	N	n/a	P	n/a	2
Representative Overbey	Y	NV	Y	NV	n/a	Y	n/a	2
Representative Patterson	Y	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	2
Representative Pennartz	N	N	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	2
Representative Perry	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	NV	n/a	4
Representative Pierce	N	NV	Y	N	n/a	NV	n/a	2
Representative Post	N	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	1
Representative Powers	N	N	N	N	n/a	Y	n/a	0
Representative Ratliff	Y	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	2
Representative Rice	NV	Y	Y	NV	n/a	NV	n/a	3
Representative Roebuck	N	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	1
Representative Rogers	N	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	1
Representative Sanders	NV	Y	Y	Y	n/a	Y	n/a	3
Representative Shepherd	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Slinkard	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative Smith (G)	N	N	N	N	n/a	Y	n/a	0
Representative Steel	Y	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	2
Representative Steele	Y	N	Y	N	n/a	NV	n/a	3
Representative Stewart	Y	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	2
Representative Stubblefield	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	N	n/a	5
Representative Summers	Y	Y	Y	Y	n/a	Y	n/a	4
Representative Thompson	Y	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	2
Representative Tyler	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	NV	n/a	4
Representative Vines	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative Wagner	N	Y	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	3
Representative Walker	N	N	N	N	n/a	Y	n/a	0
Representative Wardlaw	N	N	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	2

## Education Reform (continued)

Legislator	SB 303	SB 346	SB 436	SB 578	SB 914	SB 956	SB 957	Education Reform Score
Representative Webb	N	N	NV	N	n/a	NV	n/a	1
Representative Westerman	Y	Y	Y	N	n/a	N	n/a	4
Representative Wilkins (B)	Y	N	NV	N	n/a	Y	n/a	1
Representative Wilkins (H)	Y	Y	Y	NV	n/a	Y	n/a	3
Representative Williams	Y	NV	Y	N	n/a	NV	n/a	3
Representative Woods	NV	Y	Y	Y	n/a	Y	n/a	3
Representative Word	Y	Y	Y	NV	n/a	Y	n/a	3
Representative Wren	Y	N	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	2
Representative Wright	Y	NV	Y	N	n/a	Y	n/a	2
Senator Baker	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Senator Bledsoe	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	7
Senator Bookout	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	6
Senator Burnett	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Senator Chesterfield	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	2
Senator Crumbly	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	2
Senator Dismang	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	7
Senator Elliott	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	3
Senator Files	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	7
Senator Fletcher	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Senator Flowers	Y	NV	Y	N	NV	Y	Y	2
Senator Harrelson	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	2
Senator Hendren	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	7
Senator Holland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Senator Hutchinson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Senator Irvin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	7
Senator Jeffress (G)	Y	N	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	2
Senator Jeffress (J)	Y	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	3
Senator Johnson	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	2
Senator Key	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Senator Lamoureux	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	7
Senator Laverty	Y	NV	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	2
Senator Luker	Y	N	Y	NV	NV	Y	NV	3
Senator Madison	Y	N	Y	N	NV	Y	Y	2
Senator Malone	Y	NV	Y	NV	NV	NV	NV	4
Senator Pritchard	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Senator Rapert	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Senator Salmon	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	3
Senator Sample	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	7
Senator Taylor	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Senator Teague	Y	N	Y	N	NV	Y	Y	2
Senator Thompson	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	NV	5
Senator Whitaker	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	NV	N	6
Senator Williams	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	7
Senator Wyatt	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	NV	5

## Good Government

The role of the legislature is not simply to make rules that govern the conduct of private citizens; perhaps a more important part of the job is to govern the conduct of government itself. Bills aimed at this value included HB 1013 (prevents government from treating law-abiding contractors equally with contractors who knowingly employ illegal aliens), HB 1783 (requires ethics disclosures from election commissioners), HB 1784 (prohibits election commissioners from having business dealings with election boards), HB 1797 (requires

voters to show photo ID at polls), and SB 221 (puts government finances on public website). Other bills embodied an undisciplined or arbitrary attitude toward government power, such as HB 1276 (extends law enforcement authority to private colleges), HB 1808 (exempts state Capitol elevators from safety rules), SB 214 (creates the crime of “cyberbullying” by means of an overbroad and arguably unconstitutional statute), and SB 750 (significantly reduces criminal penalties for multiple crimes).

