
Arkansas Citizens First Congress

2013 Arkansas Legislature

Vote Guide and Scorecard



Welcome to our legislative guide

2013 has been a HUGE year for the Citizens First Congress; our member groups did a phenomenal job! We passed several landmark pieces of legislation, despite major challenges and completely new leadership and dynamics in both chambers.

These successes would not have been possible if it weren't for our amazing member groups and supporters who gave their time and energy to help in so many ways: building campaigns, turning out for lobby days, working behind the scenes to meet with legislators, raising funds for our work, taking the time to read and review bills, and more.

Take a look below at some of our accomplishments:

- ✓ Arkansas became the first, and only, Southern state to expand health care under the federal Affordable Care Act, extending coverage to over 250,000 Arkansans! This cannot be overstated. It was a momentous and historical bi-partisan accomplishment – showing that Arkansas can still take big steps forward and lead the South when we want to.
- ✓ In another bi-partisan effort, we helped pass the Landowner Notification Act. It's taken several years of work, but we've set a precedent for quality legislation that will have a meaningful impact on those affected by gas drilling.
- ✓ We passed a handful of excellent clean energy, green jobs bills that will encourage renewable energy and energy efficiency projects across the state—again in a bipartisan effort.
- ✓ We helped pass education legislation that will expand students' opportunities to learn by making discipline policies more fair and effective and keeping parents more informed and engaged.
- ✓ We passed a package of REAL election reforms that will double the number of election monitors in Arkansas (from 2 to 4) and require more training for poll workers.
- ✓ We passed a bill improving notification of water pollution permits that will help protect the Buffalo River and other pristine waters from potential pollution.
- ✓ We also defeated several very bad bills that would have hurt public schools, gutted the state budget, and more.
- ✓ We mobilized thousands of Arkansans to get involved in the legislature by coming to the Capitol; calling, emailing, and meeting with their legislators; and spreading important information to their communities and organizations. We had our largest advocacy day ever with over 300 people attending our Education Advocacy Day, over 100 students joined us for our Youth Advocacy Day, and a dedicated and diverse group lined the halls of the Capitol to support health care.

WOW! Just by itself, this speaks to how much the CFC has grown in capacity and effectiveness in recent years, but when taken in the context of the new legislature, it's downright amazing!

While we are proud of all we accomplished, this session was not without its setbacks. The legislature passed bills targeting women's rights, voting rights, environmental regulation, and more. We believe the worst of these will not hold up in court. The unfair tax cuts were foolish and harmful, placing more burden on middle and low-income families. Some of our priorities did not pass, but we came close, built momentum, developed leadership, and will keep pushing.

We learned a lot this session about what it takes to be effective in the new Arkansas political climate and we're already laying plans to strengthen our efforts. Please join us June 15th as we debrief the session with our whole membership and celebrate our 15th anniversary as well as the 50th anniversary of our partner organization the Arkansas Public Policy Panel.

Thank you so much for all your hard work. We hope you find this vote guide useful for seeing how your legislators voted. Be sure to thank them for their hard and important work.

***William El-Amin and Mark A. Robertson,
Co-Chairs of the Arkansas Citizens First Congress***

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(Cover) 300 people came to the Education Advocacy Day at the Capitol to work on expanding opportunities for Arkansas students.

(Below) Over 100 youth gave up a day of spring break to talk with lawmakers about their needs.



Thank You!

The CFC owes great thanks to our members, allies and supporters and to the hundreds of people who came to the Capitol to support the CFC platform. They are the engine of change in Arkansas.

We thank all the lawmakers for putting in the time and hard work required to serve Arkansas.



Brett Kincaid of Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families at the Youth Advocacy Day talking about foolish tax cuts that would harm education and other needs vital to our future.

Thanks to the sponsors of our Priority bills:

Senator Eddie Cheatham

Senator Linda Chesterfield

Senator Joyce Elliott

Senator Stephanie Flowers

Senator Keith Ingram

Senator David Johnson

Senator Johnny Key

Senator Jason Rapert

Representative Les Carnine

Representative John Catlett

Representative Sheilla Lampkin

Representative Greg Leding

Representative Homer Lenderman

Representative Kelley Linck

Representative Fred Love

Representative Steven Meeks

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What is a Vote Guide?

This is a guide to how every legislator voted on the 37 active bills that the CFC thought were most important. Though the CFC took positions on other bills, many were not voted on.

During the legislative session, the CFC Steering Committee votes to support, oppose or track various bills based on the CFC's platform. We advocate for those positions, send alerts to the public and monitor how legislators vote. This is the final record of how those bills played out.

This guide does not endorse or condemn any legislator—or tell you whether your legislators are “good” or “bad”—it simply compares votes taken by legislators to the CFC's Ten Priorities for a Better Arkansas and other issues on our broad platform. There are many complexities that are impossible to put in a voting chart—this guide tells you *how* your legislators tend to vote, but it does not tell you *why*.

Legislators are volunteers who generally hold other jobs (they do receive a stipend, but not a salary). Most of them don't have legislative staff or aides, and they considered 2628 pieces of legislation in the past three months. It's an incredible load to keep up with, and we respect every legislator, even when we disagree.

Two lawmakers this session stand as examples of how vote guides don't always tell the whole story. Sen. Missy Irvin (R, Mountain Home) is recorded in the vote guide as voting against the bill gutting water quality standards (HB1929)—she did vote against it on the Senate floor, which is the vote we counted, but she was also one of the five key YES votes that got the bill out of the Senate Public Health Committee and that committee vote is not reflected in the vote guide.

Rep. Jim Nickels' (D, North Little Rock) score also shows the complexity behind the scenes -- he scored only a 56% on our Election and Government Reform section because he did vote for some bills we opposed, but he was also THE primary force opposing the discriminatory and unnecessary Voter ID bill (SB2) which we vigorously opposed. So these scores are good snapshots of how a legislator voted, but there is often more behind the scenes than what the numbers show.

The overall scores show the percentage of the time legislators voted with the CFC position. They ranged from a high of 89% to a low of 19% in the House and from 82% to 33% in the Senate.

The Legislative Scorecard section (pg 3) shows these overall scores as well as scores by CFC issue area.

Each issue section has a summary of the bills we supported and opposed, a record of how each legislator voted on the bills that came up for a vote and a score showing the percentage of the time the legislators voted with the CFC position on that specific issue.

Other important legislation was considered which is not included in this guide.

You can find more on www.CitizensFirst.org or the Arkansas Legislature's web site—www.arkleg.state.ar.us



Fannie Fields of Marvell speaking at the Real Education Reform Rally with Donna Morey, President of the Arkansas Education Association.

How to read this guide

Bill Descriptions:

In each section, you will see the bills related to the CFC Priorities as well as other bills of interest. Each bill shows the bill number, the sponsor, the bill's status, and a brief description. **Bills we supported are shown in blue; bills we opposed are shown in red.** The bill descriptions include more bills than the charts, as not all bills came up for a vote.

Some notes on bill status:

Died: The bill was not voted on, it neither passed nor failed - these bills do not appear in the charts.

Failed: The bill failed to get enough votes (usually a majority, but some tax and all budget bills require a 3/4 majority vote). Bills that fail in the House or Senate are included in the chart, as are committee roll-call votes that were recorded (most committee votes are unrecorded voice votes).

Enacted: These bills have passed the House and Senate and become law! They will have an **Act number** listed as well as a bill number, and both votes are included in the chart.

Note: the Governor does not have to sign a bill for it to become law. This session the Governor also vetoed some bills, but the legislature voted to override all except those on three bad election bills, which could still be overridden.

Vote Charts:

✓ means the legislator voted **with the CFC position.**

✗ means the legislator voted **against the CFC position.**

◆ **If the CFC opposed a bill,**

✓ means that the legislator voted against the bill, and

✗ means that they voted for the bill.

◆ **If the CFC supported a bill,**

✓ means that the legislator voted for the bill, and

✗ means that they voted against the bill.

◆ To calculate the scores, ✓ counts as one point, and

✗ counts as zero points.

◆ P means “present” or “nonvoting,” and is counted as a “nay” vote because not voting has the same effect as voting against a bill (the bill can't pass without “yes” votes).

When the P is in favor of the CFC's position on a bill it counts for 0.5 points. If the P is against the CFC's position it counts for zero points.



Over 100 youth from across the state came to the Capitol to advocate for education, budget priorities, energy, civil rights and more.

◆ Occasionally, members are excused from a vote (E). An E is not counted in the score.

◆ It is customary for the Speaker of the House to be excused from all but the most controversial votes, as he must also make sure the House functions smoothly—no easy task! Because of this, we have not given the Speaker (Rep. Davy Carter) a score, but you can still see how he voted on the bills.

◆ In the Legislative Scorecard, lead sponsors of our Priority bills are marked ++.

