

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT & CIVIL LIBERTIES SCORECARD

AN ANALYSIS OF KEY VOTES IN THE 88TH IOWA  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2019-2020)



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## THANK YOU

Thank you to our supporters and civil liberties advocates who engaged in the legislative process by contacting your legislators, their staff, the Governor and her staff, your family, friends, and other connections.

Thank you to the elected representatives of the people from across the political spectrum who stood up for Iowans’ constitutional rights.

Your efforts are an important and necessary part of protecting and advancing civil liberties in Iowa.

# INTRODUCTION



One of the great challenges of advocating for civil liberties in the Iowa Legislature is that so many bills impact our basic rights. During the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions, the ACLU of Iowa filed formal declarations on more than 100 bills.

After all, civil liberties encompass so much: racial justice, voting rights, criminal justice reform, immigrants' rights, free speech, open government, LGBTQ rights, privacy, reproductive freedom and abortion rights, religious freedom, separation of church and state, women's rights, disability rights, due process, and more.

This report and scorecard doesn't cover all of the bills the ACLU of Iowa worked on. Instead, we focused on just a handful that represent a range of civil liberties issues that can serve as a good indicator of a legislator's commitment to some of our most basic freedoms and rights. We further refined our choices by including only those bills that received a floor vote in the House or Senate.

It's also important to note that the bills cover both the 2019 and 2020 legislative sessions, which together constitute the 88th Iowa General Assembly.

Our goal in issuing a report and scorecard after the conclusion of each Iowa General Assembly—every two years—is for voters to see at a glance how our elected representatives impacted our core freedoms and rights and to hold those elected representatives accountable.

To see how your federal representative and senators voted on key civil liberties issues in the 116th Congress, which started January 3, 2019, go to ACLU National's Legislative Scorecard webpage at <https://www.aclu.org/scorecard/>.

We encourage you to spread the word. See page 13 for ideas for doing just that.

Meanwhile, thank you for educating yourself on these issues. And thank you for your support of civil liberties. We live in interesting times, to be sure, and working together with you, we can make our state a more free and just place.

# ABOUT THE SCORECARD

The votes selected for this report and scorecard are a sample of the hundreds of bills introduced and debated in the 88th General Assembly. They represent distinct and important civil liberties issues. They do not include every issue or bill with civil liberties implications. Numerous civil liberties issues are resolved in the legislative committee process; many amendments do not have record roll call votes, and bills may die and never come up for a vote. In cases where more than one vote occurs on a particular bill, we have chosen the vote that we think presents the civil liberties issue most clearly.

A legislator's score is calculated based on the total number of votes that are consistent with the ACLU of Iowa's position as a percentage of the total votes for which that legislator was present. When a legislator was absent for a vote—whether or not they later filed an explanation in the House or Senate journal of how they would have voted were they present—we record the legislator's vote as absent. An absence is not taken into account in a legislator's civil liberties score. However, where a legislator indicates in the journal that they accidentally voted not as they intended (by hitting the wrong button), we have credited the legislator with the vote the legislator intended.

## SYMBOLS USED IN VOTING RECORD



A vote in line with the ACLU of Iowa's position



A vote contrary to the ACLU of Iowa's position



Lawmaker did not vote or was absent



# GUIDE TO SELECTED VOTES



## **HJR 14: AMENDMENT TO THE IOWA CONSTITUTION ENDING LIFETIME DISENFRANCHISEMENT IN IOWA**

### **VOTING RIGHTS**

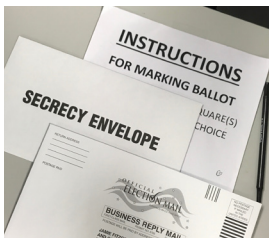
- Would restore voting eligibility to Iowans convicted of a felony after they “discharge their sentence,” meaning restoration of voting eligibility when a person is no longer incarcerated, on probation, or on parole
- As a constitutional amendment, would have had to pass the Iowa House and Senate twice with an election in between and be passed by Iowa voters
- Passed House 95-2 on March 28, 2019; no vote in the Senate
- ACLU of Iowa supported. A vote FOR is a +