Legislator	HB 1013	HB 1783	HB 1784	HB 1797	SB 221	HB 1276	HB 1808	SB 214	SB 750	Good Government Score
Representative Allen	N	NV	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Altes	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	5
Representative Baird	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	7
Representative Baker	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Barnett	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Bell	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	N	N	7
Representative Benedict	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Biviano	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Bradford	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3
Representative Branscum	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Brown	Y	NV	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Burris	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	6
Representative Carnine	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Carter	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	NV	7
Representative Catlett	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Cheatham	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	5
Representative Clemmer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	6
Representative Collins	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	6
Representative Collins-Smith	N	NV	Y	NV	Y	NV	Y	Y	N	4
Representative Cowling	Y	NV	NV	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Dale	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	Y	6
Representative Deffenbaugh	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Dickinson	Y	NV	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Edwards	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Elliott	N	NV	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	2
Representative English	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	P	6
Representative Eubanks	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Representative Fielding	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Garner	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	5
Representative Gaskill	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Gillam	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Hall	Y	NV	NV	N	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	2
Representative Hammer	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	4
Representative Harris	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	N	6
Representative Hickerson	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	4
Representative Hobbs	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	6
Representative Hopper	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	5
Representative Hubbard	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	5
Representative Hutchinson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	NV	NV	Y	8

## Good Government (continued)

Legislator	HB 1013	HB 1783	HB 1784	HB 1797	SB 221	HB 1276	HB 1808	SB 214	SB 750	Good Government Score
Representative Hyde	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	4
Representative Ingram	Y	NV	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Jean	P	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	3
Representative Johnston	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	6
Representative Kerr	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	NV	N	8
Representative King	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	6
Representative Lampkin	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Lea	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	7
Representative Leding	Y	N	N	N	Y	P	Y	Y	Y	3
Representative Lenderman	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3
Representative Linck	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Lindsey	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	4
Representative Love	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Lovell	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	3
Representative Malone	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	6
Representative Mauch	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	7
Representative Mayberry	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	5
Representative McCrary	N	N	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative McLean	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Meeks (D)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	5
Representative Meeks (S)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	Y	5
Representative Murdock	Y	NV	Y	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Nickels	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Overbey	Y	NV	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Patterson	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Pennartz	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3
Representative Perry	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	5
Representative Pierce	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Post	Y	NV	NV	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	3
Representative Powers	Y	N	N	N	Y	P	Y	Y	Y	3
Representative Ratliff	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Rice	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	6
Representative Roebuck	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Rogers	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3
Representative Sanders	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	P	7
Representative Shepherd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative Slinkard	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	7
Representative Smith (G)	Y	NV	NV	N	P	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Steel	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6
Representative Steele	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Stewart	Y	NV	N	N	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Stubblefield	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	7
Representative Summers	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	4
Representative Thompson	Y	NV	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Tyler	Y	NV	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Vines	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative Wagner	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5

## Good Government (continued)

Legislator	HB 1013	HB 1783	HB 1784	HB 1797	SB 221	HB 1276	HB 1808	SB 214	SB 750	Good Government Score
Representative Walker	Y	NV	Y	N	Y	P	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Wardlaw	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative Webb	N	Y	NV	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	3
Representative Westerman	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	P	7
Representative Wilkins (B)	N	Y	Y	N	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Wilkins (H)	N	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Williams	P	NV	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Woods	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative Word	N	NV	NV	N	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Wren	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Wright	Y	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3

