



State Legislative Scorecard

2012 Session

Environment North Carolina, a statewide, citizen-based environmental advocacy organization, monitors the voting records of North Carolina's state legislators. Do your legislators support environmental protections? Their votes on key environmental issues are shown below.

SENATE

Senator	Dist.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	Lifetime Score
R Austin M. Allran	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	20%	46%
R Tom M. Apodaca	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	0%	41%
D Robert Atwater	18	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	E	E	E	100%	85%
D Doug Berger	7	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	89%
R Philip Edward Berger	26	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	31%
R Stan Bingham	33	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	A	+	+	50%	56%
R Harris Blake	22	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	30%	41%
D Daniel T. Blue Jr.	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	A	80%	76%
R Andrew C. Brock	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	30%
R Harry Brown	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	10%	33%
R Peter S. Brunstetter	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	+	E	11%	37%
R Christopher Carney	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	20%	20%
D Daniel G. Clodfelter	37	+	-	+	+	+	E	+	E	E	E	83%	72%
R Warren Daniel	44	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	10%	5%
D Charlie Smith Dannelly	38	-	-	+	+	+	E	-	E	E	E	50%	64%
R Jim Davis	50	+	-	E	-	E	-	-	-	+	+	38%	17%
R Don W. East	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	32%
D Linda Garrou	32	+	-	+	+	+	E	+	E	E	E	83%	73%
R Thom Goolsby	9	E	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
D Malcolm Graham	40	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	A	75%	77%
R Rick Gunn	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
R Kathy Harrington	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	10%	5%
R Fletcher L. Hartsell Jr.	36	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	E	33%	52%
R Ralph Hise	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
R Neal Hunt	15	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	70%	62%
R Brent Jackson	10	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	30%	15%
D S. Clark Jenkins	3	E	E	-	+	+	E	-	E	E	E	~	71%
D Edward W. Jones	4	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	E	E	E	100%	73%
D Eleanor Kinnaird	23	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	96%
D Eric Mansfield	21	+	-	+	+	+	E	-	E	E	E	67%	63%
D Floyd B. McKissick Jr.	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	90%	84%
R Wesley Alan Meredith	19	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	30%	25%
D Martin L. Nesbitt Jr.	49	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	80%
R Buck Newton	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
R Louis Pate Jr.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	20%	10%
R Jean R. Preston	2	-	-	E	E	E	-	-	-	+	-	14%	42%
D William R. Purcell	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%	80%
R Bill Rabon	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	10%
D Gladys Robinson	28	-	-	+	+	+	E	-	E	E	E	50%	56%
R David Rouzer	12	E	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	17%
R Bob Rucho	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	10%	35%
R Dan Soucek	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	0%
D Joshua H. Stein	16	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	100%	86%
R Richard Y. Stevens	17	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	70%	61%
R Jerry W. Tillman	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	36%
R Tommy Tucker	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	10%	10%
D Don Vaughan	27	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	70%	74%
D Michael P. Walters	13	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	E	E	E	0%	22%
R Wes Wesmoreland	46	E	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	13%	13%
D Stan White	1	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	70%	65%

KEY:
 + = pro-environment vote
 - = anti-environment vote
 ~ = present or in office for less than half of votes
 A = did not cast a vote
 E = excused absence

