



Legislator Voting Record 2025–2026

114th General Assembly

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Committee + Floor Votes

Sen. Richard Briggs (R) Republican

Senate District 7 – Part of Knox County

First Year Elected= 2014

Committees: Senate Rules, Transportation & Safety, State & Local Govt (Chair)

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Recommendation



2025-2026 NOTABLE FLOOR VOTES

Category	Bill Click for details	Title	TCGC	Outcome	Year	Vote Record
Limited Government	HB0022/SB0178	Public Meetings – Public Comment Required	Support	Signed by Governor	2026	Yes ✓
Second Amendment	HB0469/SB0350	Landlord Cannot Deny Tenant Firearms	Support	Signed by Governor	2026	Yes ✓
Limited Government	HB0809/SB0527	Monsanto Bill – Pesticide Liability Shield	Oppose	Taken Off Notice	2025	Yes x
Illegal Immigration	HB1705/SB1922	E-Verify Required for All Government Employers	Support	Signed by Governor	2026	Yes ✓
Illegal Immigration	HB1706/SB1587	Illegal Immigrants Cannot Drive Commercial Vehicles	Support	Passed	2026	Yes ✓
Illegal Immigration	HB1710/SB1915	Verify Citizenship Before Public Benefits	Support	Passed	2026	Yes ✓
Limited Government	HB1788/SB2424	Foreign Entities Banned from Buying TN Land	Support	Signed by Governor	2026	Yes ✓
Illegal Immigration	HB2018/SB1486	Law Enforcement Must Honor Immigration Detainers	Support	Passed	2026	Yes ✓
Child Protection	HB2082/SB1989	Raising Child Per Biological Sex Is Not Abuse	Support	Signed by Governor	2026	Yes ✓
Medical Freedom	HB2389/SB2255	TennCare Psychotropic Medication Reporting	Support	Signed by Governor	2026	Yes ✓
Limited Government	HB0055/SB0030	Criminalizes Leafletting, Photography, Signs Near Police	Oppose	Signed by Governor	2025	Yes x
Limited Government	HB0123/SB1275	Government Lien on Private Property	Oppose	Signed by Governor	2025	Yes x
Election Integrity	HB0855/SB0799	Caption Bill — Enables Crossover Voting	Oppose	Signed by Governor	2025	Yes x
Election Integrity	HB1316/SB1297	Digital Driver License with Biometric Data for Voter ID	Oppose	Signed by Governor	2025	Yes x
Limited Government	HB1325/SB0207	Government Easements Create Loss of Private Land Control	Oppose	Signed by Governor	2025	Yes x

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE

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\$589,148.77

Current Campaign Balance

Notable contributors: Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of TN PAC (multiple thousands), Total Wine PAC (Bethesda, MD—multiple thousands), Amazon.com, Caesars Enterprise, Sports Betting Alliance, Blue Cross Blue Shield of TN PAC, Autry & Brian DeBusk (DeRoyal Industries), James A Haslam II, James Haslam III, State Senator Rebecca Duncan Massey, State Rep Ferrell Haile, Congressman John Rose, Senator Todd Gardenhire, State Rep Jessie Seal, Former Knox GOP President Larry Smith, Knox County Commissioner Larsen Jay, Former Knox County Mayor Victor Ashe, FedEx Corp PAC, Walmart Inc, Walgreen Co.



Legislator Report Card — Supplemental Data

114th General Assembly · External Scores & Extras

Sen. Richard
Briggs
Senate District 7



TENNESSEE LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

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81

Vote Score

76

Lifetime Score

D

Leadership Grade

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FREEDOM INDEX
SCORE

52%

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NAUGHTY & NICE — Notable Votes & Sponsorships

- Voted No on SB1028 – NAUGHTY: All ballots cast by a voter in primary/general elections must have a visible secure watermark.
- Voted No on SB1029 – NAUGHTY: Makes changes to the process of voting absentee with regards to federal uniformed and overseas citizens.
- Voted abstain on SB1889 – NAUGHTY: A restricted driver's license will be issued for one year only for individuals who don't speak or read English.
- SPONSOR – Voted Yes on SB2064 – NAUGHTY: Referendum election to raise a real property tax rate by an amount that exceeds the previous limitations.
- Voted No on SB2657 – NAUGHTY: enacts the "Restoring State Sovereignty Through Nullification Act," assembly may nullify an unconstitutional federal act.
- SPONSOR – Voted Yes on SB0305 – any organization or entity that receives money from the state cannot deny benefits or participation based on DEI.
- SPONSOR – Voted Yes on SB0366 – Requires board of elections to verify monthly the voter rolls with regards to non-citizens.
- SPONSOR – Voted Yes on SB0367 – Requires board of elections to verify monthly voter rolls w/ regards to non-citizens. Verify via SAVE database.
- Voted Yes on SB1748 – An "out of service order" will be issued to a commercial driver who is unable to read and speak English.
- SPONSOR – SB0148 (2022): Sponsored legislation to allow vaccinations without parental consent.
- Voted against SB2290 (2022) – Legislation to prevent modern-day racism.
- Voted against SB2188 (2022) – Making Ivermectin available over-the-counter in Tennessee.
- Refused to vote on SB1059 (2022) – Legislation protecting children from obscene materials.
- Killed SB1092 (2022) – Legislation to restore Tennessee state sovereignty; refused to 2nd the bill in committee.
- Voted against SB1111 (2022) – Requiring parental/guardian consent before vaccinating a child.
- SPONSOR – SB0137 (2025): Sponsored legislation approving development projects without public input.
- Would not vote on SB0178 in 2025 – Expanding citizen input at public meetings (Senate companion to HB0022). TCGC Supports.
- SPONSOR – SB0229 (2025): Sponsored bill to fund weaponization of government entities against conservative candidates and groups.
- Killed SB0777 (2025) – Bill to close Tennessee primary elections; refused to 2nd the bill in committee.
- Voted against SB1040 (2025) – Prohibiting out-of-state PACs from influencing primary elections.
- Voted NO on SB0836 (2025) – Schools refusing enrollment to students unlawfully present in the United States.
- Voted against SB0990 (2026) – Requiring verification of legal work authorization.
- Voted against SB2636 (2026) – Homeschool freedoms legislation.
- Voted against SB0259 (2026) – Parental rights in children's healthcare.
- Voted against SB1048 (2026) – Preventing government overreach.

IN THE NEWS

NPR	Jan 31, 2024	A Tennessee lawmaker helped pass a strict abortion law. He's now trying to loosen it
Tennessee Conservative News	May 19, 2025	'Closed Primaries Killed Us': GOP State Lawmaker Admits Crossover Democrats Keep Him In...
Tennessee Conservative News	March 15, 2025	TNGOP Senator Briggs Teams Up with Planned Parenthood
Tennessee Conservative News	December 15, 2022	Tennessee Right to Life Revokes Endorsement of Senator Richard Briggs
Tennessee Conservative News	April 2, 2025	Bill to Close Primaries in Tennessee Fails in Senate Committee Without Receiving a Vote
Tennessee Conservative News	June 1, 2026	Tennessee State Senator Richard Briggs Running for Reelection: A Look at His Voting Record