

LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

220TH New Jersey Legislature

2022-2023



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INTRODUCTION

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share this report card for the 2022-2023 New Jersey state legislature. Here is a snapshot of how lawmakers voted on key social and moral legislation related to the right to life and parental rights in education.

Guided by our mission of building a state where God is honored, religious liberty flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished, this report card focuses on two major bills that passed in the New Jersey Assembly and Senate during the 2022-2023 Legislative Session. A bill is passed by a simple majority in the Senate (21 votes out of 40 senators) and the Assembly (41 votes out of 80 Assembly members.)

This report card is not an endorsement of any candidate or political party. It does not measure any lawmakers' integrity, commitment to their faith, work ethic, or rapport with New Jersey Family Policy Center. It is only a report on how each lawmaker voted. One of the most common questions people ask is, "How did my legislator vote?" This report card should help you answer that question.

Sincerely,

New Jersey Family Policy Center

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ABOUT THE REPORT CARD

New Jersey Family Policy Center selected votes on key legislation in the New Jersey Assembly and New Jersey Senate based on our core belief in promoting, protecting, and strengthening traditional family values. These bills were chosen because they address issues conservative New Jerseyans care about, including abortion, family, and education. Lawmakers' voting records are based on two bills that came before the New Jersey Assembly and Senate.

Bills that never passed a legislative committee vote are not included. These bills are listed in the "**Sponsors of Bills**" section of this scorecard. There were many positive bills that New Jersey Family Policy Center lobbied in support of.

The chairpersons of the Senate and Assembly Education Committees; the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee; and the Assembly Women and Children Committee did not allow these bills to be heard, debated, or discussed.



SPONSOR OF BILLS

These bills were **OPPOSED** by New Jersey Family Policy Center

A4350 / S2918

Appropriates an additional \$20 million to Planned Parenthood, lowers standard of medical care for woman seeking an abortion.

VOTING: Bill was introduced in the Assembly Health Committee, and the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Committee, but never received a public hearing in the committee.

★ **Assembly Prime Sponsors:** Assemblywoman Mila Jasey (D) District 27, Assemblywoman Shanique Speight (D) District 29, Assemblywoman Sadaf Jaffer (D) District 16

★ **Senate Prime Sponsors:** Senator Teresa Ruiz (D) District 29, Senator Vin Gopal (D) District 11

★ **Assembly Co-Sponsors:** Assemblywoman Angela McKnight (D) District 31, Assemblyman Raj Mukherji (D) District 33, Assemblywoman Annette Chaparro (D) District 33, Assemblyman Sterley Stanley (D) District 18, Assemblywoman Britnee Timberlake (D) District 34, Assemblyman Anthony Verrelli (D) District 15, Assemblyman Clinton Calabrese (D) District 36, Assemblywoman Ellen Park (D) District 37, Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D) District 15

★ **Senate Co-Sponsors:** Senator Brian Stack (D) District 33, Senator Nia Gill (D) District 34, Senator Renee Burgess (D) District 28, Senator Andrew Zwicker (D) District 16, Senator Linda Greenstein (D) District 14

A5499 / S3893

Withholds State Aid from school districts for removing sexually explicit graphic books from their school libraries and classrooms.

VOTING: Bill was introduced in the Assembly Education Committee, and the Senate Education Committee, but never received a public hearing in the committee.

★ **Assembly Prime Sponsors:** Assemblywoman Mila Jasey (D) District 27, Assemblywoman Linda Carter (D) District 22, Assemblyman Sterley Stanley (D) District 18

★ **Senate Prime Sponsors:** Senator Teresa Ruiz (D) District 29, Senator Andrew Zwicker (D) District 16

★ **Assembly Co-Sponsors:** Assemblywoman Annette Quijano (D) District 20, Assemblyman Joe Danielson (D) District 17, Assemblywoman Angela McKnight (D) District 31, Assemblyman Herb Conway (D) District 7

★ **Senate Co-Sponsor:** Senator James Beach (D) District 6

A2145 / S3545

Targets Crisis Pregnancy Resource Centers by granting power to the Attorney General to file consumer fraud violations to stop them from advertising their pregnancy related care services.

