



## Missouri – CPAC Scorecard

Center for Legislative Analysis

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### Summary

The latest edition of the Missouri CPAC Scorecard assesses 11 votes in the Missouri State House and 14 votes in the Missouri State Senate from the 2024 Regular Session. The Missouri Republicans averaged 83% and the Missouri Democrats averaged 3% for an overall State Legislature average of 61%. These scores represent a small improvement from 2023 when the Republican average, Democrat average and overall State Legislature average scores were 79%, 5%, and 58% respectively.

This year the Missouri Legislature took steps to protect Missouri's elections from interference by deep-pocketed Leftist activists. SJR 74 creates safeguards to prevent foreign entities from funding ballot measures in Missouri. Additionally, the House and Senate both passed SJR 78 which proposes a constitutional amendment which would prohibit ranked choice voting in Missouri.

### Key Takeaways

#### **Missouri Republicans Stopped the Ranked Choice Voting Scam**

CPAC recognizes that in nearly every case, ranked choice voting initiatives are a sneaky ploy by the minority party to seize more power. A George Soros-funded ranked choice voting initiative in Alaska has made it difficult for conservative Republicans to win in the state, despite Alaska's strong Republican lean. Missouri Republicans passed SJR 78 which prevents foreign funds from being used to promote ballot measures in Missouri.

#### **Attempts to Advance Cryptocurrency Freedom Were Stalled**

The Senate passed two bills to advance cryptocurrency freedom. SB 735 would allow gold, silver and cryptocurrency to be used for public and private debts. SB 736 would clarify that the state of Missouri may use independent cryptocurrencies, but would not use a central bank digital currency created by the Federal Reserve. CPAC supported both of these bills and they both passed the Senate, but unfortunately they were not taken up for a vote in the House.

### **Protecting Religious Freedoms at Public Universities.**

HB 1518 prohibits public institutions of higher education from discriminating against “belief-based” student organizations. This bill passed the House but unfortunately it was not taken up in the Senate. CPAC supports measures to ensure that belief-based organizations are treated fairly.

## **Highlighted Votes Analyzed**

### **HB 2634 - No Taxpayer Funds for Abortion Facilities.**

This bill makes it unlawful for an entity to use public funds to pay the costs of abortion facilities. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, opposes its practice, believes that taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortions, and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 9, 2024 by a vote of 23-10 and the bill later became law.

### **HB 1413 Counteracting the Efforts of Other States to Give Licenses to Illegal Immigrants.**

This bill requires driver’s licenses issued by the state of Missouri to indicate that the holder is a citizen of the United States. CPAC supports efforts to counteract the nefarious and damaging efforts of other states to give licenses to illegal immigrants and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 27, 2024 by a vote of 108-46 but the bill did not become law.

### **SJR 74\* Protecting the Will of Missourians from Outside Leftist Interference.**

This resolution helps make changes to Missouri’s initiative petition process such that it better reflects the desire of Missouri’s residents. For example, it creates safeguards preventing money from out of the country from funding efforts to bring particular petitions to bear. CPAC supports efforts to help this process better reflect the will of Missourians and supported this resolution. The Senate refused to concur with this resolution on May 13, 2024 by a vote of 18-13 and the resolution made no further progress by the end of the session. This vote has been double-rated because of both its importance and the part that the Senate took in crushing this resolution.

## **Trends and Observations**

### **Economic Policies - A Mixed Bag**

The Missouri legislature’s actions on economic issues were a mix of good and bad. The Senate passed SB 745, a bill to adjust the amount of unemployment benefits based on the state’s overall unemployment rate. That would have been a great improvement, but the bill did not progress past the Senate. The Legislature also passed SB 802 which gave a special tax carve-out to investments in rural areas.

### **School Choice Advances - But There Is Still So Much Work To Be Done**

The 2024 omnibus education bill (SB 727) expanded the number of tax credits that are available to Missouri's empowerment scholarship accounts. This is a step in the right direction, but Missouri still lags behind other red states on the school choice issue. In 2025 Missouri must pass a universal school choice program.

