### 2013-2014 Senate Voting Record

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1. **MARRIAGE EQUALITY** (13-S 38A) A vote to authorize same-sex marriages. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 26-12.

2. **GENDER SEGREGATION** (13-S 12A as amended) A vote to allow gender-segregated extracurricular activities in public schools. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 33-3.

3. **RACIAL PROFILING** (13-S 352A as amended) A vote to allow police to pull over any car based on a driver or passenger’s failure to wear a seat belt. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 27-10.

4. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** (13-S 548A) A vote to make third-time graffiti offenses a felony. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 35-0.

5. **SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE** (13-S 298A) A vote to authorize specialty “Choose Life” license plates, and to have the proceeds go to a religious “crisis pregnancy center.” A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 23-13.

6. **ABORTION** (13-S 1038A) A vote to require the state Health Benefits Exchange to include plans that do not cover abortion services. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 29-7.

7. **OPEN GOVERNMENT** (13-S 801A) A vote to exempt all school safety plan documents from disclosure under the state Access to Public Records Act. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 36-0.

8. **STUDENTS’ RIGHTS** (14-H 8363am) A vote to delay for three years the use of standardized tests as a “high stakes” school graduation requirement. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 31-6.

9. **TECHNOLOGICAL PRIVACY** (14-S 2095A) A vote to bar employers and schools from requiring employees and students to disclose personal social media account information. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 37-0.

10. **PRIVACY** (14-S 2101A) A vote to require collection of DNA samples from anyone arrested for a “crime of violence.” A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 35-0.

11. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** (14-H 7457am) A vote to impose a sentencing enhancement of up to ten years for any felony committed on behalf of a “criminal street gang.” A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 29-3.

12. **GENDER DISCRIMINATION** (14-S 2221A) A vote to bar health insurance companies from charging different premiums based solely on gender. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 36-0.

13. **VOTING RIGHTS** (14-S 2286A) A vote to count prisoners at their home addresses, not the AG, for the purpose of drawing voting districts. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 35-0.

14. **PROSTITUTION** (14-S 2602) A vote to impose human trafficking penalties on people involved in non-coerced sex work. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 36-1.

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**CIVIL LIBERTIES VOTING RECORD**

**RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**2013-2014**

**KEY TO VOTING RECORD**

+ indicates a vote in favor of the ACLU position
- indicates a vote against the ACLU position
a indicates legislator did not vote on bill
r indicates legislator was recused from voting on bill
* indicates legislator did not hold seat at time of vote

**July 2014**

Note: The votes contained in this record were selected because the ACLU considers them some of the more important and representative civil liberties issues addressed by the R.I. General Assembly; they in no way cover every bill with civil liberties implications. In addition, a legislator’s leadership in committee or on the floor cannot be accurately reflected on a voting chart such as this, and that is why we do “grade” legislators based on their scores. This voting record is designed only to provide information as to how legislators voted on some of the major civil liberties issues in the 2013 and 2014 legislative sessions. If you are concerned about your legislator’s vote on a particular issue, you are encouraged to contact him or her for an explanation.

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1. MARRIAGE EQUALITY (13-H 5015A) A vote to authorize same-sex marriages. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 51-19.

2. SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE (13-H 5053 A) A bill to authorize the creation of specialty "Choose Life" license plates and to have the proceeds go to a religious "crisis pregnancy center." A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 40-26.

3. RACIAL PROFILING (13-H 5140A) A vote to allow police to pull over any car based on a driver or passenger's failure to wear a seat belt. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 53-17.

4. TECHNOLOGICAL PRIVACY (13-S 284 as amended) A vote to allow telecommunications companies to voluntarily disclose cell phone location information to police in non-emergency situations. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 64-9.

5. GENDER SEGREGATION (13-S 12A) A vote to allow gender-segregated extracurricular activities in public schools. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 48-7.

6. CRIMINAL JUSTICE (13-H 6276) A vote to make third-time graffiti offenses a felony. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 30-28.

7. OPEN GOVERNMENT (13-H 5941A) A vote to exempt all school safety plan documents from disclosure under the state Access to Public Records Act. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 62-4.

8. STUDENTS’ RIGHTS (14-H 8363am) A vote to delay for three years the use of standardized tests as a "high stakes" student graduation requirement. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 70-3.

9. TECHNOLOGICAL PRIVACY (14-H 7124A) A vote to bar employers and schools from requiring employees, job applicants and students to disclose personal social media account information. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 70-6.

10. PRIVACY (14-H 7304Aam) A vote to require collection of DNA samples from anyone arrested for a "crime of violence." A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 67-2.

11. IMMIGRANTS’ RIGHTS (14-H 7306) A vote to expand the availability of court interpreters for individuals with limited English proficiency. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 67-2.

12. CRIMINAL JUSTICE (14-H 7457am) A vote to impose a sentencing enhancement of up to ten years for any felony committed on behalf of a "criminal street gang." A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 54-18.

13. SEX OFFENDERS (14-H 7425) A vote to significantly increase the registration and notification requirements for sex offenders, including juveniles. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 66-5.

14. FIRST AMENDMENT (14-H 8130) A vote to repeal an unconstitutions prohibition on the distribution of anonymous political literature. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 63-5.