

2007-2008 Senate Votes

Senator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Algiere	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	8/12
Alves	+	+	+	+	a	+	+	a	a	a	+	-	7/8
Badeau	+	+	a	a	+	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3/3
Bates	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	7/12
Blais	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	a	5/11
Breene	-	+	-	a	+	-	+	-	-	a	a	-	3/9
Cicccone	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	a	a	a	7/9
Connors	+	+	+	a	a	+	+	-	-	+	+	a	7/9
Cote	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	8/12
DaPonte	+	+	+	+	+	+	a	-	-	a	+	a	7/9
Doyle	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	9/12
Felag	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	a	9/11
Fogarty	+	a	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	a	+	+	8/10
Gallo	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	a	-	+	+	-	9/11
Gibbs	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	9/12
Goodwin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	a	-	+	+	-	9/11
Issa	a	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	a	8/10
Jabour	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	8/12
Lanzi	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	a	9/11
Lenihan	+	+	+	a	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	8/11

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Levesque	+	a	a	a	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	6/9
Maselli	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	a	-	+	+	-	9/11
McBurney	+	+	a	a	+	+	+	-	-	a	+	-	6/9
McCaffrey	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	9/12
Metts	a	+	+	+	a	+	+	-	-	+	a	-	6/9
Miller	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	a	-	+	+	-	9/11
Montalbano	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	9/12
Moura	+	+	+	+	a	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	8/11
Paiva-Weed	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	9/12
Perry	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	9/12
Picard	*	*	*	*	*	*	+	-	-	+	+	+	4/6
Pichardo	+	+	+	+	+	+	a	-	-	+	a	a	7/9
Raptakis	+	+	a	+	+	+	+	-	a	a	+	-	7/9
Revens	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	a	a	+	a	7/9
Ruggerio	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	9/12
Sheehan	+	+	a	a	a	+	+	-	a	+	+	-	6/8
Sosnowski	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	9/12
Tassoni	+	+	+	+	+	+	a	+	-	-	+	+	8/11
Walaska	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	9/12

CIVIL LIBERTIES VOTING RECORD

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2007-2008

KEY TO VOTING RECORD

- + indicates a vote in favor of ACLU position
- indicates a vote against the ACLU position
- a indicates legislator did not vote on bill
- * indicates legislator did not hold seat at time of vote
- () indicates how legislator stated he/she would have voted
- [] indicates when a legislator requested his or her vote be changed; their final decision is noted

JULY 2008

1. **LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS** (07-S 619) A vote to override the governor's veto of a bill that would allow domestic partners of state employees to receive pension benefits in the case of the employee's death. A vote to override was scored a + vote. Veto overridden 33-3.
2. **JUVENILE JUSTICE** (07-S 1141A) A vote to reverse the effects of a FY 2008 budget provision that stripped the Family Court of jurisdiction over 17-year-old offenders and sent them to adult court. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 36-0.
3. **MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (07-S 791 as amended) A vote to override the governor's veto of a bill making permanent a state law authorizing the use of medical marijuana by patients with serious illnesses. A vote to override was scored a + vote. Veto overridden 29-4.
4. **RIGHTS OF PRISONERS** (07-H 5780) A vote to repeal an outdated law that declares people sentenced to life imprisonment "civilly dead" for virtually all legal purposes. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 30-1.
5. **STUDENTS' RIGHTS** (07-S 394) A vote to bar "zero tolerance" policies and instead require schools to take a case-by-case approach in determining the discipline for students charged with alcohol, weapon or drug violations. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 33-0.
6. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** (08-S 2232) A vote to eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for certain drug crimes. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 33-3.
7. **CIVIL RIGHTS** (08-S 2143A as amended) A vote to clarify that victims of discrimination have three years to file suit under the R.I. Civil Rights Act. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 36-0.
8. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** (08-S 2517) A vote to allow for the forced administration of blood tests on persons involved in vehicular accidents resulting in death or serious injury. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 33-0.
9. **MEDICAL PRIVACY** (08-S 2679A as amended) A vote to set up, with limited privacy safeguards, a statewide, centralized electronic system for storing a person's medical records. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 34-0.
10. **OPEN RECORDS** (08-S 2963A as amended) A vote to strengthen the Access to Public Records Act, including shortening the time period for government agencies to comply with requests for public records. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 30-0.
11. **CIVIL RIGHTS** (08-S 2689) A vote to require the Department of Human Services to provide appropriate language interpreter services to clients. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 32-2.
12. **RED LIGHT CAMERAS** (08-S 2706A) A vote to make permanent a state law allowing municipalities to use "red light cameras." A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 27-2.

