



# Know Your Rights: 2025 Louisiana Laws That Impact Everyday People

The following new Louisiana laws, passed during the 2025 Legislative Session, affect everyday people and communities across our state. **This guide highlights key laws in plain language so you know your rights, protections, and what's changing.**

## Criminal Justice & Community Safety

Bill	Act	Description	Effective Date
<b>SB 9</b>	(Act 23)	Bans use of drones over military facilities.	08/01/2025
<b>SB 22</b>	(Act 26)	Creates the crime of theft of critical infrastructure.	08/01/2025
<b>SB 38</b>	(Act 28)	Criminalizes the theft of gift cards.	08/01/2025
<b>HB 214</b>	(Act 72)	Makes it easier for probation to be revoked, which may increase incarceration risks.	08/01/2025
<b>HB 292</b>	(Act 76)	Changes how jury polling works during court cases.	08/01/2025
<b>SB 58</b>	(Act 97)	Creates the crime of child grooming.	08/01/2025
<b>HB 100</b>	(Act 140)	Prohibits bail bond agents from using cellphone tracking to locate people.	08/01/2025
<b>HB 5</b>	(Act 230)	Increases penalties for certain sex offenses.	08/01/2025
<b>HB 6</b>	(Act 231)	Creates the crime of misappropriation of funds connected to utility services.	08/01/2025
<b>HB 12</b>	(Act 233)	Adds regulations to the sale of consumable hemp products.	08/01/2025
<b>HB 234</b>	(Act 255)	Expands the definition of criminal blight of property.	08/01/2025
<b>HB 457</b>	(Act 278)	Allows educational and religious materials in solitary confinement in prisons.	08/01/2025
<b>HB 445</b>	(Act 364)	Provides relative to juvenile records.	08/01/2025
<b>SB 15</b>	(Act 399)	Criminalizes interference with federal immigration enforcement.	08/01/2025
<b>HB 74</b>	(Act 225)	Lets domestic abuse survivors cancel vehicle tracking services.	08/01/2025
<b>SB 95</b>	(Act 416)	Requires electronic monitoring of certain offenders.	08/01/2025
<b>SB 101</b>	(Act 420)	Revises the law on illegal carrying of weapons.	08/01/2025
<b>SB 128</b>	(Act 426)	Requires written reports when law enforcement officers use force.	08/01/2025
<b>HB 384</b>	(Act 497)	Reforms school discipline for marijuana possession, shifting toward fairer treatment.	08/01/2025
<b>HB 580</b>	(Act 509)	Increases penalties for fictitious plates and updates temporary plate regulations.	07/01/2025

## Health Care & Reproductive Health

Bill	Act	Description	Effective Date
<b>HB 115</b>	<b>(Act 60)</b>	Updates policies for plasma donations.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 118</b>	<b>(Act 61)</b>	Modifies emergency certificate use in St. Tammany Parish.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 382</b>	<b>(Act 190)</b>	Requires health insurance to cover home visit services for new parents and young children.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 454</b>	<b>(Act 228)</b>	Requires Medicaid to cover doula services.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 595</b>	<b>(Act 294)</b>	Expands Medicaid eligibility through the TEFRA option program.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 357</b>	<b>(Act 227)</b>	Requires health insurance coverage for integrative cancer care.	<b>01/01/26</b>
<b>HB 514</b>	<b>(Act 287)</b>	Creates a Louisiana Doula Registry Board under the Department of Health.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 525</b>	<b>(Act 205)</b>	Establishes a Uterine Fibroids Commission.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 408</b>	<b>(Act 360)</b>	Requires insurance coverage for pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 467</b>	<b>(Act 367)</b>	Requires insurance coverage for amino acid-based formulas.	
<b>HB 622</b>	<b>(Act 388)</b>	Requires health insurance coverage for histotripsy procedures.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>SB 26</b>	<b>(Act 402)</b>	Requires improved public diabetes information.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>SB 42</b>	<b>(Act 410)</b>	Expands perinatal behavioral health treatment.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>SB 96</b>	<b>(Act 417)</b>	Increases Medicaid reimbursement for behavioral health.	<b>07/01/2025</b>
<b>SB 120</b>	<b>(Act 421)</b>	Clarifies use of emergency certificates for mental health admissions.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>SB 153</b>	<b>(Act 431)</b>	Reforms behavioral health rehabilitation services in Medicaid.	<b>06/20/2025</b>
<b>SB 174</b>	<b>(Act 437)</b>	Requires pregnancy screenings for syphilis and other conditions.	<b>06/20/2025</b>
<b>SB 182</b>	<b>(Act 440)</b>	Ensures Medicaid access is maintained during declared emergencies.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 486</b>	<b>(Act 504)</b>	Requires schools to offer mental health assessments to students.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 541</b>	<b>(Act 507)</b>	Creates a caregiver registry under the Department of Health.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 657</b>	<b>(Act 513)</b>	Increases fees related to therapeutic marijuana.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 661</b>	<b>(Act 514)</b>	Updates fees collected by the Louisiana Department of Health.	<b>08/01/2025</b>