House	Civil Rights	Economic	Education	Election/Gov	Environment	Health	Overall
Alexander (R)	—	0%	43%	38%	29%	0%	27%
Altes (R)	—	0%	57%	28%	43%	38%	35%
Armstrong, C. (D)	—	50%	86%	56%	43%	75%	62%
Armstrong, E. (D)	—	25%	86%	56%	57%	75%	62%
Baine (D)	—	25%	57%	75%	38%	75%	55%
Baird (R)	—	0%	43%	28%	14%	75%	31%
Ballinger (R)	—	0%	29%	25%	25%	0%	19%
Baltz (D)	—	60%	86%	56%	57%	75%	66%
Barnett (R)	—	0%	71%	31%	57%	25%	40%
Bell (R)	—	25%	43%	39%	29%	25%	34%
Biviano (R)	—	0%	86%	38%	43%	75%	50%
Bragg (R)	—	0%	43%	38%	43%	75%	40%
Branscum (R)	—	20%	71%	38%	29%	63%	44%
Broadaway (D)	—	50%	71%	75%	63%	75%	68%
Burris (R)	—	20%	57%	25%	29%	88%	40%
Carnine (R)	—	50%	71%	6%	64%	50%	47%
Catlett (D)	—	50%	86%	56%	57%	75%	65%
Clemmer (R)	—	0%	71%	28%	29%	50%	37%
Collins (R)	—	0%	29%	38%	29%	75%	33%
Copenhaver (D)	—	50%	86%	75%	43%	75%	67%
Cozart (R)	—	25%	79%	38%	57%	25%	48%
Dale (R)	—	50%	29%	69%	43%	50%	48%
Davis (R)	—	0%	57%	56%	50%	75%	48%
Deffenbaugh (R)	—	0%	86%	50%	50%	25%	48%
Dickinson (D)	—	25%	93%	69%	57%	88%	68%
Dotson (R)	—	0%	29%	33%	29%	0%	22%
Douglas, C. (R)	—	25%	64%	31%	43%	13%	38%
Douglas, D. (R)	—	20%	71%	38%	57%	63%	50%
Edwards (D)	—	63%	71%	63%	43%	75%	62%
Eubanks (R)	—	0%	71%	38%	14%	50%	37%
Farrer (R)	—	0%	29%	31%	43%	25%	27%
Ferguson (D)	—	60%	86%	44%	57%	75%	63%
Fielding (D)	—	70%	93%	69%	36%	75%	68%
Fite (R)	—	0%	57%	38%	50%	25%	39%
Gillam (R)	—	0%	86%	38%	38%	75%	48%
Gossage (R)	—	25%	71%	38%	50%	25%	45%
Hammer (R)	—	0%	71%	38%	50%	25%	40%
Harris (R)	—	0%	43%	44%	29%	0%	27%
Hawthorne (D)	—	60%	79%	50%	64%	88%	66%
Hickerson (R)	—	0%	71%	17%	29%	50%	33%
Hillman (D)	—	60%	79%	69%	29%	75%	61%
Hobbs (R)	—	0%	57%	50%	43%	25%	40%
Hodges (D)	—	50%	86%	69%	38%	75%	63%
Holcomb (D)	—	60%	43%	50%	43%	75%	52%
Hopper (R)	—	38%	86%	11%	43%	25%	40%
House (R)	—	0%	71%	50%	43%	75%	50%

House	Civil Rights	Economic	Education	Election/Gov	Environment	Health	Overall
Hutchison (R)	—	25%	57%	44%	50%	50%	47%
Jean (R)	—	0%	57%	44%	43%	25%	38%
Jett (D)	—	50%	71%	75%	43%	75%	63%
Julian (D)	—	60%	71%	50%	57%	75%	61%
Kerr (R)	—	0%	57%	56%	29%	63%	44%
Kizzia (D)	—	75%	86%	81%	56%	75%	74%
Lampkin (D)	—	50%	71%	63%	64%	75%	65%
Lea (R)	—	25%	71%	39%	43%	75%	50%
Leding (D) ††	—	80%	71%	81%	64%	88%	76%
Lenderman (D)	—	50%	86%	69%	71%	75%	72%
Linck (R)	—	20%	71%	50%	57%	50%	52%
Love (D) ††	—	90%	93%	63%	64%	63%	74%
Lowery (R)	—	0%	86%	50%	43%	75%	53%
Magie (D)	—	63%	86%	63%	50%	75%	66%
Malone (R)	—	20%	43%	31%	50%	63%	40%
Mayberry (R)	—	20%	57%	50%	43%	50%	45%
McCrary (D)	—	40%	93%	25%	50%	75%	55%
McElroy (D)	—	63%	71%	69%	75%	75%	71%
McGill (D)	—	70%	71%	44%	57%	75%	61%
McLean (D)	—	25%	71%	69%	14%	88%	53%
Meeks, D. (R)	—	0%	86%	50%	43%	25%	45%
Meeks, S. (R) ††	—	0%	43%	50%	36%	25%	35%
Miller (R)	—	0%	14%	17%	43%	25%	20%
Murdock (D)	—	30%	86%	69%	43%	75%	61%
Neal (R)	—	0%	57%	44%	19%	88%	40%
Nickels (D)	—	88%	43%	56%	44%	88%	58%
Overbey (D)	—	60%	86%	61%	43%	75%	64%
Payton (R)	—	10%	0%	31%	29%	25%	19%
Perry (D)	—	40%	86%	63%	64%	88%	68%
Ratliff (D)	—	50%	86%	63%	57%	75%	67%
Rice (R)	—	20%	29%	44%	43%	25%	34%
Richey (D)	—	50%	71%	67%	57%	75%	64%
Sabin (D) ††	—	90%	86%	88%	100%	75%	89%
Scott (R)	—	25%	71%	38%	50%	50%	48%
Shepherd (R)	—	25%	86%	50%	56%	75%	60%
Slinkard (R)	—	50%	57%	19%	56%	50%	45%
Smith, F. (G)	—	60%	64%	63%	50%	75%	61%
Steel (D)	—	50%	57%	56%	50%	75%	56%
Talley (D)	—	63%	86%	56%	43%	75%	63%
Thompson, T. (D)	—	63%	86%	63%	57%	75%	68%
Vines (D)	—	50%	71%	63%	56%	75%	63%
Wagner (D)	—	50%	86%	78%	63%	75%	72%
Walker (D)	—	75%	50%	50%	44%	63%	53%
Wardlaw (D)	—	50%	71%	50%	43%	88%	58%
Westerman (R)	—	0%	57%	39%	29%	25%	34%
Whitaker (D)	—	80%	57%	75%	86%	75%	74%

House	Civil Rights	Economic	Education	Election/Gov	Environment	Health	Overall
Wilkins, B. (D)	—	40%	50%	50%	43%	88%	52%
Wilkins, H. (D)	—	50%	86%	63%	50%	75%	65%
Williams (D)	—	50%	93%	50%	69%	75%	68%
Womack (R)	—	20%	57%	38%	43%	25%	39%
Word (D)	—	60%	71%	63%	64%	75%	66%
Wren (D)	—	50%	86%	75%	57%	75%	70%
Wright (D)	—	50%	43%	50%	44%	75%	50%
Mr. Speaker (R)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Senate	Civil Rights	Economic	Education	Election/Gov	Environment	Health	Overall
Bledsoe (R)	0%	0%	57%	44%	25%	25%	33%
Bookout (D)	100%	25%	86%	72%	56%	88%	68%
Burnett (D)	100%	63%	86%	67%	56%	75%	70%
Caldwell (R)	0%	0%	71%	44%	63%	75%	52%
Cheatham (D) ++	100%	63%	88%	56%	69%	75%	71%
Chesterfield (D) ++	100%	25%	100%	67%	63%	100%	73%
Clark (R)	0%	25%	63%	44%	38%	25%	41%
Dismang (R)	0%	0%	86%	44%	38%	88%	50%
Elliott (D) ++	100%	50%	100%	67%	75%	100%	79%
English (R)	0%	0%	71%	44%	50%	25%	42%
Files (R)	0%	13%	71%	44%	63%	88%	55%
Flowers (D) ++	100%	88%	86%	67%	63%	75%	74%
Hendren (R)	0%	0%	50%	44%	38%	25%	35%
Hester (R)	0%	0%	57%	44%	38%	25%	36%
Hickey (R)	0%	0%	71%	44%	38%	75%	45%
Holland (R)	0%	0%	63%	50%	31%	88%	46%
Hutchinson (R)	0%	0%	71%	44%	63%	50%	48%
Ingram (D) ++	100%	38%	86%	78%	63%	75%	71%
Irvin (R)	0%	0%	71%	44%	75%	50%	52%
Johnson (D) ++	100%	75%	100%	100%	86%	88%	73%
Key (R) ++	0%	0%	75%	44%	75%	75%	56%
King (R)	0%	0%	57%	39%	38%	13%	33%
Lamoureux (R)	100%	0%	86%	44%	63%	88%	59%
Lindsey (D)	100%	63%	88%	94%	75%	75%	82%
Maloch (D)	100%	63%	86%	56%	63%	88%	70%
Pierce (D)	100%	25%	86%	67%	75%	75%	70%
Rapert (R)	0%	0%	63%	44%	44%	75%	46%
Sample (R)	0%	13%	71%	44%	75%	75%	56%
Sanders (R)	0%	0%	71%	44%	38%	75%	45%
Stubblefield (R)	0%	0%	71%	50%	50%	25%	44%
Teague (D)	100%	13%	86%	44%	88%	88%	67%
Thompson (D)	100%	25%	71%	67%	63%	75%	64%
Williams (R)	0%	0%	71%	50%	56%	75%	50%
Woods (R)	0%	0%	86%	44%	38%	75%	48%
Wyatt (D)	100%	75%	86%	67%	75%	100%	79%

Health Care Expansion

The 2013 General Assembly voted to expand health care coverage to more than 250,000 uninsured Arkansans! They adopted a plan that uses federal funds designated for Medicaid to purchase insurance on the private exchange in Arkansas.