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 obviously do not 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; it is designed only to provide information on how legislators voted on some of the major civil liberties issues in 2007-2008. 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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2007-2008 House Votes

Representative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
Ajello	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	a	+	+	+	15/16
Almeida	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	a	+	+	14/16
Amaral	-	-	-	-	-	a	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	a	+	a	+	3/14
Baldelli-Hunt	-	a	a	+	a	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	a	-	-	[-]	4/13
Brien	-	+	a	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	a	+	-	-	[-]	+	6/15
Caprio	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	a	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	10/16
Carter	+	+	+	a	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	8/16
Church	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	a	-	+	-	+	-	a	-	+	7/15
Coaty	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	a	-	-	-	a	+	-	-	a	+	2/7
Coderre	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	a	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	9/16
Convese	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	4/17
Costantino	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	a	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	8/16
Crowley	*	a	+	a	a	a	a	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1/1
Dennigan	a	a	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	9/15
DeSimone	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	a	a	a	-	+	8/14
Diaz	+	a	+	a	+	+	+	a	+	+	a	-	a	a	+	+	+	10/11
Ehrhardt	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	3/17
Fellela	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	a	a	a	+	10/14
Ferri	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	+	+	+	+	+	+	(+)	-	-	+	7/10
Flaherty	-	+	+	-	+	+	a	a	-	-	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	4/8
Fox	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	9/17
Gablinske	+	+	+	-	-	(+)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	7/17
Gallison	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	8/17
Gemma	+	+	+	+	a	-	[-]	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	11/16
Giannini	+	+	a	-	-	-	-	a	+	-	-	-	+	a	-	[-]	+	5/14
Ginaitt	*	+	+	a	-	-	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	2/5

Representative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
Gorham	-	-	-	-	-	(+)	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	3/17
Handy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	a	+	+	+	15/16
Jackson	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	a	-	a	+	7/15
Jacquard	+	+	+	-	a	-	a	+	+	(-)	+	-	+	a	-	-	+	8/14
Kennedy	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	a	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	8/16
Kilmartin	+	+	+	-	a	-	-	-	+	-	a	-	a	a	-	-	+	5/13
Lally	+	+	+	+	-	a	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	a	a	a	+	8/13
Lewiss	a	+	+	+	a	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	8/15
Lima	a	a	+	-	+	-	-	a	+	-	+	-	+	-	a	-	+	6/13
Long	-	-	+	(-)	-	+	a	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	7/16
Loughlin	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	a	+	-	+	5/16
Malik	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	a	-	[-]	a	6/15
Mattiello	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	7/17
McCauley	+	a	+	-	a	+	a	-	+	+	a	-	+	-	-	[-]	+	7/13
McManus	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	a	a	a	+	4/14
McNamara	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	a	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	[-]	+	8/16
Melo	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	a	-	+	7/16
Menard	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	a	a	a	a	a	+	3/12
Moffitt	-	+	a	-	-	-	-	+	+	a	+	-	-	a	+	[-]	+	6/14
Mumford	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	a	-	-	+	3/16
Murphy	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	a	+	-	+	-	a	-	-	-	+	8/15
Naughton	+	a	+	a	-	-	-	-	+	a	+	-	+	-	-	-	a	5/13
O'Neill	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	a	-	a	+	9/15
Pacheco	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	9/17
Palumbo	a	a	+	-	-	-	a	-	a	-	+	a	a	a	a	-	+	3/9
Petrarca	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	a	a	a	+	9/14

