



# VOTE SMART

## The Political Courage Test 2019 Louisiana Edition

Candidates are strongly encouraged to complete the Political Courage Test online at:  
<https://secure.votesmart.org/candidate>

Please indicate your positions on the following issues. You will be recognized for your Political Courage if you submit answers to the questions asked below. If you would like to provide a more detailed response, please do so in the "Other or expanded principles" section (all responses must be under 100 words).

The Political Courage Test must be signed and returned to our office by 11:59 pm CST the day of the deadline.  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, am willing to tell citizens where I stand on the issues I may face if elected. I have demonstrated my Political Courage by indicating my position on the following issues.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

### Abortion & Reproductive Issues:

- a) Do you generally support pro-choice or pro-life legislation? Pro-Choice\_\_\_ Pro-Life\_\_\_  
b) Should abortion be legal when the pregnancy resulted from incest or rape? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
c) Do you support the prohibition of public funds for organizations that perform abortions? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
d) Other or expanded principles:

### Budget, Spending, & Tax Issues:

- a) Do you support local governments' say over the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP), which allows approved manufacturing companies to be exempt from paying local property taxes for up to ten years? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
Budget Stabilization: Indicate which of the proposals you support (if any) for balancing Louisiana's budget.  
b) Reducing state employee salaries AND/OR pensions? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
c) Instituting mandatory furloughs AND/OR layoffs for state employees? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
d) An income tax increase on any tax bracket? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
e) Other or expanded principles:

### Campaign Finance & Government Reform Issues:

- a) Do you support a limit on campaign contributions to state candidates? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
b) Do you support the regulation of indirect campaign contributions from corporations and unions? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
c) Do you support the use of an independent AND/OR bipartisan commission for redistricting? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
d) Do you support requiring a government-issued photo identification in order to vote at the polls? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
e) Do you support automatic voter registration? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
f) Other or expanded principles:

**Crime & Public Safety Issues:**

- a) Do you support capital punishment for certain crimes? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Should a minor accused of a violent crime be prosecuted as an adult? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support the enforcement of federal immigration laws by state and local police? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Do you support legislation that would ban holding cell phones while driving? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- e) Other or expanded principles:

**Economic Issues:**

- a) Do you support state government spending as a means of promoting economic growth? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Do you support lowering state income taxes as a means of promoting economic growth? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support reducing state government regulations on the private sector? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Do you support expanding access to unemployment benefits? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- e) Do you support requiring welfare applicants to pass a drug test in order to receive benefits? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- f) Do you support an increase of the minimum wage of Louisiana? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- g) Do you support requiring employers to provide paid family leave? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- h) Do you support using toll revenue to help fund a new bridge over the Mississippi River? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- i) Other or expanded principles:

**Education Issues:**

- a) Do you support adopting federal education standards in Louisiana? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Do you support state funding for charter schools? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Should immigrants unlawfully present in the United States who graduate from Louisiana high schools be eligible for in-state tuition at public universities? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Do you support legalizing sports betting for the purpose of funding early childhood education programs? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- e) Other or expanded principles:

**Environment & Energy Issues:**

- a) Do you support state funding for the development of renewable energy (e.g. solar, wind, thermal)? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Do you support state government regulation of greenhouse gas emissions? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support increasing state funding for clean drinking water initiatives? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Other or expanded principles:

**Gun Issues:**

- a) Do you generally support gun-control legislation? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Should background checks be required on gun sales between private citizens at gun shows? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Should teachers be allowed to bring guns into the classroom? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Should a license be required for gun ownership? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- e) Other or expanded principles:

**Health Issues:**

- a) Should the state government increase funding for treatment facilities to combat opioid abuse? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Do you support Medicaid expansion through Mississippi's health care programs? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support requiring individuals to purchase health care insurance? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Do you support legislation that grants citizens the right to choose to die through euthanasia? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- e) Do you support eliminating religious exemptions for vaccinations? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- f) Other or expanded principles:

**Social Issues:**

- a) Do you support the inclusion of sexual orientation in Louisiana's anti-discrimination laws? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- b) Do you support the inclusion of gender identity in Louisiana's anti-discrimination laws? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- c) Do you support greater efforts by Louisiana state government in closing the pay gap between men and women? Yes\_\_ No\_\_
- d) Other or expanded principles:

**Legislative Priorities:**

a) *In the following area, please explain in a total of 100 words or less, any additional priorities of your campaign that have not been covered in these questions.*

b) *In the following area, please explain in a total of 100 words or less, your top legislative priority and how you plan to fund it.*