Health Care Expansion was the central piece of legislation this session. Passing it is truly an historic moment for Arkansas, and for the entire country. Many other states have had their eyes on us to see if the somewhat unconventional plan worked out between Governor Beebe and US Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sibelius would be successful. Our state has come out as a national leader in finding workable, bipartisan solutions to implement the Affordable Care Act and expand health insurance coverage to those who need it most!

This legislation will have a HUGE and direct impact on the state by insuring a quarter million Arkansans, saving lives, keeping rural hospitals from closing, helping out small business owners, and creating 6,200 new jobs! The Rand Corporation estimates that the total impact on the state's GDP will be a gain of about \$550 million.

Health care expansion was not in itself a CFC Priority, but it falls under our 'Fair Budget Solutions' priority, as it was the most sensible and fair way to deal with the looming Medicaid shortfall. Had the legislature not passed expansion, we could have seen major harmful cuts to the state budget to address the shortfall.



Health care expansion was passed in two parts: the enabling legislation (HB 1143) which created the framework to implement health care expansion in Arkansas, and the appropriation (HB 1219) which provided the funding.

Both votes and the related scores are included in the Public health section on page 26. We have also included the vote on HB 1219 here, as this vote was the central piece of legislation this session. Without the funding, HB 1143 could not have been enacted, and because it was a budget bill it required a 75% majority vote—a major threshold which took two attempts to reach in the House.

CFC and AARP members line the steps of the House on the morning of the health care expansion vote, which passed by 2 votes.

600 people packed the Capitol steps to support expanding health coverage to over 250,000 uninsured Arkansans.



House	HB1219
Alexander (R)	x
Altes (R)	✓
Armstrong, C. (D)	✓
Armstrong, E. (D)	✓
Baine (D)	✓
Baird (R)	✓
Ballinger (R)	x
Baltz (D)	✓
Barnett (R)	x
Bell (R)	x
Biviano (R)	✓
Bragg (R)	✓
Branscum (R)	✓
Broadaway (D)	✓
Burriss (R)	✓
Carnine (R)	✓
Catlett (D)	✓
Clemmer (R)	✓
Collins (R)	✓
Copenhaver (D)	✓
Cozart (R)	x
Dale (R)	✓
Davis (R)	✓
Deffenbaugh (R)	x
Dickinson (D)	✓
Dotson (R)	x
Douglas, C. (R)	x
Douglas, D. (R)	✓
Edwards (D)	✓
Eubanks (R)	✓
Farrer (R)	x
Ferguson (D)	✓
Fielding (D)	✓
Fite (R)	x
Gillam (R)	✓
Gossage (R)	x
Hammer (R)	x
Harris (R)	x
Hawthorne (D)	✓
Hickerson (R)	✓
Hillman (D)	✓
Hobbs (R)	x
Hodges (D)	✓
Holcomb (D)	✓
Hopper (R)	x

House (R)	✓
Hutchison (R)	✓
Jean (R)	x
Jett (D)	✓
Julian (D)	✓
Kerr (R)	✓
Kizzia (D)	✓
Lampkin (D)	✓
Lea (R)	✓
Leding (D) ++	✓
Lenderman (D)	✓
Linck (R)	✓
Love (D) ++	✓
Lowery (R)	✓
Magie (D)	✓
Malone (R)	✓
Mayberry (R)	✓
McCrary (D)	✓
McElroy (D)	✓
McGill (D)	✓
McLean (D)	✓
Meeks, D. (R)	x
Meeks, S. (R) ++	x
Miller (R)	x
Murdock (D)	✓
Neal (R)	✓
Nickels (D)	✓
Overbey (D)	✓
Payton (R)	x
Perry (D)	✓
Ratliff (D)	✓
Rice (R)	x
Richey (D)	✓
Sabin (D) ++	✓
Scott (R)	✓
Shepherd (R)	✓
Slinkard (R)	✓
Smith, F. (G)	✓
Steel (D)	✓
Talley (D)	✓
Thompson, T. (D)	✓
Vines (D)	✓
Wagner (D)	✓
Walker (D)	✓
Wardlaw (D)	✓
Westerman (R)	x

Whitaker (D)	✓
Wilkins, B. (D)	✓
Wilkins, H. (D)	✓
Williams (D)	✓
Womack (R)	x
Word (D)	✓
Wren (D)	✓
Wright (D)	✓
Mr. Speaker (R)	✓

Senate	HB1219
Bledsoe (R)	x
Bookout (D)	✓
Burnett (D)	✓
Caldwell (R)	✓
Cheatham (D) ++	✓
Chesterfield (D) ++	✓
Clark (R)	x
Dismang (R)	✓
Elliott (D) ++	✓
English (R)	x
Files (R)	✓
Flowers (D) ++	✓
Hendren (R)	x
Hester (R)	x
Hickey (R)	✓
Holland (R)	✓
Hutchinson (R)	✓
Ingram (D) ++	✓
Irvin (R)	✓
Johnson (D) ++	✓
Key (R) ++	✓
King (R)	x
Lamoureux (R)	✓
Lindsey (D)	✓
Maloch (D)	✓
Pierce (D)	✓
Rapert (R)	✓
Sample (R)	✓
Sanders (R)	✓
Stubblefield (R)	x
Teague (D)	✓
Thompson (D)	✓
Williams (R)	✓
Woods (R)	✓
Wyatt (D)	✓

CFC Priorities

- ◆ **Improve opportunities to learn for all students by implementing proven solutions to close education achievement gaps.**
The CFC and Arkansas Opportunity to Learn Campaign partners passed major improvements to Arkansas's education system, including improving discipline practices, and improving parent involvement in schools. We also defended, with a huge group of allies, against bills that would have weakened public schools.
- ◆ **Support fair solutions to the Medicaid budget shortfall, fight bad tax cuts and support fair tax reform.**
Arkansas faced a huge Medicaid budget shortfall, which was dealt with in large part by implementing health care expansion, although some cuts to services were also made. Arkansas's unfair tax policies were made worse this session. The CFC believes that fair tax solutions should focus on middle and low-income families and not jeopardize essential services.
- ◆ **Implement energy efficiency and renewable energy policies to save consumers money, create jobs and cultivate market certainty for clean energy investors.**
We passed major bills to improve Arkansas's energy economy! We still have more ongoing work to do.
- ◆ **Protect Arkansas's water resources.**
A bill to increase notification requirements to protect Arkansas's extraordinary resource waters passed! The CFC also worked hard to defend against a number of bad water bills which passed this session, but we expect federal laws to prevent them from being enacted.
- ◆ **Oppose state-level immigration policy and oppose punitive anti-immigrant legislation.**
Success: no anti-immigrant legislation was filed this session!
- ◆ **Create an Arkansas Civil Rights Commission to protect Arkansans from discrimination.**
Several groups convened to lay the groundwork for a future campaign for an Arkansas Civil Rights Commission. Though no bill was introduced, they made a lot of progress, and are building for the next session.
- ◆ **Ensure fair elections in communities across Arkansas.**
Legislation to increase the number of election monitors in the state and to require training of poll workers passed! A third bill in our package to require criminal background checks of candidates passed the Senate, but did not clear the house.
- ◆ **Require the oil and gas industry to follow existing best management practices to protect landowner rights and Arkansas's water resources.**
Our Landowner Notification Act passed with only **one** vote against it! This was a huge step forward, and we will continue working with landowners, industry, lawmakers, and state agencies to protect our communities and water.
- ◆ **Strengthen laws to prevent wage theft by increasing penalties for employers who refuse to pay workers.**
Our wage theft bill passed the House thanks to the hard work of the CFC and members. Unfortunately, it was too late in the session to address the last-minute concerns raised and still get the bill past the Senate before the legislature adjourned. We will have an interim hearing on the issue and build more support for next session.
- ◆ **Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to ensure that women have equal access to education, healthcare, jobs and earnings.**
Sadly, a bill to ratify the ERA failed to pass out of committee, as did other legislation promoting fair treatment of women. Supporters of women's rights held a huge rally at the Capitol, showing that legislators' actions did not go unnoticed. We will continue supporting efforts to organize and gain effective representation for women at the Capitol.

Civil Rights

Priority

Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)

SJR19 – Elliott – Failed in Senate State Agencies Committee

The ERA would help ensure that women have equal access to education, healthcare, jobs and earnings. The ERA would amend the US Constitution to add “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the U.S. or by any state on account of sex.”

Priority

Oppose any state-level immigration policy and oppose punitive anti-immigrant legislation.

Success: no anti-immigrant legislation was filed!

Priority

Create an Arkansas Civil Rights Commission.

No legislation was filed. See page 8 (opposite) for details on the ongoing work on this priority.

Other Civil Rights Bills:

SB1093 – Elliott – Failed on Senate floor

To require a racial impact statement for any bills that create a new offense or significantly change an existing offense.

HR1024 – Leding – Died in House Aging, Children & Youth, Legislative & Military Affairs Committee

Urges legislative action on recommendations resulting from the “Women’s Social and Economic Status in Arkansas” study.

HB1814 – Leding – Died in House State Agencies Committee

To require each state agency and higher education institution to create and maintain policies to eliminate discrimination in pay on the basis of an employee’s sex.

HB1815 – Leding – Died in House Aging, Children & Youth, Legislative & Military Affairs Committee

Would have provided state employees six weeks paid parental leave for the birth, adoption, foster placement, or award of guardianship of a child under age one.

