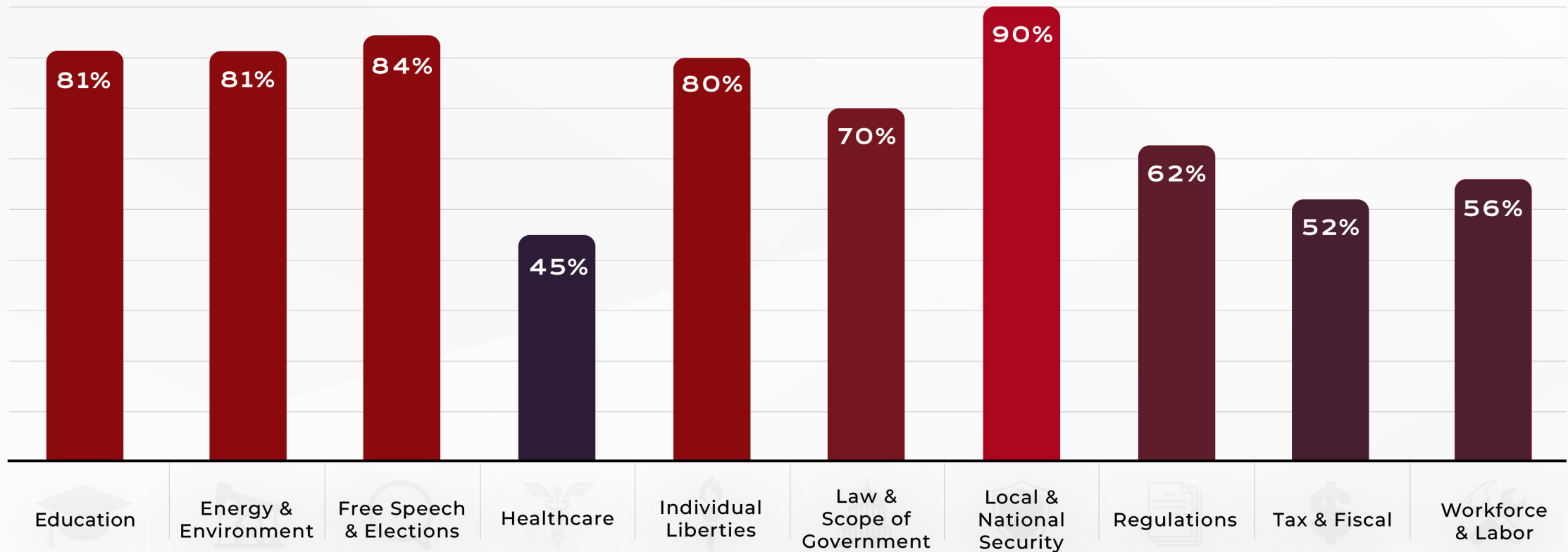


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Percentage of Time Tennessee Lawmakers Adhere to Limited Government by Category



67.60%
TENNESSEE AVERAGE

69.22%
SENATE AVERAGE

78.04%
SENATE REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

29.53%
SENATE DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

67.07%
HOUSE AVERAGE

80.94%
HOUSE REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

24.91%
HOUSE DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

DEFENDER OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT AWARD

(Ratings of 80% and Above)