## **SF 2348: EXCEPTIONS TO RESTORATION OF VOTING ELIGIBILITY**

### **VOTING RIGHTS**

- Created the following exceptions to restoration of voting eligibility that would have been granted in HJR 14, had it passed:
  1. No restoration of voting eligibility until the person completes their special sentence
  2. No restoration of voting eligibility if a person was convicted of any felony homicide crime under Iowa Code Chapter 707, child endangerment resulting in the death of a child or minor under Iowa Code 726.6, or first-degree election misconduct under Iowa Code 39A.2
  3. No restoration of voting eligibility until the person pays all victim restitution to a human person (as opposed to a “legal person,” like a corporation) under Iowa Code Chapter 910
- Passed Senate 37-11 on March 3, 2020; passed House 51-45 on June 3, 2020; signed by Gov. Reynolds on June 4, 2020. However, the provision did not go into effect since HJR 14 did not go into effect.
- ACLU of Iowa opposed. A vote AGAINST is a +



## **HF 2486: LIMITS ON SECRETARY OF STATE'S (SOS) EMERGENCY POWERS**

### **VOTING RIGHTS**

- Requires SOS to get approval from a committee of the Legislature—the Legislative Council—before using emergency powers to make any changes to election law
- Passed House 95-2 on June 11; passed Senate 31-16 on June 13; signed by Gov. Reynolds on June 25, 2020
- ACLU of Iowa opposed. A vote AGAINST is a +



## **HF 594: 24-HOUR WAITING PERIOD FOR ABORTIONS**

### **REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE**

- Requires people to make a second, medically unnecessary appointment at least 24 hours after their first visit before receiving abortion care
- Passed House 53-42 on June 13, 2020; passed Senate 31-16 on June 14, 2020; signed by Gov. Reynolds on June 29, 2020
- ACLU of Iowa opposed. A vote AGAINST is a +



## **SJR 2001: ANTI-ABORTION AMENDMENT TO THE IOWA CONSTITUTION**

### **REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE**

- Would strip the fundamental right to an abortion from the Iowa Constitution
- Passed Senate 31-18 on February 13, 2020; no House vote
- ACLU of Iowa opposed. A vote AGAINST is a +



## **HF 2647: POLICING REFORM**

### **RACIAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**

- Limits the use of chokeholds
- Authorizes the Iowa Attorney General to investigate certain cases
- Provides for license suspension or non-issuance for some in law enforcement.
- Passed House 98-0 on June 11, 2020; passed Senate 49-0 on June 11, 2020; signed by Gov. Reynolds on June 12, 2020
- ACLU of Iowa supported. A vote FOR is a +



## **HF 2339: ANTI-SLAPP (STRATEGIC LAWSUIT AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION) LEGISLATION**

### **FREE SPEECH**

- Would ensure that Iowans can address matters of public concern in their communities without fear of retaliation
- Would authorize a court to dismiss SLAPP lawsuits, which are intended to intimidate people into not engaging in free speech activities
- Passed House 98-0 on February 25, 2020; no Senate vote
- ACLU of Iowa supported. A vote FOR is a +



## **SF 2338: COVID-19 IMMUNITY BILL**

### **EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW**

- Grants broad immunity to businesses, including health care facilities and health providers, from liability related to COVID-19
- Passed House 52-44 on June 5, 2020; passed Senate 31-18 on June 10, 2020; signed by Gov. Reynolds on June 18, 2020
- ACLU of Iowa opposed. A vote AGAINST is a +



## **HF 766: DIVISION XX AND SECTION 99 AND 100 — ANTI-GENDER AFFIRMING SURGERY AND ANTI-PLANNED PARENTHOOD SEX EDUCATION FUNDING**

### **LGBTQ RIGHTS AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE**

- Creates an exception to the Iowa Civil Rights Act specifically allowing Medicaid to deny coverage to transgender Iowans for medically necessary gender-affirming surgery
- Bars Planned Parenthood from receiving federal grant money to provide sex education
- Passed House 52-47 on April 27, 2019; passed Senate 31-17 on April 27, 2019; signed by Gov. Reynolds on May 3, 2019
- ACLU of Iowa opposed. A vote AGAINST is a +



## **SF 274: CAMPUS SPEECH BILL**

### **FREE SPEECH**

- Requires state universities to officially recognize student groups even though those groups require leaders to "agree and support" the organization's beliefs
- This results not in free speech (the groups can state their views—just not with official recognition and funding from the university) but in a license to discriminate against gay people, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, women, and others
- Passed Senate 35-11 on March 11, 2019; passed House 52-44 on March 14, 2019; signed by Gov. Reynolds on March 27, 2019
- ACLU of Iowa opposed. A vote AGAINST is a +

