



2017

Legislative Issues



Freedom of Speech & Assembly

- **Anti-protest: Civil Liability (HF 322 + SF 679) OPPOSE**—Would force protesters to pay for any costs associated with a protest that was found to be unlawful.
- **Anti-Protest: Increase penalties (HF 390 & 1066 + SF 676) OPPOSE**—Increase penalties for blocking highway from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor.

Reproductive Freedom

- **Public funding ban (HF 809 + SF702) OPPOSE**—Under state law low-income women on Medical Assistance programs can't be denied access to an abortion, simply because they can't afford one, this would repeal that coverage.
- **Clinic licensure (HF 811 + SF 704) OPPOSE**—Would create onerous restrictions for clinics providing abortion services.

LGBT Rights

- **Anti-trans bathroom bill (HF 41) OPPOSE**—Would prevent trans students from using the bathroom that matches their gender identity.
- **Ban on transition related healthcare (HF 1183) OPPOSE**—Would allow health care plans to refuse to cover transition related healthcare services.

Voting Rights

- **Provisional Ballots (HF 60 + SF1225) OPPOSE**—Would create a system of provisional balloting.
- **Rights Restoration (HF 951) SUPPORT**—Would allow people to vote as soon as they are out of jail/prison as opposed to waiting until off probation/parole.

Separation of Church & State

- **Scholarship tax credits (HF 386 + SF256) OPPOSE**—Would effectively allow public money to go to private religious schools.

Immigrant Rights

- **Immigrants and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detainers (HF 26) OPPOSE**—Would allow police departments to hold immigrants without probable cause for ICE.
- **Anti-Sanctuary (HF 1664 + SF 881) OPPOSE**—Would punish governments for supporting sanctuary and would force them to comply with Federal immigration detainers.

Privacy & Technology

- **Drones (HF 1450 + SF 1094) SUPPORT**—Would require law enforcement to obtain a warrant prior to drone use for targeted surveillance of citizens.
- **Electronic Communications Privacy Act (HF 2009) SUPPORT**—Modernizes Minnesota law to ensure that there are reasonable privacy protections for individuals' electronic communications such as email and text messages.
- **Student Data Privacy (HF 1507 + SF 1961) SUPPORT**—Creates protections for students who use school issued computing devices such as iPads and laptops and requires protections on how and where students' private data is stored and who has access.

Criminal Justice Reform




- **Civil Asset Forfeiture (HF 389 + SF 151) SUPPORT**—Would allow spouses and other innocent owners to raise claims when their jointly owned property is forfeited.

QUICK LOOK

Legislative Session Wrap-Up

2017 Legislative Priorities	Bill #	Position	Status
Anti-Protest: Civil Liability	HF 322/SF 679	Oppose	No hearing in Senate 🔍
Anti-Protest: Increase Penalties	HF 390/SF 676	Oppose	Removed from final public safety omnibus bill 🔍👊
Public Funding for Abortion Ban	HF 809/SF 702	Oppose	Vetoed by Governor 👊
Clinic Licensure Requirement to Perform Abortions	HF 812/SF 704	Oppose	Vetoed by Governor 👊
Anti-Trans Bathroom Bill	HF 41	Oppose	Introduced/No hearing 🔍
Ban on Transition-Related Healthcare	HF 1183	Oppose	Introduced/No hearing 🔍
Provisional Ballots	HF 60/SF 1225	Oppose	Removed from final elections omnibus bill 👊
Voting Rights Restoration	HF 951	Support	Introduced/No hearing
Scholarship Tax Credits	HF 386/SF 256	Oppose	Removed from final tax omnibus bill 👊
ICE Detainers	HF 26	Oppose	Introduced/No hearing 🔍
Anti-Sanctuary	HF 1664/SF 881	Oppose	Introduced/No hearing 🔍
Regulate Use of Drones	HF 1450/SF 1094	Support	Introduced/No hearing
Electronic Communications Privacy Act	HF 2009/SF 2037	Support	Introduced/No hearing
Student Data Privacy	HF 1507/SF 1961	Support	Introduced/Informational hearing
Innocent Joint-Owner Forfeiture Reform	HF 389/SF 151	Support	New Law! 🗽

ICON KEY

-  Proactive win for civil liberties!
-  Defeated in 2017!
-  Watching closely during 2018 session

*For more information about each one of these bills, visit the Minnesota state legislature website at www.leg.state.mn.us/ and search by bill number.

You can also track the progress of the bills on the ACLU of Minnesota website by visiting www.aclu-mn.org/en/legislation and read a full version of our legislative round up at: <https://www.aclu-mn.org/en/news/victories-minnesota-capitol-2017>