Senator Baker	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	NV	2
Senator Bledsoe	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Bookout	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Burnett	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Chesterfield	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	n/a	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Crumbly	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Dismang	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Elliott	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Files	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Fletcher	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Flowers	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	NV	2
Senator Harrelson	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Hendren	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Holland	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Hutchinson	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Irvin	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Jeffress (G)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Jeffress (J)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Johnson	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	N	Y	Y	2
Senator Key	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Lamoureux	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	NV	n/a	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Laverty	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	NV	n/a	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Luker	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Madison	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Malone	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	NV	n/a	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Pritchard	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	NV	2
Senator Rapert	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Salmon	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Sample	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Taylor	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Teague	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	NV	n/a	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Thompson	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Whitaker	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	2
Senator Williams	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	NV	n/a	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Wyatt	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y	n/a	Y	Y	Y	1

## Personal Liberty

The bills we monitored that protected personal freedom – HB 1917 (the Religious Freedom Restoration Act), HB 1958 (protects concealed carry rights), and SB 115 (blocks local governments from regulating Second Amendment rights) – were outnumbered by the bills we monitored that encroach on personal freedom: HB

1049 (prohibits cell phone use in school zones), HB 1805 (expands college and university smoking prohibitions to private vehicles), SB 154 (also prohibits cell phone use in school zones), and SB 1004 (prohibits smoking in cars around children).

Legislator	HB 1917	HB 1958	SB 115	HB 1049	HB 1805	SB 154	SB 1004	Personal Liberty Score
Representative Allen	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Altes	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	4
Representative Baird	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	7
Representative Baker	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Barnett	Y	NV	Y	N	NV	Y	Y	4
Representative Bell	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	7
Representative Benedict	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	7
Representative Biviano	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	6
Representative Bradford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	4
Representative Branscum	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3
Representative Brown	Y	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	3
Representative Burris	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	5
Representative Carmine	Y	Y	Y	N	NV	Y	Y	5
Representative Carter	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	NV	5
Representative Catlett	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	4
Representative Cheatham	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	3
Representative Clemmer	Y	Y	Y	N	NV	N	NV	7
Representative Collins	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	7
Representative Collins-Smith	NV	Y	NV	N	Y	N	NV	4
Representative Cowling	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Dale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	4
Representative Deffenbaugh	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	7
Representative Dickinson	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2
Representative Edwards	Y	NV	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	3
Representative Elliott	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative English	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	NV	7
Representative Eubanks	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	7
Representative Fielding	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	3
Representative Garner	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	7
Representative Gaskill	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	5
Representative Gillam	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NV	5
Representative Hall	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	4
Representative Hammer	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	6
Representative Harris	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	7
Representative Hickerson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3
Representative Hobbs	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	6
Representative Hopper	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	7
Representative Hubbard	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	7
Representative Hutchinson	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	N	Y	6
Representative Hyde	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	4
Representative Ingram	Y	N	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Jean	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	6
Representative Johnston	NV	Y	Y	N	NV	N	N	6



## Small Government

The bills we monitored in this category all expanded government's reach in one way or another. We monitored HB 1226 in the House but not in the Senate; in the House (but not in the Senate), a vote for HB 1226 was a vote to authorize spending on a PPACA ("Obamacare") state health insurance exchange. The other bills in this category included HB 1898 (creates framework for taxpayers to

subsidize private industries), HB 1936 (establishes statewide school dress-code regulations so as to prohibit the indecency of saggy pants), SB 119 (creates Commission on the Status of Women), SB 345 (creates government database of all Arkansans' drug prescriptions), and SB 65 (encourages increased enrollment in state health insurance programs).