### **Democrats Attempt to Obstruct Charter Schools**

Democrats in the Missouri Senate attempted to add an amendment to an education bill (HB 2287 SA 1) which would impose even more roadblocks on the establishment of charter schools. Republicans easily defeated the amendment. This event showed that the Democrats are becoming increasingly desperate in their attempt to stop educational freedom.

### **Conservative Excellence - Senate**

**Rick Brattin - 100%**  
**Ben Brown - 100%**  
**Jill Carter - 100%**  
**Bill Eigel - 100%**  
**Travis Fitzwater - 92%**  
**Denny Hoskins - 91%**  
**Andrew Koenig - 100%**  
**Tony Luetkemeyer - 92%**  
**Mike Moon - 92%**  
**Holly Rehder - 92%**  
**Nick Schroer - 92%**

### **Conservative Excellence - House**

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Ben Baker - 93%</b>           | <b>Brad Hudson - 93%</b>          | <b>Doug Richey - 93%</b>      |
| <b>Hardy Billington - 93%</b>    | <b>Josh Hurlbert - 93%</b>        | <b>Alex Riley - 93%</b>       |
| <b>Darin Chappell - 93%</b>      | <b>Ben Keathley - 100%</b>        | <b>Chris Sander - 93%</b>     |
| <b>Mazzie Christensen - 93%</b>  | <b>Hannah Kelly - 93%</b>         | <b>Adam Schnelting - 93%</b>  |
| <b>Phil Christofanelli - 93%</b> | <b>Ed Lewis - 92%</b>             | <b>Adam Schwadron - 93%</b>   |
| <b>Ron Copeland - 91%</b>        | <b>Tony Lovasco - 93%</b>         | <b>Cody Smith - 93%</b>       |
| <b>Scott Cupps - 92%</b>         | <b>Don Mayhew - 93%</b>           | <b>Justin Sparks - 93%</b>    |
| <b>Bishop Davidson - 93%</b>     | <b>Aaron McMullen - 92%</b>       | <b>Dan Stacy - 93%</b>        |
| <b>Michael Davis - 93%</b>       | <b>Jim Murphy - 93%</b>           | <b>Melanie Stinnett - 93%</b> |
| <b>Jamie Gragg - 93%</b>         | <b>Michael O'Donnell - 93%</b>    | <b>Bob Titus - 93%</b>        |
| <b>Wendy Hausman - 93%</b>       | <b>Philip Oehlerking - 93%</b>    | <b>Richard West - 100%</b>    |
| <b>Justin Hicks - 100%</b>       | <b>Cheri Toalson Reisch - 93%</b> |                               |

## **Conservative Achievement - Senate**

**Rusty Black - 83%**

**Curtis Trent - 83%**

## **Conservative Achievement - House**

**Phil Amato - 80%**

**Brad Banderaman - 87%**

**Bob Bromley - 80%**

**Chris Brown - 80%**

**Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway -  
86%**

**David Casteel - 83%**

**Bennie Cook - 87%**

**Dane Diehl - 80%**

**Chris Dinkins - 80%**

**Jeff Farnan - 85%**

**Rick Francis - 80%**

**Sherri Gallick - 85%**

**Kurtis Gregory - 80%**

**Kent Haden - 80%**

**Mike Haffner - 87%**

**Bill Hardwick - 83%**

**Mike Henderson - 87%**

**Dave Hinman - 80%**

**Dan Houx - 80%**

**Barry Hovis - 82%**

**Holly Jones - 85%**

**Jim Kalberloh - 80%**

**Ann Kelley - 87%**

**Mark Matthiesen - 83%**

**Mike McGirl - 83%**

**Dean Plocher - 86%**

**Bill Owen - 80%**

**Cameron Parker - 80%**

**Chad Perkins - 80%**

**Tara Peters - 80%**

**Brad Pollitt - 87%**

**Sean Pouche - 80%**

**Rodger Reedy - 86%**

**Renee Reuter - 80%**

**Louis Riggs - 80%**

**Jim Schulte - 87%**

**Brian Seitz - 80%**

**Travis Smith - 83%**

**Mike Stephens - 83%**

**Tim Taylor - 87%**

**Ken Waller - 82%**

**Travis Wilson - 80%**