VOTING: Bill was introduced in the Assembly Women and Children Committee, and the Senate Commerce Committee, but never received a public hearing in the committee.

★ **Assembly Prime Sponsors:** Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D) District 15, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey (D) District 27, Assemblywoman Ellen Park (D) District 37

★ **Senate Prime Sponsors:** Senator Shirley Turner (D) District 15, Senator Teresa Ruiz (D) District 29

★ **Assembly Co-Sponsor:** None

★ **Senate Co-Sponsor:** None

A5180 / S3592

Removes child custody rights from a parent who does not allow their young child to experiment with “gender affirming care” such as puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgical removal of body parts.

VOTING: Bill was introduced in the Assembly Health Committee, and the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Committee, but never received a public hearing in the committee.

★ **Assembly Prime Sponsors:** Assemblywoman Sadaf Jaffer (D) District 16, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey (D) District 27, Assemblyman Raj Mukherji (D) District 33

★ **Senate Prime Sponsors:** Senator Andrew Zwicker (D) District 16

★ **Assembly Co-Sponsors:** None

★ **Senate Co-Sponsor:** None

A4109 / No Senate bill

Requires school districts to adopt Transgender Student Guidelines. *Currently Policy 5756 Transgender Student Guidelines are not mandatory

VOTING: Bill was introduced in the Assembly Education Committee, but never received a public hearing in the committee.

★ **Assembly Prime Sponsors:** Assemblywoman Mila Jasey (D) District 27, Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D) District 15, Assemblywoman Sadaf Jaffer (D) District 16

★ **Assembly Co-Sponsors:** None

VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

These bills were **OPPOSED** by
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A3974 / S2642

Yes vote = NJ law enforcement is prohibited from working with other states to extradict adults to be prosecuted for a crime for bringing an underage minor across state lines to have an abortion without their parents' knowledge.

No vote = NJ law enforcement can work with other states to extradict adults for prosecution for a crime for bringing underage minors across state lines to have an abortion without their parents' knowledge.

**“N.J. is now an abortion safe haven
for those from other states.”**

–NJ.com news headline, Feb 16,2023

The Assembly **PASSED** the bill by a vote of:
(47) YES | (16) NO | (17) Abstain or Not Voting

The Senate **PASSED** the bill by a vote of:
(26) YES | (11) NO | (3) Abstain or Not Voting

S2866

Yes vote = Grants the governor full power to hand pick Election Comissioners who will then choose the Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission. Election law violation investigations will now be limited to two years, instead of ten. Triple the amount of money political parties can raise for election and personal luxury funds for non-political expenses “slush funds.” Removes the limits contractors can donate to state, county, municipal political parties.

No vote = Maintains the power of the New Jersey Senate to confirm any appointments to the New Jersey Law Enforcement Commission. Maintain the ability for NJLEC to investigate violations of election law for up to 10 years since the violation. Maintain the maximum amount of donations allowed and prohibit politicians from using donations for personal expenses.

**“Murphy signs NJ Elections Transparency Act
amid controversy.”**

–NorthJersey.com news headline, April 3,2023

The Assembly **PASSED** the bill by a vote of:
(45) YES | (31) NO | (3) Abstain or Not Voting

The Senate **PASSED** the bill by a vote of:
(21) YES | (12) NO | (7) Abstain or Not Voting