Legislator	HB 1226	HB 1898	HB 1936	SB 119	SB 345	SB 65	Small Government Score
Representative Allen	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Altes	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	NV	3
Representative Baird	N	N	Y	N	N	N	5
Representative Baker	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Barnett	Y	Y	Y	N	NV	Y	2
Representative Bell	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	4
Representative Benedict	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	4
Representative Biviano	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	3
Representative Bradford	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Branscum	N	Y	Y	N	Y	NV	3
Representative Brown	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	1
Representative Burris	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	2
Representative Carmine	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	3
Representative Carter	Y	P	NV	N	N	NV	5
Representative Catlett	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Cheatham	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Clemmer	N	NV	NV	N	Y	P	5
Representative Collins	N	N	N	N	N	N	6
Representative Collins-Smith	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	2
Representative Cowling	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	1
Representative Dale	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	2
Representative Deffenbaugh	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	3
Representative Dickinson	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Edwards	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Elliott	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative English	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	4
Representative Eubanks	N	Y	Y	N	Y	P	3
Representative Fielding	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Garner	N	Y	N	N	N	N	5
Representative Gaskill	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	1
Representative Gillam	N	Y	Y	N	Y	NV	3
Representative Hall	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Hammer	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	3
Representative Harris	N	N	N	N	N	P	6
Representative Hickerson	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	2
Representative Hobbs	N	N	N	N	P	N	6
Representative Hopper	N	P	P	N	N	N	6
Representative Hubbard	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	4
Representative Hutchinson	N	NV	Y	N	N	NV	5

## Small Government (continued)

Legislator	HB 1226	HB 1898	HB 1936	SB 119	SB 345	SB 65	Small Government Score
Representative Hyde	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	1
Representative Ingram	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Jean	N	Y	Y	N	NV	NV	4
Representative Johnston	NV	Y	N	N	NV	N	5
Representative Kerr	N	Y	N	N	P	NV	5
Representative King	NV	Y	N	N	Y	NV	4
Representative Lampkin	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Lea	N	Y	Y	N	NV	Y	3
Representative Leding	NV	Y	N	Y	P	Y	3
Representative Lenderman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Linck	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	3
Representative Lindsey	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Love	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Lovell	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Malone	N	Y	N	N	N	N	5
Representative Mauch	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	3
Representative Mayberry	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	3
Representative McCrary	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	1
Representative McLean	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	1
Representative Meeks (D)	N	NV	N	N	N	N	6
Representative Meeks (S)	N	N	N	N	N	P	6
Representative Murdock	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	2
Representative Nickels	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Overbey	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	1
Representative Patterson	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Pennartz	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Perry	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Pierce	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Post	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Powers	Y	Y	P	Y	P	Y	2
Representative Ratliff	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Rice	N	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	3
Representative Roebuck	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Rogers	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Sanders	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	4
Representative Shepherd	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	3
Representative Slinkard	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	3
Representative Smith (G)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Steel	NV	Y	N	N	N	Y	4
Representative Steele	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Stewart	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Stubblefield	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	3
Representative Summers	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	2
Representative Thompson	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	1
Representative Tyler	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	1
Representative Vines	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Wagner	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1

## Small Government (continued)

Legislator	HB 1226	HB 1898	HB 1936	SB 119	SB 345	SB 65	Small Government Score
Representative Walker	Y	Y	N	Y	P	Y	2
Representative Wardlaw	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Webb	Y	Y	Y	P	NV	Y	2
Representative Westerman	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	4
Representative Wilkins (B)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Wilkins (H)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Williams	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Representative Woods	NV	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	2
Representative Word	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	1
Representative Wren	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Representative Wright	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	1
Senator Baker	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	1
Senator Bledsoe	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Bookout	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	1
Senator Burnett	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Chesterfield	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Crumbly	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Dismang	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Elliott	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Files	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Fletcher	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Flowers	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Harrelson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Hendren	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Holland	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	1
Senator Hutchinson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Irvin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Jeffress (G)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Jeffress (J)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Johnson	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	1
Senator Key	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	2
Senator Lamoureux	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Laverty	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Luker	Y	NV	Y	Y	NV	Y	2
Senator Madison	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Malone	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Pritchard	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Rapert	Y	NV	Y	Y	N	Y	2
Senator Salmon	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Sample	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	1
Senator Taylor	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Teague	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	1
Senator Thompson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0
Senator Whitaker	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	1
Senator Williams	Y	NV	Y	Y	N	Y	2
Senator Wyatt	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0