## Voting Rights, Elections, & Government Transparency

Bill	Act	Description	Effective Date
<b>SB 90</b>	<a href="#">(Act 4)</a>	Prohibits betting or wagering on elections.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>SB 80</b>	<a href="#">(Act 37)</a>	Regulates exit polling practices.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 281</b>	<a href="#">(Act 75)</a>	Bans wearing campaign clothing or displaying campaign items at polling places during early voting and election day.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 216</b>	<a href="#">(Act 162)</a>	Requires the state Ethics Board to livestream and record its public meetings.	<b>01/01/2026</b>
<b>HB 577</b>	<a href="#">(Act 208)</a>	Authorizes procurement of new voting systems.	<b>06/08/2025</b>
<b>HB 625</b>	<a href="#">(Act 212)</a>	Sets April 18, 2026, as a special election date for proposed constitutional amendments.	
<b>HB 648</b>	<a href="#">(Act 213)</a>	Raises candidate qualifying fees and dedicates funds to campaign sign recycling.	
<b>HB 554</b>	<a href="#">(Act 292)</a>	Establishes new voting-related identification restrictions for non-citizens with driver's licenses.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 592</b>	<a href="#">(Act 386)</a>	Makes revisions to the Louisiana Election Code.	
<b>HB 405</b>	<a href="#">(Act 499)</a>	Requires the Secretary of State to publish election law changes.	<b>06/30/2025</b>

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## Economic Justice & Workers Rights

Bill	Act	Description	Effective Date
<b>HB 148</b>	<a href="#">(Act 11)</a>	Requires insurers to clearly show last year's premium when renewing policies, helping consumers see rate increases.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB 549</b>	<a href="#">(Act 19)</a>	Offers car insurance discounts for businesses that use dash cams and telematics.	<b>01/01/2026</b>
<b>HB 153</b>	<a href="#">(Act 151)</a>	Increases job search requirements for people receiving unemployment benefits.	<b>12/31/2025</b>
<b>HB 345</b>	<a href="#">(Act 182)</a>	Requires longer notice before insurers can cancel a homeowner's insurance policy.	<b>07/01/2026</b>

