



VOTING RIGHTS LAWS

(100 Points)

Does the state have automatic voter registration? (10 points)

Yes	No
10 points	0 points

Sources

National Conference of State Legislatures, [Automatic Voter Registration](#); Movement Advancement Project, [Automatic Voter Registration](#)

Does the state have same-day voter registration? (10 points)

Yes	Same-day voter registration is allowed during early voting, but not on Election Day	No
10 points	5 points	0 points

Sources

National Conference of State Legislatures, [Same Day Voter Registration](#); Movement Advancement Project, [Voter Registration Deadlines](#)

Does the state have online voter registration? (10 points)

Yes	No
10 points	0 points

Sources

National Conference of State Legislatures, [Online Voter Registration](#); Movement Advancement Project, [Online Voter Registration](#)

Does the state protect against improper voter purges? (10 points)

Does the state purge inactive voters and not provide adequate notice before removing voters?

No	Yes
5 points	0 points

Source

National Conference of State Legislatures, [Voter List Accuracy](#)

Is the state a member of the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)?

Yes	No
5 points	0 points

Source

Movement Advancement Project, [Membership in Electronic Registration Information Center](#)

Does the state have no-excuse absentee voting? (10 points)

Yes, without additional and excessive ID/witness/notary requirements	State allows for no-excuse absentee voting, but has additional and excessive voter ID/witness/notary requirements	No
10 points	5 points	0 points

Sources

National Conference of State Legislatures, [States with No-Excuse Absentee Voting](#); Movement Advancement Project, [Additional Steps to Return Mail Ballot](#)

Does the state have early voting? (10 points)

The state has 14 or more days of early voting	The state has 13 to 1 days of early voting	The state does not have early voting
10 points	5 points	0 points

Sources

National Conference of State Legislatures, [Early In-Person Voting](#); Movement Advancement Project, [Early Voting Period](#)

Does the state require voters to verify their identity to vote? (10 points)

State voter verification process does not include requiring voters to show an ID or sign an affidavit to vote	Photo ID requested, but if voter does not have ID, voter verification process does not require the voter to take any additional steps	Non-photo ID required, and additional steps required of the voter if the voter does not have ID	Photo ID required, and additional steps required of the voter if the voter does not have ID
10 points	5 points	2 points	0 points

Sources

National Conference of State Legislatures, [Voter ID Laws](#); Movement Advancement Project, [Voter ID Requirements for In-Person Voting](#)

Has the state passed expansive voting legislation or taken executive action protecting or expanding voter access since 2020? (10 points)

Yes	Yes, but impact is minor or mixed	No
10 points	5 points	0 points

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Does the state restore voting rights for individuals with felony convictions after they have served their time? (10 points)

Never disenfranchise or have automatic restoration after incarceration	Automatic restoration after completion of sentence	Never/rarely restored or not automatic restoration
10 points	5 points	0 points

Sources

National Conference of State Legislatures, [Felon Voting Rights](#); Movement Advancement Project, [Voting Rights for Formerly Incarcerated People](#)

How long did voters in 2020 have to wait to cast their ballot in person? (10 points)

Voters waited fewer than 15 minutes on average to cast a ballot	Voters waited between 15 and 20 minutes on average to cast a ballot	Voters waited over 20 minutes on average to cast a ballot
10 points	5 points	0 points

Sources

Movement Advancement Project, [In-Person Voting Wait Time & Line Length](#)



CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS

(100 Points)

Does the state have adequate individual contribution limits? (10 points)

Individuals may contribute up to \$2,900 for statewide office	Individuals may contribute up to \$5,800 for statewide office	Individuals may contribute over \$5,800 for statewide office
10 points	5 points	0 points

Source

National Conference of State Legislatures, [State Limits on Contributions to Candidates 2021-2022 Election Cycle](#)

Does the state have adequate PAC contribution limits? (10 points)

PACs may contribute up to \$5,000 for statewide office	PACs may contribute up to \$10,000 for statewide office	PACs may contribute over \$10,000 for statewide office
10 points	5 points	0 points

Source

National Conference of State Legislatures, [State Limits on Contributions to Candidates 2021-2022 Election Cycle](#)

Does the state have adequate corporate and union contribution limits? (10 points)

Corporate donations are prohibited	Corporations may contribute up to \$2,900 for statewide office	Corporations may contribute over \$2,900 for statewide office
5 points	2.5 points	0 points
Union donations are prohibited	Unions may contribute up to \$2,900 for statewide office	Unions may contribute over \$2,900 for statewide office
5 points	2.5 points	0 points

Source

National Conference of State Legislatures, [State Limits on Contributions to Candidates 2021-2022 Election Cycle](#)

Does the state restrict coordination between campaigns and independent expenditure committees? (10 points)

Yes, the state has detailed rules defining what qualifies as coordination between candidates and independent expenditure committees	The state recognizes coordination between independent expenditure committee and most coordinated actors, and the state does not specify the conduct and campaign spending that may qualify as coordination	The state recognizes coordination between independent expenditure committee and candidates only, and the state does not specify the conduct and campaign spending that may qualify as coordination	No
10 points	5 points	2.5 points	0 points

Source

Coalition for Integrity, [State Campaign Finance Index 2022](#)

Does the state require reporting of contributions to independent spenders, and the sources behind those contributions? (10 points)

Does the state require reporting of contributors to independent spenders?