# IOWA SENATE: SELECTED VOTES

1. Exceptions to restoration of voting eligibility (SF 2348)
2. Limits on Secretary of State's emergency powers (HF 2486)
3. 24-hour waiting period for abortions (HF 594)
4. Anti-abortion amendment to the Iowa Constitution (SJR 2001)
5. Policing reform (HF 2647)
6. COVID-19 immunity bill (SF 2338)
7. Anti-gender affirming surgery and anti-Planned Parenthood sex education funding (HF 766, Division XX and Section 99 and 100)
8. Campus speech bill (SF 274)

NAME	PARTY	DISTRICT	COUNTY	SCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
BEHN	R	24	Boone	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
BISIGNANO	D	17	Polk	71%	-	+	+	+	+	a	+	-
BOLKCOM	D	43	Johnson	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
BOULTON	D	16	Polk	88%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
BREITBACH	R	28	Clayton	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
BROWN	R	26	Mitchell	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
CARLIN	R	3	Woodbury	25%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-
CELSI	D	21	Polk	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
CHAPMAN	R	10	Dallas	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
COSTELLO	R	12	Mills	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
COURNOYER	R	49	Scott	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
DAWSON	R	8	Pottawattamie	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
DOTZLER	D	31	Black Hawk	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
EDLER	R	36	Marshall	14%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	a
FEENSTRA	R	2	Sioux	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
GARRETT	R	13	Warren	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
GIDDENS*	D	30	Black Hawk	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
GREENE	R	44	Des Moines	33%	-	a	a	-	+	-	+	-
GUTH	R	4	Hancock	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
HOGG	D	33	Linn	100%	+	a	a	+	a	+	+	+
JOCHUM	D	50	Dubuque	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
JOHNSON	R	32	Buchanan	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-



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KAPUCIAN	R	38	Benton	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
KINNEY	D	39	Johnson	75%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
KOELKER	R	29	Dubuque	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
KRAAY-ENBRINK	R	5	Webster	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
LOFGREN	R	46	Muscatine	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
LYKAM	D	45	Scott	60%	-	a	a	+	+	+	a	-
MATHIS	D	34	Linn	88%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MILLER-MEEKS	R	41	Wapello	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
NUNN	R	15	Polk	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
PETERSEN	D	18	Polk	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
QUIRMBACH	D	23	Story	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
RAGAN	D	27	Cerro Gordo	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
ROZENBOOM	R	40	Mahaska	14%	a	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
SCHNEIDER	R	22	Dallas	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
SCHULTZ	R	9	Crawford	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
SEGEBART	R	6	Crawford	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
SHIPLEY	R	11	Adams	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
SINCLAIR	R	14	Wayne	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
SMITH, J	D	7	Woodbury	86%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	a
SMITH, R	R	47	Scott	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
SWEENEY	R	25	Hardin	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
TAYLOR, R	D	42	Henry	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
TAYLOR, T	D	35	Linn	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	a	+
WAHLS	D	37	Johnson	100%	a	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
WHITING	R	1	Dickinson	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
WHITVER	R	19	Polk	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
ZAUN	R	20	Polk	14%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	a
ZUMBACH	R	48	Delaware	13%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-

\*Giddens was sworn in on March 25, 2019.

# IOWA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: SELECTED VOTES

1. Amendment to the Iowa Constitution ending lifetime disenfranchisement in Iowa (HJR 14)
2. Exceptions to restoration of voting eligibility (SF 2348)
3. Limits on Secretary of State's emergency powers (HF 2486)
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5. Policing reform (HF 2647))
6. Anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) legislation (HF 2339)
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ABDUL-SAMAD	D	35	Polk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
ANDERSON	D	36	Polk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
BACON	R	48	Story	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
BAXTER	R	8	Hancock	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
BEARINGER	D	64	Fayette	100%	+	a	a	a	a	+	a	a	+
BENNETT	D	65	Linn	88%	a	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
BERGAN	R	55	Winneshiek	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
BEST	R	12	Carroll	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
BLOOMINGDALE	R	51	Worth	38%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	a
BOSSMAN	R	6	Woodbury	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
BRECKENRIDGE	D	29	Jasper	88%	a	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
BRINK	R	80	Mahaska	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
BROWN-POWERS	D	61	Black Hawk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
CARLSON	R	91	Muscatine	38%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	a
COHOON	D	87	Des Moines	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
DERRY	D	39	Polk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
DEYOE	R	49	Story	38%	+	a	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
DOLECHECK	R	24	Ringgold	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
DONAHUE	D	68	Linn	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
ELHERT	D	70	Linn	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
FISHER	R	72	Tama	22%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
FORBES	D	40	Polk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+