## Youth, Education, & Schools

Bill	Act	Description	Effective Date
<b>SB 160</b>	<a href="#">(Act 42)</a>	Allows rideshare companies like Uber and Lyft to transport students to and from school events.	<a href="#">06/04/2025</a>
<b>HB 52</b>	<a href="#">(Act 48)</a>	Requires financial literacy instruction in high schools.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>HB 71</b>	<a href="#">(Act 51)</a>	Revises membership of the Dual Enrollment Task Force.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>HB 584</b>	<a href="#">(Act 209)</a>	Creates a new alternative program for young people involved in the criminal system, focused on rehabilitation– Back on Track Youth Pilot Program.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>HB 372</b>	<a href="#">(Act 268)</a>	Requires computer science for high school graduation.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>SB 25</b>	<a href="#">(Act 218)</a>	Allows the St. George community in East Baton Rouge to form its own school system.	
<b>HB 391</b>	<a href="#">(Act 270)</a>	Revises the student growth component in teacher evaluations.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>HB 321</b>	<a href="#">(Act 353)</a>	Adds professional development in numeracy for teachers.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>HB 327</b>	<a href="#">(Act 356)</a>	Requires use of a 10-point grading scale for TOPS GPA calculations.	<a href="#">06/20/2025</a>
<b>HB 378</b>	<a href="#">(Act 359)</a>	Lowers ACT requirement for home study students qualifying for TOPS.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>HB 77</b>	<a href="#">(Act 347)</a>	Adds new TOPS Excellence award and recognizes Classic Learning Test.	
<b>SB 207</b>	<a href="#">(Act 449)</a>	Requires public high schools to offer vocational and technical courses.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>SB 121</b>	<a href="#">(Act 469)</a>	Authorizes mental health screenings in schools.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>SB 178</b>	<a href="#">(Act 439)</a>	Establishes a School Employee Bill of Rights.	<a href="#">06/20/2025</a>

## Immigrant & Refugee Rights

Bill	Act	Description	Effective Date
<b>HB 436</b>	<a href="#">(Act 17)</a>	Prevents undocumented immigrants from receiving damages in civil court in some cases.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>SB 100</b>	<a href="#">(Act 419)</a>	Requires government agencies to collect and report legal status of people receiving public services.	<a href="#">06/20/2025</a>
<b>HB 303</b>	<a href="#">(Act 264)</a>	Creates a new unit–Fugitive Apprehension Unit– under the Attorney General to assist with immigration enforcement.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>

## Economic & Housing Justice

Bill	Act	Description	Effective Date
<b>SB 232</b>	<a href="#">(Act 44)</a>	Updates the Motion Picture Tax Credit.	<a href="#">06/04/2025</a>
<b>HB 266</b>	<a href="#">(Act 259)</a>	Raises the monthly personal needs allowance for nursing home residents.	<a href="#">06/11/2025</a>
<b>HB 325</b>	<a href="#">(Act 266)</a>	Reduces cigar taxes, creating a \$10 million revenue loss.	<a href="#">01/01/2026</a>
<b>HB 682</b>	<a href="#">(Act 229)</a>	Simplifies expungement of certain adjudication records.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>HB 318</b>	<a href="#">(Act 265)</a>	Addresses flood-prone manufactured housing regulations.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>HB 267</b>	<a href="#">(Act 260)</a>	Creates the Hotel Francis District in St. Francisville.	<a href="#">06/11/2025</a>
<b>HB 126</b>	<a href="#">(Act 348)</a>	Increases state support for parish councils on aging.	
<b>HB 238</b>	<a href="#">(Act 349)</a>	Expands tax benefits for foster care adoptions and donations.	<a href="#">06/20/2025</a>
<b>HB 533</b>	<a href="#">(Act 376)</a>	Creates a Work-Based Learning Tax Credit for hiring apprentices and youth.	<a href="#">01/01/2026</a>
<b>SB 123</b>	<a href="#">(Act 423)</a>	Offers income tax credit for donations to certain public schools.	<a href="#">01/01/2026</a>
<b>SB 186</b>	<a href="#">(Act 441)</a>	Modifies the New Markets Tax Credit.	<a href="#">06/20/2025</a>
<b>SB 189</b>	<a href="#">(Act 443)</a>	Creates the State Land Banking Authority to address blighted properties.	<a href="#">08/01/2025</a>
<b>HB 665</b>	<a href="#">(Act 515)</a>	Extends the Angel Investor Tax Credit Program.	
<b>HB 520</b>	<a href="#">(Act 506)</a>	Creates a tax exemption for antique vehicles.	<a href="#">07/01/2025</a>

