

BRIEF



Louisiana – CPAC Scorecard

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Summary

The latest edition of the Louisiana CPAC Scorecard assesses 27 votes in the State Senate and 28 votes in the State House from the 2025 session. Louisiana Republicans earned an average score of 82%, a 1% increase from 2024. Democrats earned an average score of 39%.

The 2025 Louisiana legislative session delivered a sweeping series of policy victories focused on strengthening individual freedoms, reinforcing public safety, and restoring accountability in government. Lawmakers advanced significant reforms in election integrity, immigration enforcement, parental rights, and protections for life, faith, and self-defense. The session also featured major clampdowns on government waste, foreign influence, and union overreach, even as some misguided expansions of subsidies and local bureaucracies were unfortunately enacted. Overall, the legislature set a clear direction toward limited government, stronger families and communities, and a renewed commitment to the rule of law.

Key Takeaways

Strengthening Parental Authority and Child Protection in Technology

Louisiana lawmakers reaffirmed the primacy of parents in guiding their children’s digital lives through **HB570**, which requires parental consent before minors can download apps. The legislation responds to growing concerns that tech companies too often bypass families to reach children directly. By tying child accounts to a parent account, the law restores proper oversight and shields kids from predatory or inappropriate digital content. This shift also incentivizes companies to respect family autonomy rather than exploit youthful users for engagement metrics. With overwhelming bipartisan support, the law reflects a shared belief that parents—not corporations—should govern children’s tech exposure. It represents a broader trend toward reclaiming family rights in spaces that have long been dominated by Big Tech. Its near-unanimous passage underscores how deeply the public values clear parental control.

Reinforcing a Culture of Life and Accountability Around Abortion

Louisiana advanced several measures aimed at protecting unborn children and defending women from coercion. **HB575** creates civil liability for those who prescribe abortion-inducing drugs, ensuring consequences for those who facilitate harm outside proper medical and ethical

standards. **HB425** expands penalties for coerced abortion, recognizing that threats or pressure—even when no abortion occurs—violate a woman’s dignity and safety. Together, these bills signal that the state will not tolerate manipulation, exploitation, or hidden distribution of abortion methods. They also prioritize women’s well-being by recognizing coercion as a serious offense, not a private dispute. These measures defend vulnerable life at both ends: unborn children and women facing pressure from abusers or irresponsible actors. Louisiana has made clear that preserving life and deterring abuse remain non-negotiable principles.

Expanding Religious Freedom and Shielding Faith Communities

Through **HB371**, the legislature strengthened protections for religious organizations by expanding the definitions of “exercise of religion” and “compelling state interest.” These enhancements help ensure that faith-based groups are not sidelined or targeted through regulatory pressure. The law reaffirms that religious practice belongs in the public square and deserves strong safeguards, especially as legal challenges have increased nationwide. Strengthening these definitions makes it harder for government agencies to encroach on deeply held beliefs. It also reassures religious institutions that they can operate charitably, educationally, and socially without undue interference. By passing this legislation with strong majorities, Louisiana reaffirmed its commitment to fundamental liberties. The measure echoes the principle that free worship must remain protected from shifting political winds.

Promoting Energy Development and Economic Opportunity

Through **HB600**, Louisiana reduced severance taxes on newly completed oil wells, encouraging investment and supporting an industry crucial to the state’s economy and national energy independence. Lowering these taxes helps make Louisiana more competitive with neighboring states vying for drilling activity. The law supports job creation by incentivizing new exploration and production. It also recognizes that overly heavy taxation on energy production doesn’t just harm companies—it ultimately harms workers and consumers. This approach embraces the belief that economic growth arises from freeing businesses to innovate and expand. By passing this measure unanimously, the state signaled that encouraging responsible resource development remains a top priority.

Protecting Constitutional Firearm Rights

Louisiana defended Second Amendment freedoms through multiple measures. **HB289** shields firearm and ammunition manufacturers from liability when criminals misuse their products, recognizing that lawful businesses should not be blamed for the actions of wrongdoers. **HB407** allows nonresident U.S. citizens to obtain concealed handgun permits, extending self-defense options to individuals who spend time in the state but reside elsewhere. These reforms reinforce the principle that the right to bear arms is fundamental and should not be indirectly undermined through lawsuits or residency restrictions. They reflect trust in responsible gun owners and the belief that lawful citizens, not bureaucrats, are best equipped to protect themselves. The legislation strengthens the ecosystem that supports safe firearm ownership. These measures collectively affirm that the state values liberty and personal protection.

Highlighted Votes Analyzed

HB 289 - Protecting firearm/ammunition manufacturers from being held liable

This bill defends manufacturers, distributors, and dealers of firearms and ammunition from being held liable in third party cases that cause harm. CPAC supports the right to bear arms and supported this bill. The house passed the bill on May 12 by a vote of 81-14, and it later became law.

HB 653 - Sound Recording Investor Tax Credit

This bill provides an extension and modification to the tax credit subsidy for sound recording and music production within the state. CPAC opposes this bill because it extends another handout that compels taxpayers to subsidize private entertainment. The house passed the bill on May 19, 2025 by a vote of 89-7, and it later became law.

HB 436 - Illegal immigrants unentitled to general damages in automobile accidents

This bill establishes that in civil lawsuits relating to automobile accidents, unauthorized aliens cannot recover general damages, meaning they're unable to benefit from public services, in particular, state courts, due to their unlawful presence. CPAC opposes illegal immigration, supports policy action taken to mitigate it, and supported this bill. The house passed the bill on May 27, 2025 by a vote of 74-24, and it later became law.