SB1055 – Elliott – Died in Senate Judiciary Committee

To abolish the death penalty for the crime of capital murder and for the crime of treason.

Senate	SB1093	SCORE
Bledsoe (R)	×	0%
Bookout (D)	✓	100%
Burnett (D)	✓	100%
Caldwell (R)	P	0%
Cheatham (D) ++	✓	100%
Chesterfield (D) ++	✓	100%
Clark (R)	×	0%
Dismang (R)	×	0%
Elliott (D) ++	✓	100%
English (R)	P	0%
Files (R)	P	0%
Flowers (D) ++	✓	100%
Hendren (R)	×	0%
Hester (R)	×	0%
Hickey (R)	×	0%
Holland (R)	×	0%
Hutchinson (R)	P	0%
Ingram (D) ++	✓	100%
Irvin (R)	×	0%
Johnson (D) ++	✓	100%
Key (R) ++	×	0%
King (R)	P	0%
Lamoureux (R)	✓	100%
Lindsey (D)	✓	100%
Maloch (D)	✓	100%
Pierce (D)	✓	100%
Rapert (R)	P	0%
Sample (R)	P	0%
Sanders (R)	×	0%
Stubblefield (R)	P	0%
Teague (D)	✓	100%
Thompson (D)	✓	100%
Williams (R)	P	0%
Woods (R)	P	0%
Wyatt (D)	✓	100%

Economic Justice & Development

Priority

Strengthen laws to prevent wage theft.

HB2004 – Leding – Passed House, Died in Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee

Would have made it easier for workers to seek immediate remedies when employers fail to pay them fully for their work.

Other Economic Justice & Development Bills:

HB1402 – Wilkins – Died in House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee

Would have raised the state hourly minimum wage from \$6.25 to \$8.25.

SB875 – Hester – Passed Senate, Failed in House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee

Would have reduced weekly unemployment benefits by as much as \$126 per week.

SB38 – Hutchinson – Passed Senate, Died in House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee

Would have created an expensive and ineffective requirement to drug test recipients of unemployment.

SB900 – Woods – Died in Senate

Would have removed Constitutional protection from usury, which currently caps interest rates at 17%.

Several of the bad tax cuts passed this session will be phased in to lessen the fiscal impact this year to around \$150 million, but these cuts balloon over time and will pull more than \$300 million out of the state budget within a few years.



Rev. Howard Gordon testifies that the capital gains tax cut is immoral, as it worsens Arkansas's unfair tax system where middle class and working class families pay twice the rate of wealthy Arkansans.

Priority

Support fair solutions to the Medicaid budget shortfall, fight bad tax cuts and support fair tax reform.

HB1240 – Love – Died in House Revenue & Tax Committee

The Earned Income Tax Credit would have given working families who are struggling in poverty a much needed tax credit.

HB1926 – Sabin – Died in House Revenue & Tax Committee

Would have cut taxes for middle and working class families, boosting our state's economy while giving working Arkansans a much needed break.

HB1041 – Westerman – Failed on House Floor

Would have imposed an arbitrary limit on growth of the state's budget, ensuring that all state services would be underfunded and unable to meet the needs of Arkansans.

HB1418 – Barnett – Failed in House Public Transportation Committee

Would have diverted millions from general revenue to the highway department at the expense of education, child welfare, and health programs.

HB1585 (Act 1459)– Collins – Enacted

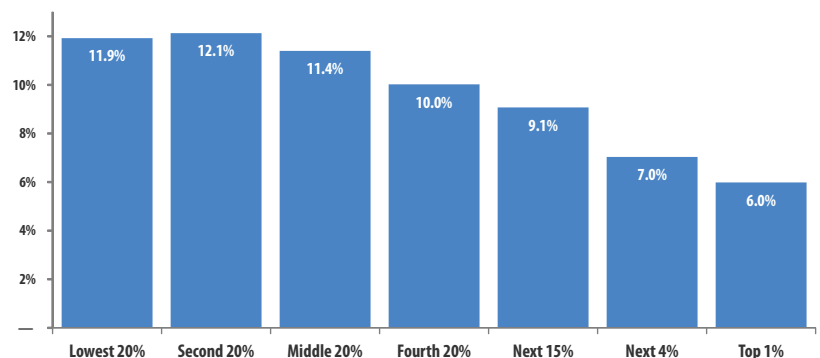
Makes the Arkansas income tax system less fair, further benefiting the top 5% of income earners. It will reduce state general revenue by \$2.5 million in fiscal 2014, \$30.4 million in 2015 and \$55.7 million in 2016.

HB1966 (Act 1488)– Carter – Enacted

Cuts capital gains taxes, removing revenue from the state budget—\$600,000 in fiscal 2014, \$18.1 million in 2015 and \$24.5 million in 2016—in order to give a bonus to wealthy individuals in the state, who already benefit from an unfair tax system where middle class and working class families pay twice the rate that they do.

Arkansas State & Local Taxes

Shares of family income for non-elderly taxpayers



House	HB2004	HB1041	HB1418	HB1585	HB1966	SB875	SB38	Economic
Alexander (R)	x	x		x	x			0%
Altes (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Armstrong, C. (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Armstrong, E. (D)	P	✓		x	x			25%
Baine (D)	P	✓		x	x			25%
Baird (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Ballinger (R)	x	x		x	x			0%
Baltz (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	x			60%
Barnett (R)	P	x	x	x	x			0%
Bell (R)	P	x		P	P			25%
Biviano (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Bragg (R)	x	x		x	x			0%
Branscum (R)	P	x		x	x	✓		20%
Broadaway (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Burris (R)	✓	x		x	x	x		20%
Carnine (R)	P	x		✓	✓			50%
Catlett (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Clemmer (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Collins (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Copenhaver (D)	P	✓		✓	x			50%
Cozart (R)	x	x		✓	x			25%
Dale (R)	P	x		✓	✓			50%
Davis (R)	x	x	x	x	x			0%
Deffenbaugh (R)	x	x		x	x			0%
Dickinson (D)	P	✓		x	x			25%
Dotson (R)	P	x	x	x	x			0%
Douglas, C. (R)	✓	x		x	x			25%
Douglas, D. (R)	✓	x	x	x	x			20%
Edwards (D)	✓	✓		P	x			63%
Eubanks (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Farrer (R)	P	x	x	x	x			0%
Ferguson (D)	✓	✓		x	x	✓		60%
Fielding (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	x			70%
Fite (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Gillam (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Gossage (R)	✓	x		x	x			25%
Hammer (R)	x	x		x	x	x		0%
Harris (R)	x	x		x	x	x		0%
Hawthorne (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	x			60%
Hickerson (R)	P	x	x	x	x			0%
Hillman (D)	P	✓	✓	✓	x			60%
Hobbs (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Hodges (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Holcomb (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	x			60%
Hopper (R)	x	P		P	P			38%
House (R)	x	x		x	x			0%

House	HB2004	HB1041	HB1418	HB1585	HB1966	SB875	SB38	Economic
Hutchison (R)	✓	x		x	x			25%
Jean (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Jett (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Julian (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	x			60%
Kerr (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Kizzia (D)	✓	✓		✓	x			75%
Lampkin (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Lea (R)	✓	x		x	x			25%
Leding (D) ††	✓	✓		P	P	✓		80%
Lenderman (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Linck (R)	✓	x		x	x	x		20%
Love (D) ††	✓	✓		P	✓	✓		90%
Lowery (R)	x	x		x	x			0%
Magie (D)	✓	✓		P	x			63%
Malone (R)	✓	x		x	x	x		20%
Mayberry (R)	x	x		x	x	✓		20%
McCrary (D)	✓	✓	x	x	x			40%
McElroy (D)	✓	✓		P	x			63%
McGill (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	x			70%
McLean (D)	x	✓		x	x			25%
Meeks, D. (R)	x	x		x	x	x		0%
Meeks, S. (R) ††	P	x		x	x			0%
Miller (R)	x	x	x	x	x			0%
Murdock (D)	P	✓		x	x	P		30%
Neal (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Nickels (D)	✓	✓		✓	P			88%
Overbey (D)	✓	P		P	x	✓		60%
Payton (R)	x	x	x	x	P			10%
Perry (D)	P	✓		x	x	✓		40%
Ratliff (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Rice (R)	P	x	x	P	P			20%
Richey (D)	P	✓		✓	x	P		50%
Sabin (D) ††	✓	✓	✓	✓	P			90%
Scott (R)	✓	x		x	x			25%
Shepherd (R)	✓	x		x	x			25%
Slinkard (R)	✓	P		P	x			50%
Smith, F. (G)	✓	✓	✓	x	x			60%
Steel (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Talley (D)	✓	✓		x	P			63%
Thompson, T. (D)	✓	✓		P	x			63%
Vines (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Wagner (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Walker (D)	✓	✓		P	P			75%
Wardlaw (D)	✓	✓		x	x	P		50%
Westerman (R)	x	x		x	x			0%
Whitaker (D)	✓	✓	P	✓	P			80%

House	HB2004	HB1041	HB1418	HB1585	HB1966	SB875	SB38	Economic
Wilkins, B. (D)	P	✓		x	x	✓		40%
Wilkins, H. (D)	✓	P		P	x	P		50%
Williams (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Womack (R)	✓	x		x	x	x		20%
Word (D)	✓	✓		P	x	P		60%
Wren (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Wright (D)	✓	✓		x	x			50%
Mr. Speaker (R)	P	x		x	x			0%
Senate	HB2004	HB1041	HB1418	HB1585	HB1966	SB875	SB38	Economic
Bledsoe (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Bookout (D)				x	x	✓	x	25%
Burnett (D)				P	x	✓	✓	63%
Caldwell (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Cheatham (D) ++				✓	x	✓	P	63%
Chesterfield (D) ++				x	x	✓	x	25%
Clark (R)				✓	x	x	x	25%
Dismang (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Elliott (D) ++				x	x	✓	✓	50%
English (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Files (R)				x	x	P	x	13%
Flowers (D) ++				✓	P	✓	✓	88%
Hendren (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Hester (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Hickey (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Holland (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Hutchinson (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Ingram (D) ++				x	x	✓	P	38%
Irvin (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Johnson (D) ++				E	E	✓	P	75%
Key (R) ++				x	x	x	x	0%
King (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Lamoureux (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Lindsey (D)				x	P	✓	✓	63%
Maloch (D)				✓	x	✓	P	63%
Pierce (D)				x	x	✓	x	25%
Rapert (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Sample (R)				x	x	P	x	13%
Sanders (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Stubblefield (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Teague (D)				x	x	P	x	13%
Thompson (D)				x	x	P	P	25%
Williams (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Woods (R)				x	x	x	x	0%
Wyatt (D)				✓	x	✓	✓	75%

Education

Priority

Improve opportunities to learn for all students by implementing proven solutions to close education achievement gaps.