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FRY	R	27	Clarke	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
GAINES	D	32	Polk	100%	+	a	a	a	+	+	a	+	+
GASKILL	D	81	Wapello	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
GASSMAN	R	7	Winnebago	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
GERHOLD	R	75	Benton	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
GRASSLEY	R	50	Butler	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
GUSTAFSON	R	25	Madison	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
HAGENOW	R	19	Dallas	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
HALL	D	13	Woodbury	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	a
HANUSA	R	16	Pottawattamie	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
HEDDENS*	D	46	Story	100%								+	+
HEIN	R	96	Jones	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
HINSON	R	67	Linn	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
HITE	R	79	Mahaska	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
HOLT	R	18	Crawford	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
HUNTER	D	34	Polk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
HUSEMAN	R	3	Cherokee	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
ISENHART	D	100	Dubuque	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
JACOBSEN	R	22	Pottawattamie	22%	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
JACOBY	D	74	Johnson	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
JAMES	D	99	Dubuque	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
JENEARY	R	5	Plymouth	38%	+	a	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
JONES	R	2	Clay	50%	+	-	-	-	+	a	-	+	+
JUDGE	D	44	Dallas	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
KACENA	D	14	Woodbury	100%	+	+	+	a	+	+	+	+	+
KAUFMANN	R	73	Cedar	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
KERR	R	88	Louisa	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
KLEIN	R	78	Washington	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
KONFRST	D	43	Polk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
KRESSIG	D	59	Black Hawk	88%	+	+	-	a	+	+	+	+	+
KURTH	D	89	Scott	88%	+	+	-	+	+	+	a	+	+
KURTZ	D	83	Lee	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
LANDON	R	37	Polk	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
LENSING	D	85	Johnson	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
LOHSE	R	30	Polk	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
LUNDGREN	R	57	Dubuque	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
MASCHER	D	86	Johnson	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
MATSON	D	38	Polk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
MAXWELL	R	76	Poweshiek	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
MCCONKEY	D	15	Pottawattamie	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
MCKEAN**	R/D	58	Jones	66%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-
MEYER, A	R	9	Webster	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-

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MEYER, B	D	33	Polk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
MITCHELL	R	84	Henry	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
MOHR	R	94	Scott	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
MOMMSEN	R	97	Clinton	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
MOORE	R	21	Cass	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
NIELSEN	D	77	Johnson	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
OLDSON	D	41	Polk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
OLSON	D	31	Polk	86%	a	+	-	+	+	a	+	+	+
OSMUNDSON	R	56	Clayton	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
OURTH	D	26	Warren	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
PAUSTIAN	R	92	Scott	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
PRICHARD	D	52	Floyd	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
RUNNING-MARQUARDT	D	69	Linn	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
SALMON	R	63	Black Hawk	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
SEXTON	R	10	Calhoun	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
SHIPLEY	R	82	Van Buren	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
SIECK	R	23	Mills	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
SMITH, M.	D	71	Marshall	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
SMITH, R.	D	62	Black Hawk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
SORENSEN	R	20	Adair	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
STAED	D	66	Linn	78%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-
STECKMAN	D	53	Cerro Gordo	88%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	a
SUNDE	D	42	Polk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
THEDE	D	93	Scott	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
THOMPSON	R	47	Greene	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
THORUP	R	28	Marion	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
UPMEYER	R	54	Cerro Gordo	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
WESSEL-KROESCHELL	D	45	Story	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
WHEELER	R	4	Sioux	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
WILBURN***	D	46	Story	86%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+		
WILLIAMS	D	60	Black Hawk	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
WILLS	R	1	Dickinson	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
WINCKLER	D	90	Scott	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
WINDSCHITL	R	17	Harrison	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
WOLFE	D	98	Clinton	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
WORTHAN	R	11	Buena Vista	40%	+	-	a	a	a	+	a	-	-
ZUMBACH	R	95	Linn	33%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-

\*Heddens left the House on June 17, 2019.

\*\*McKean switched parties from Republican to Democrat in April 2019.

\*\*\*Wilburn was sworn in in June 2019.



# TAKE ACTION

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Contact your state representative and state senator.
  - Thank them for a good voting record, express concern for a problematic record, or ask them to explain their position on issues you care about.
  - Find their contact information here: <https://bit.ly/1f8ToF6>.
  - Bonus points: If you do so, please let us know that you did so and how it went. Email us at [outreach@aclu-ia.org](mailto:outreach@aclu-ia.org).
2. Write a letter to the editor. Elected officials pay attention to constituent concerns.
3. Sign up for the ACLU of Iowa Rapid Response Team at [www.aclu-ia.org/about/act](http://www.aclu-ia.org/about/act).
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