LEGISLATOR VOTES

DIST.	REPRESENTATIVE	A3974/ S2642	S2866
1	(R) Senator Michael Testa	NO	NO
	(R) Asm Antwan McClellan	NO	NO
	(R) Asm Erik Simonsen	Not Voting	NO
2	(R) Senator Vince Polistina	NO	YES
	(R) Asm Don Guardian	Abstain	YES
	(R) Asw Claire Swift	Abstain	YES
3	(R) Senator Ed Durr	NO	NO
	(R) Asw Bethanne McCarthy Patrick	Abstain	NO
	(R) Asw Beth Sawyer	Abstain	NO
4	(D) Senator Fred Madden	Not Voting	Not Voting
	(D) Asm Paul Moriarty	YES	YES
	(D) Asw Gabriela Mosquera	Not Voting	YES
5	(D) Senator Nilsa Cruz-Perez	YES	YES
	(D) Asm William Moen	YES	YES
	(D) Asm William Spearman	YES	YES
6	(D) Senator James Beach	YES	Not Voting
	(D) Asm Louis Greenwald	YES	YES ★
	(D) Asw Pamela Lampitt	YES ★	Not Voting
7	(D) Senator Troy Singleton	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Herb Conway	YES	YES
	(D) Asw Carol Murphy	YES	YES ★
8	(R) Senator Jean Stanfield	YES	Not Voting
	(R) Asm Michael Torriissi	YES	YES
	(R) Asm Brandon Umba	Abstain	YES
9	(R) Senator Christopher Connors	NO	YES
	(R) Asw Dianne Gove	Abstain	YES
	(R) Asm Brian Rumpf	NO	NO
10	(R) Senator James Holzapfel	NO	Not Voting
	(R) Asm John Catalano	NO	NO
	(R) Asm Gregory McGuckin	NO	NO
11	(D) Senator Vin Gopal	YES	YES
	(R) Asw Kim Eulner	YES	NO
	(R) Asw Marilyn Piperno	YES	NO
12	(*R/D) Senator Samuel Thompson	NO	YES
	(R) Asm Robert Clifton	Abstain	NO
	(R) Asm Ronald Dancer (R) Asm Alex Sauickie *	Not Voting	NO
13	(R) Senator Declan O'Scanlon	Not Voting	NO
	(R) Asw Vicky Flynn	Abstain	NO
	(R) Asm Gerry Sharfenberger	NO	NO
14	(D) Senator Linda Greenstein	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Daniel Benson	YES	NO
	(D) Asm Wayne DeAngelo	YES	YES

LEGISLATOR VOTES

DIST.	REPRESENTATIVE	A3974/ S2642	S2866
15	(D) Senator Shirley Turner	YES	YES
	(D) Asw Verlina Reynolds-Jackson	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Anthony Verrelli	YES ★	YES
16	(D) Senator Andrew Zwicker	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Roy Freiman	YES ★	YES
	(D) Asw Sadaf Jaffer	YES ★	Not Voting
17	(D) Senator Bob Smith	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Joe Danielsen	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Joseph Egan	YES	Not Voting
18	(D) Senator Patrick Diegnan	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Patrick Karabinchak	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Sterley Stanley	YES ★	YES
19	(D) Senator Joseph Vitale	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Craig Coughlin	YES	YES
	(D) Asw Yvonne Lopez	YES ★	YES
20	(D) Senator Joseph Cryan	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Reginald Atkins	YES	YES
	(D) Asw Annette Quijano	YES	YES
21	(R) Senator Jon Bramnick	YES	NO
	(R) Asw Michele Matsikoudis	Abstain	NO
	(R) Asw Nancy Munoz	Abstain	NO
22	(D) Senator Nicholas Scutari	YES	YES ★
	(D) Asw Linda Carter	YES	YES
	(D) Asm James Kennedy	YES	YES
23	(R) Senator Michael Doherty	NO	NO
	(R) Senator Douglas Steinhardt		
	(R) Asm John DiMaio	NO	NO
24	(R) Asm Erik Peterson	NO	NO
	(R) Senator Steven Oroho	NO	NO
	(R) Asm Parker Space	NO	NO
25	(R) Asm Hal Wirths	NO	NO
	(R) Senator Anthony Bucco	NO	NO
	(R) Asm Brian Bergen	NO	NO
26	(R) Asw Aura Dunn	Abstain	NO
	(R) Senator Joseph Pennacchio	NO	NO
	(R) Asm Christian Barranco	NO	NO
27	(R) Asm Jay Webber	NO	NO
	(D) Senator Richard Codey	YES	Not Voting
	(D) Asw Mila Jasey	YES ★	YES
28	(D) Asm John McKeon	YES ★	NO
	(D) Senator Ronald Rice	YES	YES
	(D) Senator Renee Burgess		
	(D) Asm Ralph Caputo	YES	Vacant office
	(D) Asw Cleopatra Tucker	YES ★	NO