SB249 (Act 1230) – Key – Enacted

Enabling legislation to implement pilot programs to increase access to quality afterschool and summer programs. However, this was not funded in appropriations.

SB1064 (Act 1423)– Flowers – Enacted

Introduces measures to ensure that school districts are engaging parents and removing roadblocks that keep parents from getting involved.

SB1147 (Act 1329) – Chesterfield – Enacted

Improves data collection and implements initial steps to improve school discipline policies, which currently have a disproportionate effect on low-income and minority students, are ineffective and hurt learning for all students.

HB1689 (Act 1108) – McLean – Enacted

Establishes the Arts-Enriched Curriculum Program as a 15-school pilot program to enhance the Common Core Standards being currently being adopted. However, this was not funded in appropriations.

SB66 (Act 601) – Elliott – Enacted

Creates a District of Innovation Program for giving districts flexibility to develop innovative plans to reduce the achievement gap, improve standards, and more.

SB33 (Act 1294) – Elliott – Enacted

Requires public schools to screen students K-3 for dyslexia and provide intervention and treatment.

SB295 – Elliott – Died in Senate Education Committee

Would have created a student bill of rights, giving parents and students a better idea of what they should expect from their schools and what is expected of them as well.

SB508 – Elliott – Died in Senate Education Committee

Would encourage schools to spend National School Lunch Act (NSLA) funds on programs that are proven to improve student performance and close the achievement gap.

SB811 – Key – Died in Senate Education Committee

Would put more NSLA funding in districts with the most poverty.

SB944 – Cheatham – Died in Senate Education Committee

Increases oversight of charter schools.

SB915 – Elliott – Failed in Senate Education Committee, Referred to Interim Study

The Postsecondary Education and Economic Development Act (or the DREAM Act) would allow graduates of Arkansas high schools to pay in-state tuition at Arkansas colleges.

HB1040 – Biviano – Died in House Education Committee

Would create the most far-reaching charter authorizing entity in the nation, with little oversight or accountability and unprecedented power over public schools and resources.

HB1528 (Act 509) – Biviano – Enacted

Gives the Department of Education the authority to approve a request to establish a new charter school.

HB1897 – Alexander – Referred to Interim Study & HB2260 – Biviano – Died in House Education Committee

Voucher bills which would have diverted public school funding to private schools.

HB1738 – Harris – Failed in House Education Committee & HB2290 – Dotson – Referred to Interim Study

Attempted to politicize the state Board of Education.



CFC Education Caucus Chair Jazzmin Nash and Zessna Garcia met with the Speaker of the House, Rep. Davy Carter, to discuss the importance of funding summer and afterschool programs and passing the DREAM Act.

House	HB1689	SB249	SB66	SB33	SB915	SB1064	SB1147	HB1528	Education
Alexander (R)	P	✓	x	P		✓	✓	x	43%
Altes (R)	P	✓	P	✓		✓	✓	x	57%
Armstrong, C. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Armstrong, E. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Baine (D)	✓	P	✓	✓		✓	P	x	57%
Baird (R)	✓	✓	P	✓		P	P	x	43%
Ballinger (R)	P	✓	P	x		✓	P	x	29%
Baltz (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Barnett (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Bell (R)	x	✓	P	x		✓	✓	x	43%
Biviano (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Bragg (R)	P	✓	✓	P		✓	P	x	43%
Branscum (R)	P	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	71%
Broadway (D)	✓	✓	✓	P		✓	✓	x	71%
Burris (R)	P	✓	✓	P		✓	✓	x	57%
Carnine (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Catlett (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Clemmer (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Collins (R)	x	✓	x	P		✓	x	x	29%
Copenhaver (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Cozart (R)	✓	P	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	79%
Dale (R)	✓	✓	P	P		P	P	x	29%
Davis (R)	✓	✓	✓	x		✓	P	x	57%
Deffenbaugh (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Dickinson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	93%
Dotson (R)	P	✓	P	P		✓	x	x	29%
Douglas, C. (R)	✓	P	✓	✓		✓	P	P	64%
Douglas, D. (R)	P	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	71%
Edwards (D)	✓	P	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	71%
Eubanks (R)	P	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	71%
Farrer (R)	x	✓	✓	x		P	x	x	29%
Ferguson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Fielding (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	93%
Fite (R)	✓	✓	✓	x		✓	P	x	57%
Gillam (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Gossage (R)	✓	✓	✓	P		✓	✓	x	71%
Hammer (R)	✓	✓	✓	P		✓	✓	x	71%
Harris (R)	x	✓	x	✓		✓	x	x	43%
Hawthorne (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	P	79%
Hickerson (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		P	✓	x	71%
Hillman (D)	✓	✓	✓	P		✓	✓	P	79%
Hobbs (R)	x	P	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	57%
Hodges (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Holcomb (D)	P	P	✓	✓		✓	P	x	43%
Hopper (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
House (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%

House	HB1689	SB249	SB66	SB33	SB915	SB1064	SB1147	HB1528	Education
Hutchison (R)	P	✓	✓	P		✓	✓	x	57%
Jean (R)	P	✓	✓	P		✓	✓	x	57%
Jett (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Julian (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Kerr (R)	✓	✓	✓	P		✓	P	x	57%
Kizzia (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Lampkin (D)	P	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	71%
Lea (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Leding (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Lenderman (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Linck (R)	P	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	71%
Love (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	93%
Lowery (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Magie (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Malone (R)	✓	✓	P	P		✓	P	x	43%
Mayberry (R)	✓	✓	P	P		✓	✓	x	57%
McCrary (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	93%
McElroy (D)	✓	✓	P	✓		✓	✓	x	71%
McGill (D)	P	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	71%
McLean (D)	P	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	71%
Meeks, D. (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Meeks, S. (R) ++	P	✓	✓	P		✓	P	x	43%
Miller (R)	P	P	✓	P		P	x	x	14%
Murdock (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Neal (R)	P	✓	✓	P		✓	✓	x	57%
Nickels (D)	P	✓	P	P		✓	✓	x	43%
Overbey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Payton (R)	x	P	P	P		P	P	x	0%
Perry (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Ratliff (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Rice (R)	✓	✓	P	P		P	P	x	29%
Richey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Sabin (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Scott (R)	P	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	71%
Shepherd (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Slinkard (R)	✓	✓	P	✓		✓	P	x	57%
Smith, F. (G)	P	✓	✓	✓		P	✓	P	64%
Steel (D)	P	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	57%
Talley (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Thompson, T. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Vines (D)	✓	✓	P	✓		✓	✓	x	71%
Wagner (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Walker (D)	P	✓	P	✓		✓	P	P	50%
Wardlaw (D)	✓	✓	P	✓		✓	✓	x	71%
Westerman (R)	x	✓	x	✓		✓	✓	x	57%
Whitaker (D)	✓	✓	P	✓		✓	P	x	57%

House	HB1689	SB249	SB66	SB33	SB915	SB1064	SB1147	HB1528	Education
Wilkins, B. (D)	✓	✓	P	P		P	✓	P	50%
Wilkins, H. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Williams (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	93%
Womack (R)	✓	✓	✓	x		✓	P	x	57%
Word (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		P	✓	x	71%
Wren (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Wright (D)	P	✓	✓	P		✓	P	x	43%
Mr. Speaker (R)	P	P	P	✓		P	P	P	21%
Senate	HB1689	SB249	SB66	SB33	SB915	SB1064	SB1147	HB1528	Education
Bledsoe (R)	x	✓	✓	✓		✓	x	x	57%
Bookout (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Burnett (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Caldwell (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Cheatham (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	88%
Chesterfield (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	100%
Clark (R)	✓	✓	✓	P	x	✓	✓	x	63%
Dismang (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Elliott (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
English (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Files (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Flowers (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Hendren (R)	x	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	50%
Hester (R)	x	✓	✓	✓		✓	x	x	57%
Hickey (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	x	x	71%
Holland (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	63%
Hutchinson (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Ingram (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Irvin (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	x	x	71%
Johnson (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	100%
Key (R) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	x	75%
King (R)	✓	P	✓	✓		✓	P	x	57%
Lamoureux (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Lindsey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	88%
Maloch (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Pierce (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Rapert (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	x	x	63%
Sample (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Sanders (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	x	x	71%
Stubblefield (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Teague (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Thompson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Williams (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	x	71%
Woods (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%
Wyatt (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	86%

Election & Government Reform

Priority

Ensure fair elections in communities across Arkansas.