## Civil Rights, Privacy & Technology

Bill	Act	Description	Effective Date
<b>HB 125</b>	<a href="#">(Act 244)</a>	Protects access and storage of genomic information.	
<b>HB 37</b>	<a href="#">(Act 236)</a>	Establishes a duty of care for online platforms contracting with minors.	<a href="#">06/01/2026</a>
<b>HB 502</b>	<a href="#">(Act 371)</a>	Reforms compensation and accountability for registrars of voters.	<a href="#">06/20/2025</a>
<b>HB 693</b>	<a href="#">(Act 398)</a>	Revises the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act.	
<b>HB 686</b>	<a href="#">(Act 394)</a>	Requires lobbyist disclosure of ties to foreign adversaries.	<a href="#">12/01/2025</a>
<b>SB 245</b>	<a href="#">(Act 467)</a>	Creates a database to track state funding of nongovernmental entities.	<a href="#">06/30/2025</a>

## Transportation, Environment & Infrastructure

Bill	Act	Description	Effective Date
<b>SB 127</b>	<b>(Act 111)</b>	Allows nuclear power plant permitting to move forward more easily in Louisiana.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB497</b>	<b>(Act 201)</b>	Expands the Louisiana Catch and Cook program for fishers and restaurants.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB510</b>	<b>(Act 203)</b>	Authorizes golf carts and low-speed vehicles on alternative pathways in Golden Meadow.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB676</b>	<b>(Act 216)</b>	Streamlines removal of abandoned vessels in Louisiana waterways.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB687</b>	<b>(Act 217)</b>	Allows public-private partnerships for the St. Bernard Transportation Corridor project.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB652</b>	<b>(Act 300)</b>	Enhances seafood safety and testing programs.	<b>06/11/2025</b>
<b>HB640</b>	<b>(Act 389)</b>	Establishes the Office of Louisiana Highway Construction.	<b>06/20/2025</b>
<b>HB528</b>	<b>(Act 375)</b>	Reorganizes the Department of Transportation and Development.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB556</b>	<b>(Act 380)</b>	Reforms DOTD operations to increase efficiency.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>SB36</b>	<b>(Act 407)</b>	Provide for carbon dioxide sequestration.	<b>06/20/2025</b>
<b>SB73</b>	<b>(Act 414)</b>	Provide for carbon dioxide sequestration.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>SB85</b>	<b>(Act 415)</b>	Allows parishes to designate no-wake zones.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB692</b>	<b>(Act 462)</b>	Reclassifies nuclear and natural gas energy as “green energy,” raising concerns over environmental protections.	<b>08/01/2025</b>
<b>HB548</b>	<b>(Act 508)</b>	Dedicates revenue from carbon dioxide sequestration.	<b>08/01/2025</b>

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## Constitutional Amendments Requiring Your Vote

Several proposed changes to Louisiana's Constitution will be on the April 18, 2026 ballot:

Bill	Act	Description
<b>SB25</b>	(Act 218)	Grants the St. George community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish the same authority as parishes to operate a school system. (Estimated fiscal impact: +\$2.45M GF EX)
<b>HB63</b>	(Act 219)	Alters judicial retirement rules.
<b>HB300</b>	(Act 220)	Raises the income limit to qualify for property tax freezes for seniors and people with disabilities.
<b>HB366</b>	(Act 221)	Lets parishes exempt or reduce business inventory from property taxes.
<b>SB8</b>	(Act 223)	Reforms State Civil Service Commission appointment process.
<b>HB473</b>	(Act 222)	Dedicates state revenue toward teacher retirement system debt.

One proposed change to Louisiana's Constitution will be on the November 3, 2026 ballot:

Bill	Act	Description
<b>HB300</b>	(Act 220)	Raises the income limit to qualify for property tax freezes for seniors and people with disabilities.

## Stay Connected

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