Representative	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
Picard	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	+	4/9
Rice	a	+	+	+	a	(+)	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	a	-	+	11/14
Rose	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	8/17
San Bento	+	+	+	+	a	-	-	a	a	-	a	a	a	a	a	-	-	5/10
Savage	a	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	a	+	-	+	+	6/15
Schadone	-	+	+	+	a	-	-	-	a	-	+	a	a	a	a	a	+	5/10
Scott	-	+	a	a	+	-	-	-	a	-	a	a	a	a	a	a	+	3/8
Segal	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15/16
Serpa	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	8/17
Shanley	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	a	-	a	+	8/15
Silva	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	a	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	10/16
Singleton	a	+	+	-	a	a	-	+	a	-	a	a	a	a	a	a	+	4/7
Slater	+	+	+	a	+	-	a	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	11/15
Smith	+	a	+	a	a	+	-	a	+	a	a	-	a	a	+	a	a	5/7
Story	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	5/17
Sullivan	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	10/17
Trillo	-	+	-	(-)	-	a	-	a	-	-	-	-	-	a	a	-	+	2/13
Ucci	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	7/17
Vaudreuil	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	8/17
Walsh	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	(+)	a	+	a	14/15
Wasyluk	a	a	a	a	a	+	a	a	+	a	a	-	a	a	a	a	+	3/4
Watson	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	a	+	-	+	5/16
Williams	+	+	+	a	+	+	a	-	+	+	+	+	a	+	-	-	+	10/13
Williamson	+	+	+	a	a	-	a	a	+	a	+	a	a	-	+	-	+	7/10
Winfield	-	+	+	-	a	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	5/15

- LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS (07-S 619)** A vote to override the governor's veto of a bill that would allow domestic partners of state employees to receive pension benefits in the case of the employee's death. A vote to override was scored a + vote. Veto overridden 43-22.
- STUDENTS' RIGHTS (07-S 394)** A vote to bar "zero tolerance" policies and instead require schools to take a case-by-case approach in determining the discipline for students charged with alcohol, weapon or drug violations. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 59-6.
- MEDICAL MARIJUANA (07-S 6005 as amended)** A vote to override the governor's veto of a bill making permanent a state law authorizing the use of medical marijuana by patients with serious illnesses. A vote to override was scored a + vote. Veto overridden 58-11.
- RIGHTS OF PRISONERS (07-H 5780)** A vote to repeal an outdated law that declares people sentenced to life imprisonment "civilly dead" for virtually all legal purposes. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 34-28.
- EMPLOYMENT PRIVACY (07-H 5985)** A vote to allow police agencies to give lie detector tests to job applicants. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 38-22.
- JUVENILE JUSTICE (07-H 5300A, Article 22)** A vote on a budget article to strip the Family Court of jurisdiction over 17-year-old

offenders and send them to adult court. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 48-19.

- CHURCH-STATE SEPARATION (07-H 6254)** A vote to prohibit cities and towns from "altering the name or concept of any religious or secular holiday" or any symbols associated with the holiday. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 55-10.
- RED LIGHT CAMERAS (08-H 7195)** A vote to make permanent a state law allowing municipalities to use "red light cameras." A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 35-23.
- PRIVACY (08-H 8027 as amended)** A vote to restrict the state and municipalities from using "radio frequency identification" technology to track students. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 48-19.
- EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION (08-H 7107A as amended)** A vote to require employers to use a flawed federal verification system to check the employment eligibility status of new hires. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 52-17.
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE (08-H 8025)** A vote to eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for certain drug crimes. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 53-12.
- MEDICAL PRIVACY (08-S 2679A as amended)** A vote to set up, with limited privacy safeguards, a statewide, centralized electronic system for

storing a person's medical records. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 63-0.

- OPEN RECORDS (08-H 7422A)** A vote to strengthen the Access to Public Records Act, including shortening the time period for government agencies to comply with requests for public records. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 49-9.
- SEX OFFENDERS (08-S 2328 as amended)** A vote to prohibit persons convicted of sex offenses from living within 300 feet of any school. A vote against was scored a + vote. Passed 41-0.
- CHURCH-STATE SEPARATION (08-H 7715A)** A vote on an amendment to remove a municipality's obligation to provide financial aid for certain students with disabilities attending private schools. A vote in favor of the amendment was scored a + vote. Defeated 17-38.
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE (08-S 2916A as amended)** A vote on an amendment to specify that an on-duty law enforcement officer cannot serve as the sole complainant in the filing of "indecent exposure" charges. A vote in favor of the amendment was scored a + vote. Defeated 9-46.
- CIVIL RIGHTS (08-H 7361)** A vote to clarify that victims of discrimination have three years to file suit under the R.I. Civil Rights Act. A vote in favor was scored a + vote. Passed 71-0.