Yes	Some donors to independent expenditures are required to be disclosed or some information related to contributors is not required	No
7 points	3.5 points	0 points

Does the state require reporting of the beneficial owners of LLCs that contribute to entities that make independent expenditures?

Yes	Beneficial owners are only disclosed in certain circumstances	No
1.5 points	0.75 points	0 points

Does the state require reporting of the funders of 501(c) groups that contribute to independent spenders?

Yes	Contributors to 501(c) groups are only disclosed under limited circumstances	No
1.5 points	0.75 points	0 points

Source

Coalition for Integrity, [State Campaign Finance Index 2022](#)

Does the state have adequate laws to prevent the lobbyist revolving door? (10 points)

State bans politicians from serving as lobbyists for 2 or more years after leaving office	State bans politicians from serving as lobbyists for fewer than 2 years	State does not prevent politicians from serving as lobbyists for any period of time
10 points	5 points	0 points

Source

National Conference of State Legislatures, [Revolving Door Prohibitions](#)

Does the state have an effective independent ethics agency to enforce ethics laws? (10 points)

Does an independent ethics agency have jurisdiction over the executive branch, including elected officials, appointed officials, and executive branch employees?

Yes, all executive branch officials and employees are under the jurisdiction of the ethics agency	Some executive branch officials and employees are under the jurisdiction of the ethics agency	No independent ethics agency or it does not have jurisdiction over executive branch officials and employees
2 points	1 point	0 points

Does an independent ethics agency have jurisdiction over members of the state legislature?

Yes, all members of the legislature are under the jurisdiction of the ethics agency	Some members of the legislature are under the jurisdiction of the ethics agency or some of the ethics rules apply to legislators	No independent ethics agency or it does not have jurisdiction over members of the legislature
2 points	1 point	0 points

Does the independent agency have the power to initiate its own investigations?

Over the executive branch?			Over the legislative branch?		
Yes	The ethics agency has limited powers to conduct its own investigations	No	Yes	The ethics agency has limited powers to conduct its own investigations	No
1 points	0.5 points	0 points	1 points	0.5 points	0 points

Does the state have an effective independent ethics agency to enforce ethics laws? (10 points)					
Does the independent ethics agency have the ability to hold public hearings?					
Over the executive branch?			Over the legislative branch?		
Yes	The ethics agency has limited powers to hold public hearings	No	Yes	The ethics agency has limited powers to hold public hearings	No
1 points	0.5 points	0 points	1 points	0.5 points	0 points
Does the independent ethics agency have subpoena power?					
Over the executive branch?			Over the legislative branch?		
Yes	The ethics agency has limited subpoena powers	No	Yes	The ethics agency has limited subpoena powers	No
1 points	0.5 points	0 points	1 points	0.5 points	0 points
Source Coalition for Integrity, 2020 S.W.A.M.P. Index					

Does the state require adequate disclosure of political advertisements on internet based media? (10 points)		
The state requires the disclosure of payors of political advertisements/electioneering communications of at least \$500 and requires adequate disclosure of information related to payor	The state requires disclosure on political advertisements/electioneering communications but has some exceptions, or does not require adequate disclosure of information or excluding communications where more than \$500 is spent	The state does not require the disclosure of political advertisements/electioneering communications on Internet-based media
10 points	5 points	0 points
Source Coalition for Integrity, State Campaign Finance Index 2022		

Does the state have an effective, widely used public financing program for campaigns? (10 points)			
The state has a comprehensive, widely used public financing program for statewide and legislative elections.	The state has a public financing program, but not for all elections	Localities within the state have public financing programs	The state and localities do not have any public financing programs
10 points	5 points	2.5 points	0 points
Sources National Conference of State Legislatures, Public Financing of Campaigns: Overview ; Demos, Public Funding for Electoral Campaigns			

Does the state have adequate restrictions on politicians receiving gifts? (10 points)			
Are executive branch officials and legislators prohibited from accepting gifts in aggregate of \$250 or more from high-risk sources (lobbyists, lobbyists' principals, government contractors)?			
Yes	Yes, but there are some loopholes	Some gifts may be received in excess of \$250 and there are loopholes	No
3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points
Are executive branch officials and legislators prohibited from accepting gifts in aggregate of \$250 or more from individuals other than high-risk sources?			
Yes	Yes, but there are some loopholes	Some gifts may be received in excess of \$250 and there are loopholes	No
3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points