DIST.	REPRESENTATIVE	A3974/ S2642	S2866
29	(D) Senator M. Teresa Ruiz	YES ★	YES
	(D) Asw Eliana Pintor Marin	YES	YES
	(D) Asw Shanique Speight	YES	YES
30	(R) Senator Robert Singer	Not Voting	NO
	(R) Asm Sean Kean	NO	NO
	(R) Asm Edward Thomson	Abstain	NO
31	(D) Senator Sandra Cunningham	YES	Not Voting
	(D) Asw Angela McKnight	YES ★	YES
	(D) Asm William Sampson	YES	YES
32	(D) Senator Nicholas Sacco	YES	YES
	(D) Asw Angelica Jimenez	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Pedro Mejia	YES	YES
33	(D) Senator Brian Stack	YES	Not Voting
	(D) Asw Annette Chapparo	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Raj Mukherji	YES ★	YES
34	(D) Senator Nia Gill	YES ★	NO
	(D) Asm Thomas Gibling	Not Voting	YES
	(D) Asw Britnee Timberlake	YES	YES
35	(D) Senator Nellie Pou	YES ★	YES
	(D) Asw Shavonda Sumter	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Benjie Wimberly	YES	YES
36	(D) Senator Paul Sarlo	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Clinton Calabrese	YES	YES
	(D) Asm Gary Shaer	YES	YES
37	(D) Senator Gordon Johnson	YES ★	YES
	(D) Asw Shama Haider	YES ★	YES
	(D) Asw Ellen Park	YES ★	YES
38	(D) Senator Joseph Lagana	YES	YES
	(D) Asw Lisa Swain	YES ★	YES
	(D) Asm Christopher Tully	YES ★	YES
39	(R) Senator Holly Schepesi	YES	NO
	(R) Asm Robert Auth	NO	NO
	(R) Asw DeAnne DeFuccio	Abstain	NO
40	(R) Senator Kristin Corrado	NO	NO
	(R) Asm Christopher DePhillips	NO	NO
	(R) Asm Kevin Rooney	NO	YES

★ Sponsor or co-sponsor

SPONSOR OF BILLS

These bills were **SUPPORTED** by
New Jersey Family Policy Center

A370 / S1571

Requires public schools to post curriculum plans online; requires school districts to make textbooks or other materials used in implementing curriculum plans available for inspection by parents and legal guardians.

VOTING: Bill was introduced in the Assembly Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee. Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt (D) District 6, and Senate Education Chairman, Senator Vin Gopal (D) District 11, **did not allow** the bill to receive a vote in the committee.

- ★ **Assembly Prime Sponsors:** Assemblywoman Aura Dunn (R) District 25, Assemblyman John DiMaio (R) District 23
- ★ **Senate Prime Sponsors:** Senator Joseph Pennacchio (R) District 26, Senator Steven Oroho (R) District 24
- ☆ **Assembly Co-Sponsors:** Assemblyman Erik Simonsen (R) District 1, Assemblyman Antwan McClellan (R) District 1, Assemblyman Gregory McGuckin (R) District 10, Assemblyman John Catalano (R) District 10, Assemblyman Kevin Rooney (R) District 40, Assemblyman Parker Space (R) District 24, Assemblyman Hal Wirths (R) District 24, Assemblyman Robert Auth (R) District 39, Assemblywoman Bethanne McCarthy Patrick (R) District 3, Assemblywoman Beth Sawyer (R) District 3, Assemblyman Erik Peterson (R) District 23, Assemblywoman Kim Eulner (R) District 11, Assemblywoman Marilyn Piperno (R) District 11, Assemblyman Brandon Umba (R) District 8
- ☆ **Senate Co-Sponsors:** Senator Edward Durr (R) District 3, Senator James Holzapfel (R) District 10, Senator Kristin Corrado (R) District 40, Senator Douglas Steinhardt (R) District 23

A3887 / S2722

Requires each public school to post on website comprehensive list of all resources available in school library.