## Tax/Budget Policy

The bills we monitored in this category were, with two exceptions, tax reductions that benefited large swaths of Arkansas's population: namely, HB 1002 (reduces taxes on some capital gains), HB 1052 (reduces manufacturers' utility taxes), SB 274 (reduces auto sales tax on some transactions), SB 275 (reduces manufacturers' sales and use taxes), and SB 276 (reduces sales tax on food). It was AAI's judgment

that SB 305 (which created an unemployment trust fund to be funded by tax-increase elections) was an unwieldy and unnecessary way to solve Arkansas's problems in this area, especially given the multiple successes of SB 593 (slightly reduces unemployment benefits; staves off possible tax increase) in addressing the issue.

Legislator	HB 1002	HB 1052	SB 274	SB 275	SB 276	SB 305	SB 593	Tax/Budget Policy Score
Representative Allen	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	6
Representative Altes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Baird	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	7
Representative Baker	N	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Barnett	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Bell	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	6
Representative Benedict	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Biviano	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Bradford	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative Branscum	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Brown	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative Burris	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	7
Representative Carnine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Carter	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	7
Representative Catlett	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Cheatham	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	4
Representative Clemmer	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative Collins	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	7
Representative Collins-Smith	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Cowling	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	4
Representative Dale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Deffenbaugh	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Dickinson	N	Y	NV	NV	NV	Y	NV	1
Representative Edwards	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Elliott	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	NV	N	4
Representative English	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Eubanks	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Fielding	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	5
Representative Garner	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Gaskill	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NV	5
Representative Gillam	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Hall	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Hammer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Harris	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	7
Representative Hickerson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	7
Representative Hobbs	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Hopper	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Hubbard	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	7
Representative Hutchinson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Hyde	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	6
Representative Ingram	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5

## Tax/Budget Policy (continued)

Legislator	HB 1002	HB 1052	SB 274	SB 275	SB 276	SB 305	SB 593	Tax/Budget Policy Score
Representative Jean	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Johnston	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	7
Representative Kerr	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative King	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	7
Representative Lampkin	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative Lea	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Leding	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	4
Representative Lenderman	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	3
Representative Linck	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Lindsey	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	4
Representative Love	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	4
Representative Lovell	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Malone	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Mauch	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	7
Representative Mayberry	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative McCrary	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative McLean	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	5
Representative Meeks (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	7
Representative Meeks (S)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	7
Representative Murdock	N	N	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	4
Representative Nickels	N	Y	Y	P	Y	NV	N	4
Representative Overbey	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	4
Representative Patterson	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	4
Representative Pennartz	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative Perry	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative Pierce	N	Y	NV	NV	Y	NV	NV	3
Representative Post	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	N	5
Representative Powers	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	4
Representative Ratliff	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	4
Representative Rice	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Roebuck	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	5
Representative Rogers	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative Sanders	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	7
Representative Shepherd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Slinkard	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Smith (G)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	4
Representative Steel	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	5
Representative Steele	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	4
Representative Stewart	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	5
Representative Stubblefield	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Summers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Thompson	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Tyler	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	6
Representative Vines	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	7
Representative Wagner	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5
Representative Walker	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	N	3
Representative Wardlaw	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	5

