



PRO-LIFE SCORECARD

FOR THE

86TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE (2019)

KIRK WATSON

TEXAS SENATE DISTRICT 14
(D-AUSTIN)

✓ Voted Pro-Life ✗ Voted Anti-Life

Total Pro-Life
Score:

0%

■ Anti-Life
■ Pro-Life



Key: EA = Excused Absence; UA = Unexcused Absence; PNV = Present, Not Voting; and Chair = Presiding at the Chair during the vote

Watson voted against guaranteeing basic protections and medical care for children who survive an attempted abortion. By this vote, Watson favored infanticide.

Watson voted for amendments clearly intended to weaken or undermine Pro-Life Senate Bill 22, which prohibited cities and counties from using local tax dollars to benefit the abortion industry. By voting against this Pro-Life priority bill, Watson publicly supported allowing cities and counties to continue using Texans' tax dollars to benefit the abortion industry.

Furthermore, Watson voted against prohibiting the remaining late-term abortions in Texas and opposed prohibiting discriminatory abortions. By this vote, Watson publicly endorsed deadly discrimination in the womb and late-term abortions.

Finally, Watson voted against reforming the current rule that allows basic life-sustaining treatment (like a ventilator) to be withdrawn from patients against their will after the hospital committee gives the patient a 10-day notice. Texas has more to offer vulnerable patients than imposed death or involuntary euthanasia.

**Senate Bill 23 by Senator Lois Kolkhorst (R-Brenham):
The Born-Alive Infant Protection Act**

Ensures medical intervention and legal protection for children born alive after an attempted abortion.

Senate Bill 23 passed the Senate but the House version of the bill, House Bill 16, ultimately became law.

Points Earned | Potential Points

Motion	Description of Motion	Points Earned	Potential Points
✗ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 23 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 23. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
✗ Floor Amendment 1 by Sen. Jose Rodriguez	Lower the financial penalty for failing to treat a child who is born alive after an attempted abortion. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life)	0	1

X Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 23 to next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Vote to introduce Senate Bill 23 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 23. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 23. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1

**Senate Bill 22 by Senator Donna Campbell (R-New Braunfels):
The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act**

Prohibits state and local tax dollars from benefitting the abortion industry.

Senate Bill 22 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.

		Points Earned	Potential Points
Motion	Description of Motion		
X Vote to introduce Senate Bill 22 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 22. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Floor Amendment 1 by Sen. Jose Menendez	Loophole for taxpayer-funded contracts with abortion clinics for certain services. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Floor Amendment 2 by Sen. Jose Rodriguez	Another loophole for taxpayer-funded contracts with abortion clinics for certain services. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 22 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3
X Vote to introduce Senate Bill 22 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 22. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 22. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3

Senate Bill 1033 by Senator Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland

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Hills): The Preborn NonDiscrimination Act (PreNDA)

Prohibits the remaining late-term and discriminatory abortions in Texas. Also requires physicians to provide lists of medical and social resources to parents at the time of a diagnosis of disability for their preborn child.

Senate Bill 1033 passed the Senate but died in the House.

		Points Earned	Potential Points
Motion	Description of Motion		
X Vote to introduce Senate Bill 1033 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 1033. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 1033 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3
X Vote to introduce Senate Bill 1033 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate of Senate Bill 1033. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 1033. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3

Senate Bill 2089 by Senator Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola): Repeal the Anti-Life 10-Day Rule in the Texas Advance Directives Act

Protects patients in Texas hospitals from removing life-sustaining care against their will.

Senate Bill 2089 passed the Senate but died in the House.

		Points Earned	Potential Points
Motion	Description of Motion		
X Vote to introduce Senate Bill 2089 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 2089. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 2089 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3
X Vote to introduce Senate Bill 2089 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate of Senate Bill 2089. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Third Reading Vote	Vote on final passage of Senate Bill 2089. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	3

House Bill 16 by Representative Jeff Leach (R-Plano): The Born-Alive Infant Protection Act

Ensures medical intervention and legal protection for children born alive after an attempted abortion.

House Bill 16 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.

		Points Earned	Potential Points
Motion	Description of Motion		
X Vote to introduce House Bill 16 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on House Bill 16. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass House Bill 16 to next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Vote to introduce House Bill 16 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on House Bill 16. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1
X Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of House Bill 16. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	1

Penalties

		Points Earned	Potential Points
Motion	Description of Motion		
Anti-Life legislation or amendments	Penalties for anti-Life amendments to Pro-Life bills on the Senate floor, or authorship of anti-Life bills. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life)	0	-5
Anti-Life speech	Scorecard penalties for anti-Life speeches on the Senate floor. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life)	0	-5

Total Points Earned	0
Potential Points	35
Total Score	0%