Top 25

Bryan Richey
Bryan Terry
Bud Hulse
Chris Todd
Clark Boyd

Clay Doggett
Dan Howell
Debra O. Moody
Dennis Powers
Ed Butler

Iris Rudder
Jay D. Reedy
John D. Ragan
Johnny Garrett
Justin Lafferty

Kip Capley
Mary Littleton
Michael Hale
Michele Carringer
Mike Sparks

Monty Fritts
Paul Sherrell
Rick Eldridge
Scott Cepicky
Timothy Hill

Top 50

Andrew Farmer
Brock Martin
Chris Hurt
Curtis Johnson
Elaine Davis

Esther Helton-Haynes
Gino Bulso
Greg Martin
Greg Vital
Jake McCalmon

Jason Zachary
Jeremy Faison
Jody Barrett
John Crawford
Kelly Keisling

Kevin Vaughan
Mark White
Pat Marsh
Robert Stevens
Ron M. Gant

Rusty Grills
Ryan Williams
Tim Hicks
Tim Rudd
William Lamberth

Additional Awardees

Bill Powers
Bo Watson
Jack Johnson

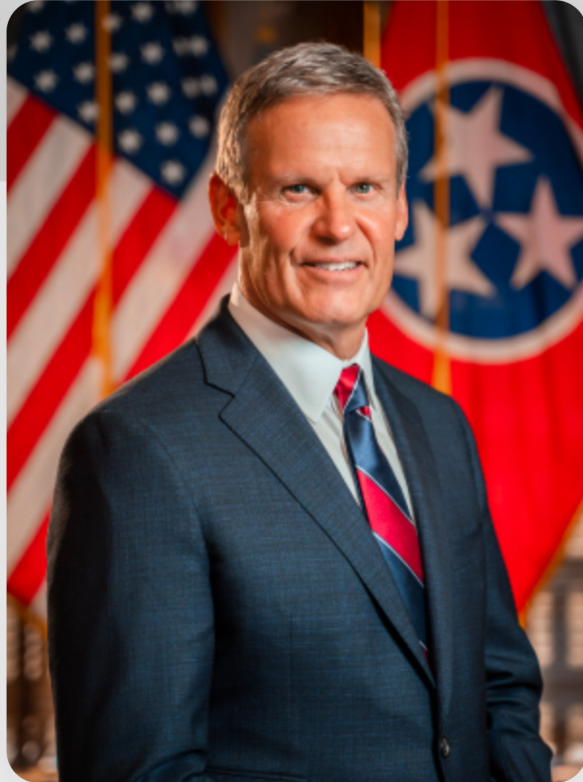
Jerome Moon
John Stevens
Jon Lundberg

Kerry Roberts
Mark Cochran
Paul Rose

Steve Southerland
Susan M. Lynn
Todd Gardenhire

Tom Leatherwood
William Slater

GOVERNOR RATINGS








**Governor
Bill Lee**

— TENNESSEE —

78.26%

LIMITED GOVERNMENT RATING

-  Education - 100%
-  Energy & Environment - 100%
-  Free Speech & Elections - 100%
-  Individual Liberties - 100%
-  Local & National Security - 100%

-  Law & Scope of Government - 80%
-  Regulations - 67%
-  Workforce & Labor - 64%
-  Healthcare - 50%
-  Tax & Fiscal - 50%

GOVERNOR RATINGS



Governor action against Limited Government

Governor action with Limited Government

Each measure is weighted based on the impact on size and scope of government, ie., 1x, 2x, 3x...

HB 5 Reducing Crime and Strengthening Public Safety by Imposing Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Certain Crimes.

2x - Signed

SB 12 Improving Educational Outcomes by Making More Students Eligible for School Choice Under the Tennessee Education Savings Account Pilot Program.

3x - Signed

SB 93 Enriching Cosmetology Schools and Restricting Competition by Forcing Individuals Who Provide "Eyelash Extension Services" to Undergo 300 Hours of Classroom Training, Examination and Licensure.

2x - Signed

SB 102 Protecting School Teachers and Employees from Politicized "Implicit Bias Training" Mandates by Ensuring They Have the Right to Opt-Out Without Facing Disciplinary Actions.

2x - Signed

SB 172 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Authorizing Adults to Carry Pocket Knives on School Grounds When Visiting the Property to Vote.

1x - Signed

SB 276 Forcing Taxpayers to Provide Excessive Paid Leave Benefits to Certain State Employees.

1x - Signed

HB 322 Strengthening School Security by Establishing Additional Safety Measures Designed to Protect Students and Teachers.

2x - Signed

HB 355 Hiking Health Insurance Premiums by Mandating Policies Provide Additional Mammogram Diagnostic and Supplemental Screenings Without any Co-Pay or Deductible.

1x - Signed

HB 394 Reducing Federal Regulatory Barriers in the Meat Packing Industry by Authorizing the Creation of a State Meat Inspection Program to Processing.

1x - Signed

SB 394 Advancing Government Overreach Through the Creation of a Committee to Propose New Regulations and Licensing Mandates on Doulas.

1x - Signed

SB 439 Growing the Surveillance State by Allowing Law Enforcement to Bypass the Department of Transportation and Install License Plate Readers Without DOT Authorization.

2x - Signed

SB 443 Reducing a Barrier to School Choice by Ensuring Home School Students Have Equal Access to Extracurricular Activities.

1x - Signed

HB 482 Strengthening Public Safety by Enhancing Penalties for Damage or Disruption of Critical Infrastructure.

1x - Signed

SB 515 Strengthening Public Safety by Authorizing Retired Law Enforcement Officers to Carry a Concealed Firearm on University Campuses.