SENATE VOTES

- 1. Protect Jordan Lake.** Pro-environment vote: Yes. Senator Stein's amendment to H-953 removed a two-year delay on requirements that developers reduce their pollution into Jordan Lake. The amendment failed.
- 2. Delay Jordan Lake protections.** Pro-environment: No. H-953 included a provision that delayed for two years requirements that developers reduce their pollution into Jordan Lake. The bill passed and awaited the governor's signature at press time.
- 3. Lift prohibitions on fracking.** Pro-environment vote: No. S-820 lifted prohibitions on fracking and paved the way for the controversial form of gas drilling as early as 2014. The bill became law despite the governor's veto.
- 4. Reduce industry influence on fracking commission.** Pro-environment vote: Yes. Senator Hunt's amendment to S-820 reduced the influence of mining and gas interests on the fracking regulatory commission and increased that of local governments and conservation interests. The amendment failed.
- 5. Protect communities from fracking.** Pro-environment vote: Yes. Sen. Stein's amendment to S-820 extended studies on fracking's potential impacts without lifting prohibitions on vertical drilling or toxic chemical injection. The amendment failed.
- 6. Override governor's fracking veto.** Pro-environment vote: No. Gov. Perdue vetoed S-820, but both chambers overrode her action, and the bill became law.
- 7. Ignore sea-level rise science.** Pro-environment vote: No. H-819 prevented sea-level rise predictions above eight inches, even though scientists project rising seas of approximately three feet by century's end. An amended version of the bill awaited the governor's signature at press time.
- 8. Weaken clean water protections.** Pro-environment vote: No. S-229 created a laundry list of loopholes for developers from rules designed to protect the Neuse River, Jordan Lake, and other waters across the state. The bill passed and awaited the governor's signature at press time.
- 9. Erode Jordan Lake protections.** Pro-environment vote: No. S-382 as passed by the House promoted the controversial 751 South development project in Durham, and delayed by two years requirements that developers reduce their pollution into Jordan Lake. The bill was twice brought up for a vote, but failed both times.
- 10. Erode Jordan Lake protections.** Pro-environment vote: No. S-382 as passed by the House promoted the controversial 751 South development project in Durham, and delayed by two years requirements that developers reduce their pollution into Jordan Lake. The bill was twice brought up for a vote, but failed both times.

HOUSE VOTES (ON REVERSE)

- 1. Protect communities from fracking.** Pro-environment vote: Yes. Rep. Harrison's amendment to S-820 extended studies on fracking's potential impacts and how to regulate it without lifting prohibitions on vertical drilling or toxic chemical injection. The amendment failed.
- 2. Adequately fund fracking study.** Pro-environment vote: Yes. Rep. Floyd's amendment to S-820 funded seven new environmental positions to study fracking's potential impacts and how to regulate it. The amendment failed.
- 3. Lift prohibitions on fracking.** Pro-environment vote: No. S-820 lifted prohibitions on fracking and paved the way for the controversial form of gas drilling as early as 2014. The bill became law despite the governor's veto.
- 4. Don't say "sustainable."** Pro-environment vote: No. Rep. Bradley's amendment to S-491 eliminated the word "sustainable" from a food advisory council charged with promoting local, sustainable foods in schools and food stamp programs. The amendment failed.
- 5. Delay Jordan Lake protections.** Pro-environment vote: No. Representative Blust's amendment to S-382 delayed for two years requirements that developers reduce their pollution into Jordan Lake. The amendment passed.
- 6. Protect Jordan Lake from 751 South.** Pro-environment vote: Yes. Rep. Luebke's amendment to S-382 removed requirements that the City of Durham provide water to a controversial development near Jordan Lake. The amendment failed.
- 7. Erode Jordan Lake protections.** Pro-environment vote: No. S-382 promoted the controversial 751 South development project in Durham, and delayed by two years requirements that developers reduce their pollution into Jordan Lake. The bill passed the House.
- 8. Weaken clean water protections.** Pro-environment vote: No. S-229 created a laundry list of loopholes for developers from rules designed to protect the Neuse River, Jordan Lake, and other waters across the state. The bill passed and awaited the governor's signature at press time.
- 9. Override governor's fracking veto.** Pro-environment vote: No. Gov. Perdue vetoed S-820, the fracking bill, but the House gained enough votes to override when one member accidentally pressed the wrong button. The bill became law.
- 10. Clinch accidental fracking vote.** Pro-environment vote: No. Rep. Stam's "clinch" motion made it impossible to correct the accidental fracking vote. The motion passed and the bill became law.
- 11. Ignore sea-level rise science.** Pro-environment vote: No. H-819 prevented for four years any state action to address rising sea levels. The bill passed and awaited the governor's signature at press time.
- 12. Delay Jordan Lake protections.** Pro-environment: No. H-953 included a provision that delayed for two years requirements that developers reduce their pollution into Jordan Lake. The bill passed and awaited the governor's signature at press time.