Does the state have adequate restrictions on politicians receiving gifts? (10 points)		
Are executive branch officials and legislators required to disclose gifts received?		
Yes	Only required to disclose gifts in excess of \$250, only required to disclose gifts from certain sources, or only certain officials are required to disclose gifts	No
4 points	2 points	0 points
Source Coalition for Integrity, 2020 S.W.A.M.P. Index		



DEMOCRACY SUBVERSION PROTECTIONS

(100 Points)

Does the state have an independent redistricting process? (10 points)		
How are state legislative maps drawn?		
The state has a non-partisan independent redistricting commission	The state has a hybrid redistricting commission with some degree of non-partisan input	The state's legislature draws redistricting maps
5 points	2.5 points	0 points
How are congressional districts drawn?		
The state has a non-partisan independent redistricting commission	The state has a hybrid redistricting commission with some degree of non-partisan input	The state's legislature draws redistricting maps
5 points	2.5 points	0 points
Sources Ballotpedia, State-by-State Redistricting Procedures ; Movement Advancement Project, Independence of State Congressional Redistricting Process ; Princeton Gerrymandering Project, State-by-State Reforms		

Are the state's new redistricting maps fair for partisanship? (10 points)			
What is the state legislative redistricting map's efficiency gap?			
0-5%	5.1-10%	10.1%+	Does not have efficiency gap score
5 points	2.5 points	0 points	Incomplete
What is the congressional redistricting map's efficiency gap?			
0-5%	5.1-10%	10.1%+	Does not have efficiency gap score
5 points	2.5 points	0 points	Incomplete
Sources Campaign Legal Center, PlanScore ; Princeton Gerrymandering Project, Redistricting Report Card ; Five Thirty Eight, 2021-22 Redistricting Tracker			

Does the state conduct best practice, nonpartisan audits of elections? (10 points)

Does the state conduct traditional or risk-limiting post-election audits?

Yes	No
10 points	0 points

Did the state conduct a partisan, fraudulent election review of the 2020 election results?

Yes	No
5 points	0 points

Source
National Conference of State Legislatures, [Post-Election Audits](#); Brennan Center, [Partisan Election Review Efforts in Five States](#)

Does the state have a paper ballot trail requirement? (10 points)

Yes, and it is voter verifiable	Yes, but no requirement for voter verification or not statutorily required; or paper ballots are not required in the state, but are used in practice	No
10 points	5 points	0 points

Source
National Conference of State Legislatures, [Voting System Paper Trail Requirement](#)

Did the state pass election worker, voter, & third-party protections or criminalization measures since 2020? (10 points)

Passed measures to increase protections and/or impose positive criminalization	Nothing passed or the impact of measures passed is unclear (unless evidence of strong existing laws)	Passed measures to decrease protections and/or implement negative criminalization
10 points	0 points	10 points

Sources
Movement Advancement Project, [Democracy Maps: Laws Protecting Election Officials Against Threats](#); Movement Advancement Project, [Democracy Maps: Election Officials Face Threats Of Undue Criminal Penalties/Fines](#); States Newsroom, [New and elevated election-related crimes since 2020](#)

Has the state passed restrictive voting legislation since 2020? (10 points)

No	Advanced in the state legislature but was vetoed by the Governor	Minor restriction(s) enacted	Significant restriction(s) enacted
20 points	15 points	10 points	0 points

Sources
Voting Rights Lab's [State Voting Rights Tracker](#); Voting Rights Lab's [State of State Election Law 2022 Mid-Year Review](#); Brennan Center For Justice's [Voting Laws Roundup: December 2021](#)

Did the state's attorney general sign onto an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court supporting the Texas-led anti-certification failed lawsuit contesting the 2020 election results? (10 points)

No	Yes
10 points	0 points

Source
U.S. Supreme Court, [Texas v. Pennsylvania, Amicus Brief](#)

Has the state passed legislation since 2020 shifting election authority to the legislature? (10 points)

No	Yes, but legislation was blocked and/or vetoed	Yes
10 points	5 points	0 points
Sources Voting Rights Lab's State Voting Rights Tracker ; Movement Advancement Project's Democracy Maps: State Legislature Interference In Elections		

Has the state passed pro- or anti-HR1/federal legislation measure(s) since 2020 or have state leaders signed letters in support or in opposition to HR1/federal legislation? (10 points)

Passed pro-HR1/federal legislation measure(s) and/or signed pro-letter(s)	Passed pro-HR1/federal legislation measure or signed pro-letter	Did Nothing or equal amount of pro- and anti-measures/letters	Passed anti-HR1/federal legislation measure or signed anti-letter	Passed anti-HR1/federal legislation measure and signed anti-letter
10 points	5 points	0 points	5 points	10 points
Sources Voting Rights Lab's State Voting Rights Tracker ; Democracy Letter to Congress ; Letter: Need for Federal Legislation to Safeguard Democracy ; Letter: Secretaries of State Expressing Opposition to H.R. 1				

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