

BRIEF



Arizona – CPAC Scorecard

Center for Legislative Analysis

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Summary

The twelfth edition of the Arizona CPAC Scorecard assesses 16 votes in the Arizona State Senate and 17 votes in the Arizona House of Representatives from the 2025 session. Arizona Republicans earned an average score of **93%** in 2025, up slightly from 92% in 2024. Democrats earned an average score of **11%**, rising from 3% last year, though partisan divides remain stark across nearly every major policy debate.

The 2025 session was defined by a Republican legislature advancing a wide range of conservative reforms, many of which were vetoed by Governor Katie Hobbs. Lawmakers strengthened election integrity through **SB 1001** and **HCM 2015**, advanced immigration enforcement through **SB 1088** and **SB 1268**, rolled back DEI mandates through **SB 1256** and **HB 2868**, and protected Second Amendment rights through **SB 1014** and **SB 1143**. At the same time, Governor Hobbs vetoed numerous conservative initiatives, continuing the pattern of executive obstruction seen in prior years.

Key Takeaways

Election Integrity and Proof of Citizenship Advanced

Through **SB 1001** and **HCM 2015**, Arizona lawmakers tightened identification requirements for mail-in ballots and defended proof-of-citizenship voter registration requirements. These measures reflect continued legislative focus on restoring public trust in elections.

Immigration Enforcement Remained Central

Bills such as **SB 1088** and **SB 1268** required state and local cooperation with federal immigration authorities and increased transparency in public systems. Arizona lawmakers reaffirmed the state's border-security posture, though key measures were vetoed.

DEI and Identity-Based Policies Faced Legislative Pushback

The Legislature moved aggressively to dismantle DEI-style mandates through **SB 1256**, **SB 1584**, and **HB 2868**, restoring merit-based hiring and prohibiting race- or sex-based preferences in government policy. These reforms were vetoed but demonstrate clear legislative intent.

Second Amendment Protections Expanded

Through **SB 1014** and **SB 1143**, lawmakers removed suppressor restrictions and blocked backdoor firearm tracking through financial institutions. Arizona continued positioning itself as a strong defender of gun rights.

Executive Vetoes Limited Policy Implementation

As in 2024, Governor Hobbs vetoed the majority of conservative reforms that passed the Legislature. Arizona remains a state where legislative majorities pursue aggressive conservative policy, but executive resistance prevents many measures from becoming law.

Highlighted Votes Analyzed

SB 1001 – Strengthening ID Requirements for Mail-In Ballots

This bill tightened identification requirements for early ballots and clarified tabulation procedures to ensure only eligible voters' ballots are counted. CPAC supports robust voter ID and election safeguards and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on June 24, 2025 by a vote of 29-26. The Governor vetoed this bill.

HB 2112 – Shielding Children from Online Pornography

This bill requires age-verification for pornographic websites and imposes penalties on noncompliant platforms. CPAC supports strong protections to keep minors away from explicit material and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 6, 2025 by a vote of 18-10. The House passed this bill on February 12, 2025 by a vote of 44-15. The bill later became law.

SB 1735 – Massive Spending with No Taxpayer Relief

This bill outlines Arizona's 2025–2026 state budget, allocating significant funding without meaningful tax relief. CPAC opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 20, 2025 by a vote of 17-12. The House passed this bill on June 26, 2025 by a vote of 40-16. The bill later became law.

Trends & Observations

Republican Cohesion Reached an All-Time High

Arizona Republicans averaged 93% in 2025, up from 92% in 2024. This marks one of the strongest conservative showings in the country and reflects unusually tight caucus discipline across issues ranging from immigration enforcement and election integrity to DEI reform and Second Amendment protections. Unlike in some states where Republican scores fluctuate, Arizona's caucus has remained consistently unified.

Democratic Crossover Increased but Structural Divides Persist

Democratic scores rose from 3% in 2024 to 11% in 2025. While still low, this increase reflects occasional bipartisan overlap on technical, procedural, or regulatory cleanup measures. However, on high-profile cultural, constitutional, and immigration issues, partisan lines remained firmly intact.

The Legislature Is Conservative — The Executive Is Not

Arizona remains a case study in divided government. The Republican-controlled Legislature continues advancing sweeping conservative reforms, including proof-of-citizenship protections, DEI bans, immigration enforcement mandates, and anti-ESG safeguards. Yet Governor Katie Hobbs vetoed the overwhelming majority of those initiatives. The dynamic creates a cycle in which lawmakers pass bold reforms that signal direction and intent but often do not become law.

Policy Ambition Remains High Despite Veto Risk

Unlike in some states where veto threats moderate legislative behavior, Arizona Republicans continue advancing aggressive conservative priorities even when the likelihood of veto is high. This suggests that legislators are positioning policy frameworks for future implementation if executive control shifts.

Arizona as a National Bellwether

Arizona remains one of the most politically competitive states in the country. The 2025 session demonstrates that while the Legislature is solidly conservative, long-term policy direction will hinge on statewide executive elections. The gap between legislative ambition and executive approval continues to define the state's policy trajectory.

Conservative Excellence - House

Leo Biasiucci - 100%

Selina Bliss - 94%

Michael Carbone - 94%

Neal Carter - 94%

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Joseph Chaplik - 94%

Lisa Fink - 100%

John Gillette - 94%

Matt Gress - 100%

Gail Griffin - 93%

Ralph Heap - 94%

Laurin Hendrix - 93%

Rachel Keshel - 94%

Alexander Kolodin - 94%

Nickolas Kupper - 100%

David Livingston - 94%

Chris Lopez - 94%

David Marshall - 94%

Teresa Martinez - 94%

Steve Montenegro - 94%

Quang Nguyen - 94%

Justin Olson - 94%

Michele Pena - 93%

Beverly Pingerelli - 93%

Tony Rivero - 94%

James Taylor - 94%

Michael Way - 100%

Jeff Weninger - 94%

Justin Wilmeth - 94%

Conservative Excellence - Senate

Hildy Angius - 94%

Tim Dunn - 94%

David Farnsworth - 94%

Mark Finchem - 93%

David Gowan - 93%

Jake Hoffman - 94%

John Kavanagh - 93%

Vince Leach - 93%

J.D. Mesnard - 94%

Kevin Payne - 93%

Warren Petersen - 94%

Wendy Rogers - 93%

Janae Shamp - 93%

Thomas Shope - 100%

Carine Werner - 94%

Conservative Achievement - House

Walter Blackman - 88%

Lupe Diaz - 88%

Khyl Powell - 88%

Julie Willoughby - 86%

Conservative Achievement - Senate

Shawna Bolick - 88%

Frank Carroll - 87%