## Tax/Budget Policy (continued)

Legislator	HB 1002	HB 1052	SB 274	SB 275	SB 276	SB 305	SB 593	Tax/Budget Policy Score
Representative Webb	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	4
Representative Westerman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Wilkins (B)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Representative Wilkins (H)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	4
Representative Williams	P	N	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	4
Representative Woods	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Word	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	3
Representative Wren	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	6
Representative Wright	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	5
Senator Baker	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	5
Senator Bledsoe	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	5
Senator Bookout	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	4
Senator Burnett	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Chesterfield	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	3
Senator Crumbly	n/a	n/a	Y	N	Y	Y	NV	2
Senator Dismang	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Elliott	n/a	n/a	Y	N	Y	N	N	3
Senator Files	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Fletcher	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Flowers	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Harrelson	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	3
Senator Hendren	n/a	n/a	Y	N	Y	N	Y	4
Senator Holland	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Hutchinson	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Irvin	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Jeffress (G)	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	3
Senator Jeffress (J)	n/a	n/a	Y	NV	Y	Y	NV	2
Senator Johnson	n/a	n/a	NV	N	Y	Y	N	1
Senator Key	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	5
Senator Lamoureux	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Laverty	n/a	n/a	Y	N	Y	Y	N	2
Senator Luker	n/a	n/a	Y	NV	Y	Y	NV	2
Senator Madison	n/a	n/a	NV	N	Y	Y	N	1
Senator Malone	n/a	n/a	Y	NV	Y	NV	NV	3
Senator Pritchard	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Rapert	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Salmon	n/a	n/a	Y	N	Y	Y	NV	2
Senator Sample	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	4
Senator Taylor	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3
Senator Teague	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Thompson	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	3
Senator Whitaker	n/a	n/a	Y	N	Y	N	Y	4
Senator Williams	n/a	n/a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	4
Senator Wyatt	n/a	n/a	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	3

### III - Friends Of Freedom

The top tier of legislators in each chamber, as measured by their overall score, received the Advance Arkansas Institute’s “Friends of Freedom” designation. The evidence suggests that these legislators value personal

freedom, lower taxes, and limited government more highly than some of their colleagues. To repeat, the two chambers’ scores are **not meaningfully comparable** against one another.

#### House Of Representatives



#### Senate



### Notes On Methodology

Legislators are presented with a number of different options when asked to vote, and these options invite different interpretations. Our own interpretation is that elected legislators are faced with the moral responsibility to express their views on legislation publicly by means of voting on them. In general, we counted a refusal to vote or a “present” vote as a NO vote.

We decided not to give more weight to some votes than to others. It is certainly true that some of the votes described above deal with weightier or more important issues than others. But we decided that if we were going to start giving different weights to different votes, we would be setting ourselves up for some difficulties: we were concerned that we not only wouldn’t know where to start, but that we wouldn’t know when to stop. In the end, we decided to give the same weight to each vote, on the theory that this is probably the least unsatisfactory alternative. Some readers of this report might object that we should have put additional votes in or left certain votes out. Because the methodology of this report is simple and transparent, those who object to our methods are free to add in or leave out their chosen floor votes and then to calculate their own results.

Our method is confined to the examination of a small fraction of floor votes: most bills that reach the floor are of a technical nature, and do not clearly advance or hamper the values of liberty and good government. We calculated a raw score that was based on a floor vote for or against each

bill that was relevant to the values we measured. For each vote that we thought advanced these values, we added 1 to a legislator’s score. For ease of comprehension, we then produced an adjusted (final) score for House members by doubling each legislator’s raw score and adding 35 to it. Similarly, we produced an adjusted (final) score for Senate members by tripling each legislator’s raw score and adding 30 to it. To repeat, House and Senate scores are not meaningfully comparable across chambers.

This report treats all legislators equally, rather than weighing them according to leadership, committee membership, rank, or bill sponsorship. This reflects the structure of the legislature itself, where the roll call assigns every member exactly one vote. Although leadership and the setting of priorities is a vital part of legislative service, these are highly subjective matters that do not lend themselves to objective measurement. To the extent that one attempts to quantify such subjective matters, one runs the risk of sacrificing the impartiality and the objectivity of a study of voting behavior. Ultimately, voting records provide the best data for objective analysis.

It is traditional that the Speaker of the House rarely casts a roll-call vote on legislation on the House floor. We therefore did not research Speaker Robert Moore’s votes or calculate a score for him. Furthermore, because Rep. Fred Smith and Rep. Bruce Cozart did not serve during the entirety of the legislative session, we also eliminated their incomplete voting records from our study.

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