Trends and Observations

Immigration Enforcement and Responsible Use of Public Benefits

Louisiana adopted multiple measures aimed at ensuring immigration law is respected and that public services are reserved for lawful residents. **HB307** requires that non-citizens requesting public services be reported to ICE, ensuring coordination with federal enforcement rather than local evasion. **SB15** prohibits any act interfering with immigration enforcement, strengthening deterrence against obstruction and closing loopholes exploited by activist networks. **SB100** requires agencies to track illegal immigrants accessing state services, helping ensure that taxpayer-funded programs remain limited to legal residents. **HB554** provides clear notice to non-citizens that unlawful voting is a felony, reinforcing electoral integrity. Collectively, these bills promote accountability, discourage improper use of public resources, and protect the rule of law. They reflect the principle that citizenship carries privileges that should not be extended through neglect or loopholes.

Enhancing Election Integrity and Accountability

Louisiana enacted several reforms to promote transparency and trust in elections. **HB592** revises the election code, clarifying procedures and strengthening voter-registration safeguards while increasing the presence of poll watchers. **HB577** modernizes the procurement process for voting machines, ensuring the state can secure reliable systems without unnecessary bureaucratic delays. **HB502** clearly defines compensation, duties, and removal procedures for

voter registrars so that performance can be evaluated transparently and consistently. These laws collectively bolster public confidence by reducing ambiguity and potential vulnerabilities in election administration. They ensure that officials involved in elections are accountable and that processes remain transparent.

Crime Reduction, Public Safety, and Victim Protection

Louisiana advanced policies that prioritize law-abiding citizens over criminals and bring clarity to the justice process. **HB303** creates a Fugitive Apprehension Unit with statewide authority to pursue violent offenders, strengthening cooperation with ICE and local law enforcement. **HB359** enhances the rights of human trafficking victims, ensuring they have institutional support and a dedicated task force addressing their cases. **HB675** tightens the rules governing post-conviction challenges, emphasizing finality for victims and preventing endless litigation cycles. These reforms reflect a justice system centered around accountability, deterrence, and closure rather than leniency toward violent criminals. Together, they signal the state's commitment to strong law enforcement and thoughtful victim-focused reform. The legislation enhances public safety by reinforcing decisive consequences for serious wrongdoing.

Expanding Transparency in Government Spending

Through **HB686** and **SB245**, Louisiana took meaningful steps to limit foreign influence and increase fiscal transparency. **HB686** requires government officials to disclose ties to foreign adversaries, reducing the risk of hidden lobbying that could distort public policy. **SB245**, the T.R.U.S.T. Act, mandates that NGOs receiving state funds publicly report how they spend taxpayer dollars. Together, these laws promote openness and allow citizens to monitor how public money and political influence flow through institutions. These requirements make it harder for special interests to operate out of sight. They also strengthen the public's ability to hold government and publicly funded organizations accountable. Transparency is essential to honest governance, and these reforms push Louisiana toward greater clarity and trustworthiness.

Conservative Excellence - House

Danny McCormick - 92%

Conservative Excellence - Senate

NONE

Conservative Achievement - House

Beryl Amedée - 89%

Daryl Deshotel - 81%

Shane Mack - 88%

Tony Bacala - 81%
Lawrence Bagley - 81%
Dennis Bamburg - 81%
Mike Bayham - 82%
Gerald Beaulieu, IV - 81%
Stephanie Berault - 81%
Beth Billings - 81%
Ryan Bourriaque - 81%
Chad Boyer - 82%
Jacob Braud - 81%
Chad Brown - 82%
Rhonda Butler - 85%
Josh Carlson - 88%
R. Dewith Carrier - 82%
Kim Carver - 82%
Emily Chenevert - 82%
Kimberly Coates - 82%
Raymond Crews - 86%
Paula Davis - 85%
Jason DeWitt - 82%

Kellee Dickerson - 82%
Jessica Domangue - 84%
Michael Echols - 82%
Kathy Edmonston - 85%
Peter Egan - 81%
Julie Emerson - 85%
Leslie Farnum - 85%
Michael Firment - 85%
Bryan Fontenot - 84%
Barbara Freiberg - 81%
Foy Gadberry - 81%
Jay Galle - 82%
Brian Glorioso - 81%
Troy Hebert - 82%
Chance Henry - 81%
Dodie Horton - 89%
John Illg, Jr. - 82%
Timothy Kerner - 81%
Jeremy LaCombe - 84%
Jacob Landry - 81%

Wayne McMahan - 82%
Dixon McMakin - 80%
Melerine - 88%
Nicholas Muscarello, Jr. - 81%
Joseph Orgeron - 82%
Charles Owen - 81%
Troy Romero - 81%
Rodney Schamerhorn - 89%
Laurie Schlegel - 82%
Annie Spell - 81%
Vincent St. Blanc III - 82%
Phillip Tarver - 88%
Francis Thompson - 81%
Christopher Turner - 82%
Lauren Ventrella - 81%
Debbie Villio - 82%
Roger Wilder - 88%
Mark Wright - 83%
John Wyble - 85%

Conservative Achievement - Senate

Mark Abraham - 81%
R. L. Bret Allain, II - 81%
Adam Bass - 84%
Stewart Cathey, Jr. - 81%
Heather Cloud - 88%
Rick Edmonds - 81%
Michael Fesi - 85%
Franklin Foil - 81%
Cameron Henry - 81%

Bob Hensgens - 81%
Valarie Hodges - 81%
Caleb Kleinpeter - 81%
Patrick McMath - 81%
Blake Miguez - 88%
Gregory Miller - 81%
Beth Mizell - 81%
Jay Morris - 85%
Brach Myers - 81%

Robert Owen - 83%
Thomas Pressly - 81%
Mike Reese - 81%
Alan Seabaugh - 81%
Jeremy Stine - 81%
Kirk Talbot - 81%
Glen Womack - 81%