HB1551 (Act 1456) – Love – Enacted

Increases the number of statewide election monitors from two to four—one per Congressional district. Monitors have been critical in some elections to stop irregularities and prevent fraud.

HB1552 (Act 1457)– Love – Enacted

Mandates training for ALL poll workers to ensure that the laws are understood and followed by everyone at every polling site. Previously, only one poll worker per polling site was required to have training on election laws and practices, which caused serious election problems in some communities.

SB1029 – Ingram – Passed Senate, Failed in House State Agencies Committee

Would have required background checks for candidates.

SB2 (Act 595) – King – Enacted

Requires voters to present certain forms of ID. An expensive “solution” to an election problem that does not exist, which will suppress voting for the elderly, low-income, racial and ethnic minorities and people with disabilities. *We believe this violates the Arkansas Constitution and will be struck down.*

SB719 – King – Passed, Vetoed by Governor

Would have created an expensive and unnecessary “Voter Integrity” unit within the Secretary of State’s office.

SB720 – King – Passed, Vetoed by Governor

Would have politicized County Election Boards

SB721 – King – Passed, Vetoed by Governor

Would have politicized the State Board of Elections.

Other Election & Government Reform Bills:

HB1569 (Act 985) – Baine – Enacted

Requires county quorum courts to provide notice to members within 48 hours when special meetings are scheduled.

SB821 (Act 1413) – Ingram – Enacted

Creates unnecessary roadblocks and requirements for grassroots organizations to effectively participate in the process for ballot initiatives in Arkansas.

SJR6 – Williams – Died in Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments

Would have destroyed the separation of powers in our government by transferring the judicial branch’s ability to set rules to the legislative branch.



(Above) Barry Haas, a poll captain and military veteran, testified in committee that SB2, the voter ID bill, is expensive, discriminatory and unneeded.



(Left) Rep. Fred Love sponsored the package of real election reforms that will make elections in Arkansas more fair.



CFC Co-Chair William El-Amin tells the media about the importance of positive election reforms, such as more election monitors and better poll worker training, rather than detrimental bills like voter ID.

House	HB1551	HB1552	SB1029	HB1569	SB2	SB719	SB720	SB721	SB821	Elec/Gov
Alexander (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Altes (R)	✓	✓	P	✗	✗	✗	P	✗	✗	28%
Armstrong, C. (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	P	56%
Armstrong, E. (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗	P	✗	✗	56%
Baine (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	✓	P	✗	75%
Baird (R)	P	P	P	✓	✗	✗	P	✗	✓	28%
Ballinger (R)	✓	P		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	25%
Baltz (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗	P	✗	56%
Barnett (R)	✓	✓		P	✗	✗	P	✗	✗	31%
Bell (R)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	P	39%
Biviano (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Bragg (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Branscum (R)	✓	P		✓	✗	P	✗	P	✗	38%
Broadaway (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	75%
Burris (R)	✓	P		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	25%
Carnine (R)	P	P		P	✗	✗	✗	P	✗	6%
Catlett (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	56%
Clemmer (R)	P	✓	P	✓	✗	✗	✗	P	✗	28%
Collins (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Copenhaver (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	P	✓	✗	75%
Cozart (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Dale (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓	P	✓	✗	69%
Davis (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	P	✓	✗	56%
Deffenbaugh (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	50%
Dickinson (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	P	P	✗	69%
Dotson (R)	✓	✓	P	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	33%
Douglas, C. (R)	✓	✓		P	✗	✗	✗	✗	P	31%
Douglas, D. (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Edwards (D)	✓	P		✓	✓	P	P	P	P	63%
Eubanks (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Farrer (R)	✓	P		✓	✗	✗	P	✗	✗	31%
Ferguson (D)	✓	✓		✓	P	✗	✗	✗	✗	44%
Fielding (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	✗	✓	✗	69%
Fite (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Gillam (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Gossage (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Hammer (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Harris (R)	✓	✓		P	✗	✗	P	✗	✓	44%
Hawthorne (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	50%
Hickerson (R)	P	P	✗	✓	✗	✗	P	✗	✗	17%
Hillman (D)	✓	✓		✓	P	✓	✗	✓	✗	69%
Hobbs (R)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	P	✗	✗	50%
Hodges (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗	P	P	P	69%
Holcomb (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	50%
Hopper (R)	P	P	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	11%
House (R)	✓	✓		✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	50%

House	HB1551	HB1552	SB1029	HB1569	SB2	SB719	SB720	SB721	SB821	Elec/Gov
Hutchison (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Jean (R)	✓	✓		✓	x	x	P	x	x	44%
Jett (D)	✓	✓		P	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Julian (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	x	x	x	50%
Kerr (R)	✓	✓	P	✓	x	✓	P	P	x	56%
Kizzia (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	✓	✓	x	81%
Lampkin (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	P	x	x	63%
Lea (R)	✓	✓	P	✓	x	x	x	P	x	39%
Leding (D) ++	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	P	P	P	81%
Lenderman (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	P	P	x	69%
Linck (R)	✓	✓		✓	x	P	P	x	x	50%
Love (D) ++	✓	✓		✓	P	P	P	P	x	63%
Lowery (R)	✓	✓		✓	x	x	x	x	✓	50%
Magie (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	x	P	x	63%
Malone (R)	P	✓		✓	x	x	x	P	x	31%
Mayberry (R)	✓	✓		✓	x	x	x	x	✓	50%
McCrary (D)	P	✓		✓	x	x	x	x	x	25%
McElroy (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	x	✓	x	69%
McGill (D)	✓	✓		P	✓	x	x	x	P	44%
McLean (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	P	P	P	69%
Meeks, D. (R)	✓	✓		✓	x	x	x	x	✓	50%
Meeks, S. (R) ++	✓	✓		✓	x	P	x	x	P	50%
Miller (R)	✓	x	x	P	x	x	P	x	x	17%
Murdock (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	P	P	x	69%
Neal (R)	✓	✓		✓	x	x	x	P	x	44%
Nickels (D)	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	56%
Overbey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	P	x	61%
Payton (R)	✓	x		✓	x	x	P	x	x	31%
Perry (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	P	P	x	63%
Ratliff (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	63%
Rice (R)	✓	P		✓	x	P	P	P	x	44%
Richey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	x	P	x	67%
Sabin (D) ++	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	P	P	✓	88%
Scott (R)	✓	✓		✓	x	x	x	x	x	38%
Shepherd (R)	✓	✓		✓	x	x	x	✓	x	50%
Slinkard (R)	P	P		✓	x	x	x	P	x	19%
Smith, F. (G)	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	P	x	P	63%
Steel (D)	✓	✓		✓	P	x	P	P	x	56%
Talley (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	x	P	x	56%
Thompson, T. (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	x	P	x	63%
Vines (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	63%
Wagner (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	P	✓	x	78%
Walker (D)	✓	✓	x	P	✓	x	x	✓	P	50%
Wardlaw (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	x	x	x	50%
Westerman (R)	✓	✓	P	✓	x	x	x	x	P	39%
Whitaker (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	75%

House	HB1551	HB1552	SB1029	HB1569	SB2	SB719	SB720	SB721	SB821	Elec/Gov
Wilkins, B. (D)	✓	P	P	✓	✓	P	P	P	x	50%
Wilkins, H. (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	x	P	x	63%
Williams (D)	✓	✓		P	✓	P	P	x	x	50%
Womack (R)	✓	✓		✓	x	x	x	x	x	38%
Word (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	x	P	x	63%
Wren (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	P	✓	x	75%
Wright (D)	✓	✓		✓	✓	x	x	x	x	50%
Mr. Speaker (R)	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	31%
Senate	HB1551	HB1552	SB1029	HB1569	SB2	SB719	SB720	SB721	SB821	Elec/Gov
Bledsoe (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Bookout (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	P	72%
Burnett (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	67%
Caldwell (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Cheatham (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	56%
Chesterfield (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	67%
Clark (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Dismang (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Elliott (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	67%
English (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Files (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Flowers (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	67%
Hendren (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Hester (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Hickey (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Holland (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	P	50%
Hutchinson (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Ingram (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	78%
Irvin (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Johnson (D) ++	E	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	E	✓	100%
Key (R) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
King (R)	✓	✓	P	✓	x	x	x	x	P	39%
Lamoureux (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Lindsey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	94%
Maloch (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	56%
Pierce (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	67%
Rapert (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Sample (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Sanders (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Stubblefield (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	P	50%
Teague (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Thompson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	67%
Williams (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	E	x	x	50%
Woods (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	44%
Wyatt (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	67%

Environment



Rep. Greg Leding, CFC Environment Caucus Chair Debbie Doss, and Sen. Jason Rapert celebrate the passage of the Landowner Notification Act. The bill brought a wide range of perspectives together to help landowners in the Fayetteville Shale.

Priority

Protect Arkansas's water resources.

HB2252 (Act 1511) – Leding – Enacted

Provides enhanced notification for all Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and an interim study on their impact in the Buffalo River and other watersheds.