VOTING: Bill was introduced in the Assembly Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee. Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt (D) District 6, and Senate Education Chairman, Senator Vin Gopal (D) District 11, **did not allow** the bill to receive a vote in the committee.

- ★ **Assembly Prime Sponsors:** Assemblyman John Catalano (R) District 10, Assemblyman Gregory McGuckin (R) District 10
- ★ **Senate Prime Sponsors:** Senator James Holzapfel (R) District 10
- ☆ **Assembly Co-Sponsors:** Assemblyman John DiMaio (R) District 23, Assemblyman Parker Space (R) District 24, Assemblyman Hal Wirths (R) District 24
- ☆ **Senate Co-Sponsors:** Senator Douglas Steinhardt (R) District 23, Senator Edward Durr (R) District 3

A5110 / S2483

Establishes “Parents Bill of Rights Act”; prohibits school district from interfering with fundamental right of parent or guardian to engage in and direct student’s education; permits opt-out of school district curriculum.

VOTING: Bill was introduced in the Assembly Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee. Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt (D) District 6, and Senate Education Chairman, Senator Vin Gopal (D) District 11, **did not allow** the bill to receive a vote in the committee.

***June 6, 2023 – Senator Anthony Bucco (R) District 25, put forth a motion in the Senate to force the “Parental Bill of Rights” bill out of committee so the entire Senate can vote on it. Senator Teresa Ruiz (D) District 29, put forth a separate motion to keep the bill in the committee to prohibit a vote by the full Senate. 17 Democrats voted to KEEP the bill stuck in committee, 15 Republicans voted to MOVE the bill out of committee, 8 Democrats did not vote. Bill remained in the committee and never received a public hearing.

- ★ **Assembly Prime Sponsors:** Assemblywoman Marilyn Piperno (R) District 11, Assemblywoman Kim Eulner (R) District 11, Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips (R) District 40
- ★ **Senate Prime Sponsors:** Senator Kristin Corrado (R) District 40, Senator Anthony Bucco (R) District 25
- ☆ **Assembly Co-Sponsors:** Assemblyman Parker Space (R) District 24, Assemblyman Hal Wirths (R) District 24
- ☆ **Senate Co-Sponsors:** Senator James Holzapfel (R) District 10, Senator Steven Oroho (R) District 24, Senator Michael Testa (R) District 1, Senator Edward Durr (R) District 3

SPONSOR OF BILLS

A1630 / S589

Fairness in women's sports. Prohibits males from competing against females in Girls Sports. Requires school-sanctioned sports to be based on biological sex at birth.

VOTING: Bill was introduced in the Assembly Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee. Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt (D) District 6, and Senate Education Chairman, Senator Vin Gopal (D) District 11, did not allow the bill to receive a vote in the committee.

- ★ **Assembly Prime Sponsors:** Assemblyman Gregory McGuckin (R) District 10, Assemblyman John Catalano (R) District 10
- ★ **Senate Prime Sponsors:** Senator Michael Testa (R) District 1, Senator James Holzapfel (R) District 10
- ☆ **Assembly Co-Sponsors:** Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger (R) District 13, Assemblyman Erik Peterson (R) District 23, Assemblyman Robert Auth (R) District 39, Assemblywoman Bethanne McCarthy Patrick (R) District 3, Assemblyman Parker Space (R) District 24
- ☆ **Senate Co-Sponsors:** Senator Edward Durr (R) District 3, Senator Steven Oroho (R) District 24, Senator Douglas Steinhardt (R) District 23

A5750 / S4215

Requires age verification and parent or guardian consent for minor's use of social media platform; prohibits certain messaging between adults and minors on social media platform.

VOTING: Bills passed the Assembly Health Committee and the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee. Bill was not voted on by the entire legislature.