1x - Signed

SB 600 Prohibiting Local Governments from Utilizing Taxpayer Funds to Assist an Individual in Obtaining a Criminal Abortion in Another State.

2x - Signed

SB 626 Hiking Tax Burdens on Tennesseans through a Crony Cap on Aviation Fuel Taxes Which Enriches FedEx and Other Airlines.

2x - Signed

SB 638 Expanding School Choice Under the Tennessee Education Savings Account Pilot Program by No Longer Requiring Prior Enrollment in a Public School to Qualify.

2x - Signed

SB 679 Alleviating Healthcare Staffing Shortages by Providing Certified Medical Assistants the Ability to Perform a Greater Range of Tasks.

1x - Signed

HB 774 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Prohibiting Local Governments from Imposing Wage or Benefit Mandates on Private Employers.

3x - Signed

SB 817 Reducing Politicalization at State Institutions of Higher Education by Combatting DEI and Directing Investigation of Political Favoritism.

2x - Signed

SB 937 Reducing Healthcare Staffing Shortages by Allowing Medical School Graduates to Practice Under a Licensed Physician Prior to Obtaining Their Medical License.

1x - Signed

HB 946 Protecting Tennesseans from Higher Utility Costs by Ensuring Natural Gas is Designated as a "Clean Energy" if a Locality Imposes an Energy Mandate on a Public Utility.

2x - Signed

SB 955 Protecting Taxpayers by Prohibiting ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Considerations in State and Local Investment Strategies.

2x - Signed

SB 988 Expanding Consumer Choice and Competition by Allowing Tennessee Wine Manufacturers to Blend their Products with Distilled Spirits.

1x - Signed

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HB 1039 Strengthening Election Integrity by Requiring Verification of Voter Districts Following Census Reapportionment.

2x - Signed

SB 1221 Reducing Teacher Shortages by Authorizing the Issuance of Temporary Teaching Permits to Educators Who Have Met Certain Coursework Requirements.

2x - Signed

HB 1309 Driving Up Life Insurance Premiums by Prohibiting Insurers from Requesting Genetic Data or Testing as a Condition of Coverage.

1x - Signed

HB 1545 Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a \$56.2 Billion Budget (6.5% Increase) with Countless Provisions that Further Grow the Size and Scope of Government.

3x - Signed

HB 1060 Strengthening the Integrity of the Unemployment Insurance System and Reducing Fraud through Increased Work Search Requirements and a New Employer Reporting Portal.

2x - Signed

SB 1224 Combatting Crime and Improving Public Safety by Providing Judges Greater Authority to Issue Consecutive Sentences for Multiple Offenses.

2x - Signed

HB 1342 Protecting Workers from Intimidation by Union Bosses by Making the "Secret Ballot" a Requirement for Companies to Receive State Economic Development Incentives.

2x - Signed

HB 1561 Strengthening Property Rights by Restricting the Use of Eminent Domain to Seize Property in Sumner County.

2x - Signed

SB 1111 Strengthening Individual Liberties and Parental Rights by Requiring Parental Consent to Administer Vaccinations to Minors.

1x - Signed

SB 1275 Hiking Health Insurance Premiums by Imposing New Coverage Mandates for Medical Laboratory Services.

1x - Signed

SB 1440 Reducing Frivolous Litigation Under State Non-Discrimination Law by Clarifying the Definition of "Sex" as One's Biological Sex at Birth.

2x - Signed

SB 7088 Combatting Child and Human Trafficking by Requiring an Annual Report from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

1x - Signed

SB 1147 Protecting Private Property Rights by Prohibiting Adoption of the United Nations Politicized Climate Change Agenda.

1x - Signed

HB 1281 Growing Government Central Planning by Forcing Taxpayers to Pay Off the Student Loan Debt of Physicians in "Health Resource Shortage Areas".

1x - Signed

SB 1443 Strengthening the Integrity of the Public Education System by Prohibiting Discussion of Sensitive Issues Surrounding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity without Parental Consent.

2x - Signed

HB 1189 Protecting Firearm Manufacturers and Retailers from Frivolous Litigation by Restricting Civil Litigation.

2x - Signed

SB 1289 Combatting Government Overreach by Preventing Localities from Prohibiting or Imposing Additional Regulations on Battery-Charged Security Fences.

1x - Signed

HB 1479 Safeguarding Taxpayers Investments from Run-Away Inflation by Authorizing the State Treasurer to Buy and Sell Gold and Other Precious Metals.

2x - Signed



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