HB1929 (Act 954) – Davis – Enacted

Guts standards for water quality in the state. It will allow for more pollution in streams not currently designated as drinking sources. *We believe this violates federal law and will be struck down.*

HB2088 (Act 593) – Gillam – Enacted

Moves agriculture needs above stream health of water planning priorities, making it possible to pump streams dry and destroy ecosystems in times of drought. *We believe this violates federal law and will be struck down.*

SB367 – Hendren – Passed Senate, Failed in House Judiciary Committee

“Takings” legislation would have required the state and municipalities to reimburse companies for costs related to city zoning requirements or clean water regulations.

Priority

Require the oil and gas industry to follow existing best management practices.

HB2001 (Act 1299) – Leding – Enacted

Gives landowners with natural gas operations on their property advance notice of operations. Notice would include the location of the operation, the site of any spills that violate state or federal permits, and development plans which contain locations of roads, reserve pits, pipelines etc. on the landowner's property.

Priority

Implement energy efficiency and renewable energy policies.

SB340 (Act 554) – Johnson – Enacted

Guaranteed Energy Cost Saving reduces energy costs, improves efficiency, saves taxpayers money by providing a method to fund energy savings measures for state-owned buildings, and provides new jobs for Arkansans.

SB640 (Act 1074) – Johnson – Enacted

Property Assessed Clean Energy provides property owners with the opportunity to take out affordable loans for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and water conservation improvements. It provides property owners with cash savings, increases property value, creates jobs, and is 100% voluntary.

HB1390 – Sabin – Referred to Interim Study by Joint Energy Committee

Would promote and encourage development and use of the state's renewable energy resources, foster investment in emerging renewable energy technologies, and require electric utilities to include renewable energy resources as part of their energy portfolios.

HB1456 – S. Meeks – Died in Joint Energy Committee

Net-metering would have required electric utilities to pay market rates for excess electricity that is generated by customers and fed back into the utilities.

HB1386 (Act 253) – Rice – Enacted

Provides for large nonresidential utility customers to opt-out of the utility-sponsored conservation programs otherwise required by the Public Service Commission.

House	SB340	SB640	HB2001	HB2252	HB1386	HB1929	HB2088	SB367	Enviro
Alexander (R)	✓	✗	P	✓	✗	✗	✗		29%
Altes (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		43%
Armstrong, C. (D)	P	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		43%
Armstrong, E. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		57%
Baine (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Baird (R)	P	P	P	✓	✗	✗	✗		14%
Ballinger (R)	✓	✗	P	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	25%
Baltz (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		57%
Barnett (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		57%
Bell (R)	✓	✗	P	✓	✗	✗	✗		29%
Biviano (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		43%
Bragg (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		43%
Branscum (R)	✓	P	✓	P	✗	✗	✗		29%
Broadway (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✗	✗	P	63%
Burris (R)	✓	P	✓	P	✗	✗	✗		29%
Carnine (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	P		64%
Catlett (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		57%
Clemmer (R)	✓	P	P	✓	✗	✗	✗		29%
Collins (R)	✓	P	P	✓	✗	✗	✗		29%
Copenhaver (D)	✓	P	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		43%
Cozart (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		57%
Dale (R)	P	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		43%
Davis (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	P		50%
Deffenbaugh (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	P		50%
Dickinson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		57%
Dotson (R)	✓	✗	P	✓	✗	✗	✗		29%
Douglas, C. (R)	✓	P	P	✓	P	✗	P		43%
Douglas, D. (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		57%
Edwards (D)	✓	P	P	✓	P	P	✗		43%
Eubanks (R)	P	P	P	✓	✗	✗	✗		14%
Farrer (R)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		43%
Ferguson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		57%
Fielding (D)	✓	P	✓	P	✗	✗	P		36%
Fite (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	50%
Gillam (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Gossage (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	✗	✗	P		50%
Hammer (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	✗	P	✗		50%
Harris (R)	✓	✗	✓	P	✗	✗	✗		29%
Hawthorne (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	P	✗		64%
Hickerson (R)	✓	P	P	✓	✗	✗	✗		29%
Hillman (D)	P	P	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		29%
Hobbs (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		43%
Hodges (D)	✓	P	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	38%
Holcomb (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	✗	✗	✗		43%
Hopper (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		43%
House (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		43%

House	SB340	SB640	HB2001	HB2252	HB1386	HB1929	HB2088	SB367	Enviro
Hutchison (R)	✓	✓	✓	P	x	P	x		50%
Jean (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	x	x	x		43%
Jett (D)	✓	✓	P	✓	x	x	x		43%
Julian (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x		57%
Kerr (R)	✓	P	✓	P	x	x	x		29%
Kizzia (D)	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	P	✓	56%
Lampkin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	P		64%
Lea (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	x	x	x		43%
Leding (D) ††	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	P	x		64%
Lenderman (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x		71%
Linck (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	x	x	✓		57%
Love (D) ††	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	P	x		64%
Lowery (R)	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x		43%
Magie (D)	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	50%
Malone (R)	✓	✓	P	✓	P	x	x		50%
Mayberry (R)	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x		43%
McCrary (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	x	P	x		50%
McElroy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	✓	75%
McGill (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x		57%
McLean (D)	P	✓	P	P	x	x	x		14%
Meeks, D. (R)	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x		43%
Meeks, S. (R) ††	✓	P	✓	P	x	P	x		36%
Miller (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	x	x	x		43%
Murdock (D)	✓	P	✓	✓	x	x	x		43%
Neal (R)	P	P	P	✓	x	x	P	x	19%
Nickels (D)	P	✓	P	P	✓	P	x	✓	44%
Overbey (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	x	x	x		43%
Payton (R)	✓	P	✓	P	x	x	x		29%
Perry (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	P	x		64%
Ratliff (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x		57%
Rice (R)	✓	✓	P	✓	x	x	x		43%
Richey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x		57%
Sabin (D) ††	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Scott (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	50%
Shepherd (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	P	56%
Slinkard (R)	✓	✓	✓	P	P	x	P	P	56%
Smith, F. (G)	✓	P	✓	✓	x	x	P		50%
Steel (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	x	x	x	✓	50%
Talley (D)	P	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x		43%
Thompson, T. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x		57%
Vines (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	P	56%
Wagner (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	63%
Walker (D)	✓	P	✓	P	x	P	x	✓	44%
Wardlaw (D)	✓	✓	P	✓	x	x	x		43%
Westerman (R)	✓	P	P	✓	x	x	x		29%
Whitaker (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x		86%

House	SB340	SB640	HB2001	HB2252	HB1386	HB1929	HB2088	SB367	Enviro
Wilkins, B. (D)	✓	P	✓	✓	x	x	x		43%
Wilkins, H. (D)	✓	✓	P	✓	x	P	x		50%
Williams (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	P	P	P	69%
Womack (R)	✓	P	✓	✓	x	x	x		43%
Word (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	P	x		64%
Wren (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x		57%
Wright (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	x	x	x	P	44%
Mr. Speaker (R)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		21%
Senate	SB340	SB640	HB2001	HB2252	HB1386	HB1929	HB2088	SB367	Enviro
Bledsoe (R)	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x	x	25%
Bookout (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	P	56%
Burnett (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	P	56%
Caldwell (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	63%
Cheatham (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	P	x	✓	69%
Chesterfield (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	63%
Clark (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	38%
Dismang (R)	✓	x	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	38%
Elliott (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	75%
English (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	50%
Files (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	63%
Flowers (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	63%
Hendren (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	38%
Hester (R)	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	38%
Hickey (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	38%
Holland (R)	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x	P	31%
Hutchinson (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	63%
Ingram (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	63%
Irvin (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	75%
Johnson (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	E	x	✓	✓	✓	86%
Key (R) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	75%
King (R)	✓	✓	✓	P	x	x	x	x	38%
Lamoureux (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	P	P	x	63%
Lindsey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	75%
Maloch (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	63%
Pierce (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	75%
Rapert (R)	✓	x	✓	x	x	✓	x	P	44%
Sample (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	75%
Sanders (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	x	38%
Stubblefield (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	x	50%
Teague (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	88%
Thompson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	63%
Williams (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	x	✓	P	x	56%
Woods (R)	✓	✓	✓	P	x	x	x	x	38%
Wyatt (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	75%

Public Health

HB1143 (Act 1498) – Burris – Enacted

Prescribes the creation and administration of the “private option” for expansion of health care insurance to 250,000 low-income Arkansans. *See page 6 for more information.*

HB1219 (Act 1496)– Enacted

Provides the appropriation to fund the health care expansion, HB1143. Because it is a budget bill, this required a 75% majority, and was the major vote of the session. *See page 6 for more information.*

SB428 (Act 383) – Pierce – Enacted

Appropriates \$1,000,000 for grants to public schools for a pilot program to establish breakfast nutritional programs.

SB654 (Act 440) – Woods – Enacted

Deletes the requirement that the Department of Correction test inmates for HIV and provide counseling regarding treatment options prior to the inmates’ discharge or release. This is a setback for the past CFC priority of improving HIV/AIDS testing and treatment.



CFC Youth Caucus Co-Chair Brittney Banks and her team answer trivia questions at the CFC’s Youth Legislative Training.



Glady's Tiffany came to the Capitol to support expanding health care to provide 250,000 Arkansans with health insurance.



Supporters of health care expansion, which would save lives, help small businesses and rural hospitals, and create 6,200 new jobs.