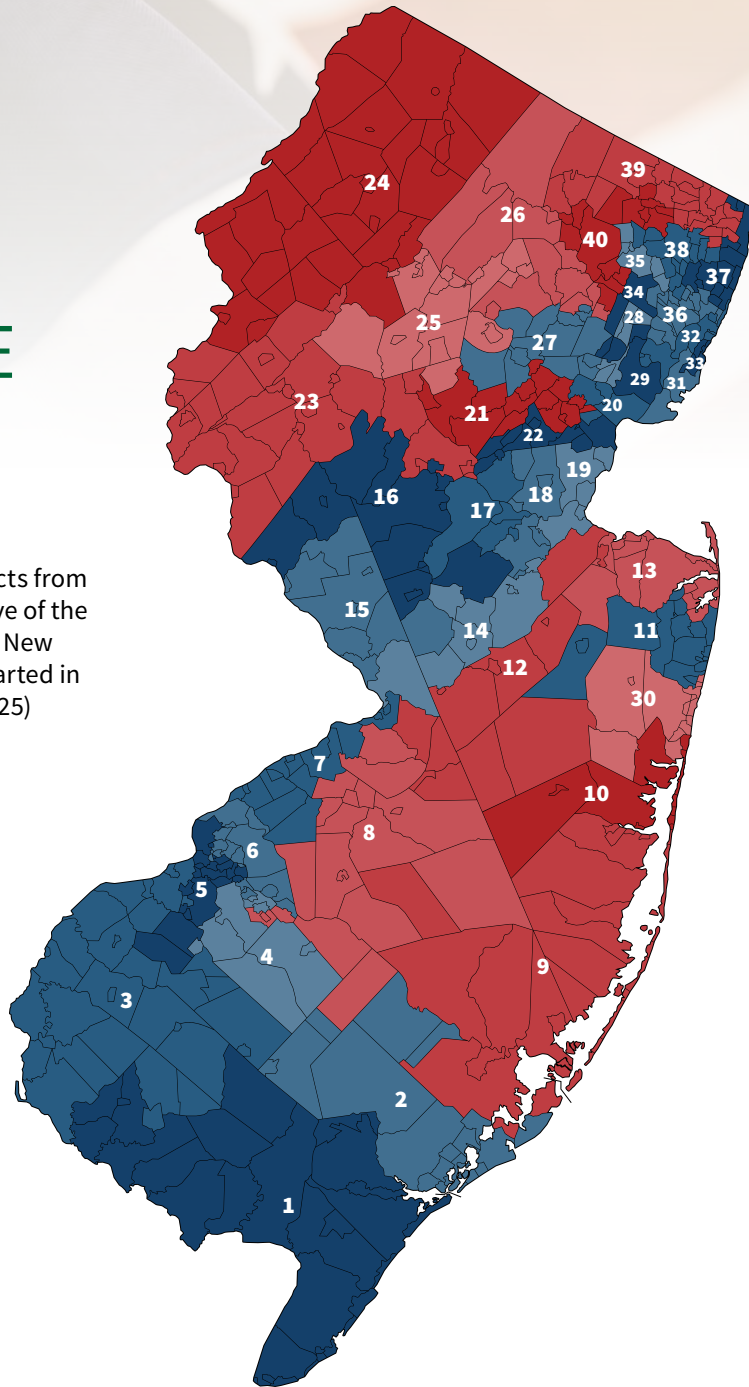
- ★ **Assembly Prime Sponsors:** Assemblyman Herb Conway (D) District 7, Assemblywoman Ellen Park (D) District 37, Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D) District 15
- ★ **Senate Prime Sponsors:** Senator Joseph Vitale (D) District 19
- ☆ **Assembly Co-Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Shanique Speight (D) District 29
- ☆ **Senate Co-Sponsor:** None



NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

2011-2022

This map reflects the legislative districts from 2011-2022. These districts are reflective of the 220th Legislative Session (2022-2023). New legislative districts from 2023-2030 started in the 221st Legislative Session (2024-2025)



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