House	HB1143	HB1219	SB428	SB654	Health
Alexander (R)	x	x	P	x	0%
Altes (R)	x	✓	P	P	38%
Armstrong, C. (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Armstrong, E. (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Baine (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Baird (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Ballinger (R)	x	x	P	x	0%
Baltz (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Barnett (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Bell (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Biviano (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Bragg (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Branscum (R)	x	✓	✓	P	63%
Broadway (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Burris (R)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Carnine (R)	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Catlett (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Clemmer (R)	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Collins (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Copenhaver (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Cozart (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Dale (R)	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Davis (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Deffenbaugh (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Dickinson (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Dotson (R)	x	x	P	x	0%
Douglas, C. (R)	x	x	P	P	13%
Douglas, D. (R)	x	✓	✓	P	63%
Edwards (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Eubanks (R)	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Farrer (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Ferguson (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Fielding (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Fite (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Gillam (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Gossage (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Hammer (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Harris (R)	x	x	P	x	0%
Hawthorne (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Hickerson (R)	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Hillman (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Hobbs (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Hodges (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Holcomb (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Hopper (R)	P	x	✓	x	25%
House (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%

House	HB1143	HB1219	SB428	SB654	Health
Hutchison (R)	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Jean (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Jett (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Julian (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Kerr (R)	x	✓	✓	P	63%
Kizzia (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Lampkin (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Lea (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Leding (D) ††	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Lenderman (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Linck (R)	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Love (D) ††	✓	✓	P	P	63%
Lowery (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Magie (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Malone (R)	x	✓	✓	P	63%
Mayberry (R)	x	✓	✓	x	50%
McCrary (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
McElroy (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
McGill (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
McLean (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Meeks, D. (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Meeks, S. (R) ††	x	x	✓	x	25%
Miller (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Murdock (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Neal (R)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Nickels (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Overbey (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Payton (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Perry (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Ratliff (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Rice (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Richey (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Sabin (D) ††	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Scott (R)	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Shepherd (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Slinkard (R)	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Smith, F. (G)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Steel (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Talley (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Thompson, T. (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Vines (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Wagner (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Walker (D)	✓	✓	P	P	63%
Wardlaw (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Westerman (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Whitaker (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%

House	HB1143	HB1219	SB428	SB654	Health
Wilkins, B. (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Wilkins, H. (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Williams (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Womack (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Word (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Wren (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Wright (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Mr. Speaker (R)	✓	✓	P	P	63%
Senate	HB1143	HB1219	SB428	SB654	Health
Bledsoe (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Bookout (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Burnett (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Caldwell (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Cheatham (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Chesterfield (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Clark (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Dismang (R)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Elliott (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
English (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Files (R)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Flowers (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Hendren (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Hester (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Hickey (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Holland (R)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Hutchinson (R)	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Ingram (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Irvin (R)	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Johnson (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Key (R) ++	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
King (R)	x	x	P	P	13%
Lamoureux (R)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Lindsey (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Maloch (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Pierce (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Rapert (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Sample (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Sanders (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Stubblefield (R)	x	x	✓	x	25%
Teague (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	88%
Thompson (D)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Williams (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Woods (R)	✓	✓	✓	x	75%
Wyatt (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%

Overall Scores

House	Overall
Sabin (D) ++	89%
Leding (D) ++	76%
Kizzia (D)	74%
Love (D) ++	74%
Whitaker (D)	74%
Wagner (D)	72%
Lenderman (D)	72%
McElroy (D)	71%
Wren (D)	70%
Dickinson (D)	68%
Thompson, T. (D)	68%
Broadaway (D)	68%
Fielding (D)	68%
Perry (D)	68%
Williams (D)	68%
Copenhaver (D)	67%
Ratliff (D)	67%
Baltz (D)	66%
Hawthorne (D)	66%
Magie (D)	66%
Word (D)	66%
Lampkin (D)	65%
Catlett (D)	65%
Wilkins, H. (D)	65%
Overbey (D)	64%
Richey (D)	64%
Jett (D)	63%
Talley (D)	63%
Ferguson (D)	63%
Hodges (D)	63%
Vines (D)	63%
Armstrong, C. (D)	62%
Armstrong, E. (D)	62%
Edwards (D)	62%
Hillman (D)	61%
Julian (D)	61%
McGill (D)	61%
Murdock (D)	61%
Smith, F. (G)	61%
Shepherd (R)	60%
Wardlaw (D)	58%
Nickels (D)	58%
Steel (D)	56%
Baine (D)	55%
McCrary (D)	55%

Lowery (R)	53%
McLean (D)	53%
Walker (D)	53%
Holcomb (D)	52%
Linck (R)	52%
Wilkins, B. (D)	52%
Biviano (R)	50%
Douglas, D. (R)	50%
House (R)	50%
Lea (R)	50%
Wright (D)	50%
Davis (R)	48%
Gillam (R)	48%
Scott (R)	48%
Cozart (R)	48%
Dale (R)	48%
Deffenbaugh (R)	48%
Hutchison (R)	47%
Carnine (R)	47%
Mayberry (R)	45%
Meeks, D. (R)	45%
Slinkard (R)	45%
Gossage (R)	45%
Branscum (R)	44%
Kerr (R)	44%
Barnett (R)	40%
Burriss (R)	40%
Hammer (R)	40%
Hobbs (R)	40%
Hopper (R)	40%
Malone (R)	40%
Neal (R)	40%
Bragg (R)	40%
Fite (R)	39%
Womack (R)	39%
Douglas, C. (R)	38%
Jean (R)	38%
Clemmer (R)	37%
Eubanks (R)	37%
Altes (R)	35%
Meeks, S. (R) ++	35%
Bell (R)	34%
Rice (R)	34%
Westerman (R)	34%
Collins (R)	33%
Hickerson (R)	33%

Baird (R)	31%
Farrer (R)	27%
Harris (R)	27%
Alexander (R)	27%
Dotson (R)	22%
Miller (R)	20%
Ballinger (R)	19%
Payton (R)	19%
Mr. Speaker (R)	—

Senate	Overall
Lindsey (D)	82%
Elliott (D)	79%
Wyatt (D)	79%
Flowers (D) ++	74%
Chesterfield (D) ++	73%
Johnson (D) ++	73%
Ingram (D) ++	71%
Cheatham (D) ++	71%
Burnett (D)	70%
Maloch (D)	70%
Pierce (D)	70%
Bookout (D)	68%
Teague (D)	67%
Thompson (D)	64%
Lamoureux (R)	59%
Sample (R)	56%
Key (R) ++	56%
Files (R)	55%
Caldwell (R)	52%
Irvin (R)	52%
Dismang (R)	50%
Williams (R)	50%
Hutchinson (R)	48%
Woods (R)	48%
Holland (R)	46%
Rapert (R)	46%
Hickey (R)	45%
Sanders (R)	45%
Stubblefield (R)	44%
English (R)	42%
Clark (R)	41%
Hester (R)	36%
Hendren (R)	35%
Bledsoe (R)	33%
King (R)	33%



Selecting the CFC Priorities

Delegates from the CFC's 54 member groups attend the CFC Convention where they present the issues they want the CFC to support in the upcoming legislative session. The issues are considered, discussed and debated. From these, delegates elect the CFC's broad platform and the Ten Priorities for a Better Arkansas, which the CFC and member groups work together to push during the session.



Join the CFC for the next Convention in 2014, where we will prepare for the 2015 Legislative Session! Go to CitizensFirst.org to find out more about becoming a member organization in the Arkansas Citizens First Congress.

*(Above) Energy and Education advocates were out in force throughout the session, leading to several important victories.
(Below) Allies, legislative champions and grassroots members all worked to make the 2013 Arkansas Legislature a success.*



2012-2013 Member Organizations

Arkansans for Responsible Gas Development
Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
Arkansas Canoe Club
Arkansas Coalition for DREAM
Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape and Domestic Violence
Arkansas Conservation Coalition
Arkansas Education Association (AEA)
Arkansas Head Start Association
Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance
Arkansas Interfaith Alliance
Arkansas Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice
Arkansas Interfaith Power and Light
Arkansas Opportunity to Learn Campaign
Arkansas People First
Arkansas Renewable Energy Association
Arkansas United Community Coalition
Arkansas Wildlife Federation
Audubon Arkansas
Boys Girls and Adults CDC (BGACDC)
Center for Artistic Revolution (CAR)
Concerned Citizens of Monticello
Concerned Citizens of Prescott
Concerned Citizens of the Marvell Area
Delta Citizens Alliance
Desha Grassroots Coalition
ERA Arkansas Coalition
Fayetteville Forward Green Economy Group
First Presbyterian Church
Future Builders, Inc.
Gould Citizens Advisory Council
Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas
Huttig Concerned Citizens
Inmate Justice Project
League of Women Voters of Washington County
LULAC Council #761
Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center
OMNI Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology
Pew Environment Group
Phi Iota Alpha
Pine Bluff Citizens in Action
Planned Parenthood of the Heartland
River Valley Equality Center
SAGG Minority Business Association
Sierra Club, Arkansas Chapter
Sierra Club, Central Arkansas Group
Sierra Club, Ozark Headwaters Group
South Arkansas Education Coalition
Southeast Arkansas Regional Coalition
Southeast Arkansas Youth Coalition
Southern Bancorp Community Partners
Southwest Arkansas Good Government Commission
Stonewall Democratic Caucus of Arkansas
Strong Community Leadership Alliance
Treadwell Institute
White River Environmental Protection Assn.
Women's Action for New Directions (WAND)