



Dear ACLU-TN Legislative Alert Network:

The Tennessee General Assembly is moving full-steam ahead. This week several bills will be heard in committees that require ACLU-TN voices to be heard. Please contact your legislators about the bills described below and let them know how you think they should vote. The easiest way to identify your legislators is to visit <http://www.capitol.tn.gov>, go to "Find My Legislator," put in your address and click "search." Once you identify your legislators, please check to see if they serve on any of the committees that are scheduled to hear these bills this week. If they do, please contact them immediately to let them know how you would like them to vote in the committee. If your legislators do not serve on the committees hearing the bills this week, you should contact them and explain how you want them to vote when the bills come to the Floor.

Many thanks for using your voice to protect our constitutional freedoms.

Warm regards,
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Women's Rights

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
Prohibit Shackling of Pregnant Inmates SB1209 (Woodson)	Prohibits the use of restraints on pregnant incarcerated women in Tennessee jails or prisons unless the inmate presents a serious safety or flight risk. Companion bill is HB1437 (Harwell). Talking points-click here .	Senate Floor Monday, 3/30/09 at 5:00 pm – Senate Chamber	SUPPORT

Voting Rights

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
No Photo – No Vote SB0150 (Ketron)	Requires voter to show "qualified photographic identification" before being allowed to vote. Companion bill is HB0639 (Maggart). Talking points-click here .	Senate State & Local Government Committee Tuesday, 3/31/09 at 8:30 am – LP 12	OPPOSE
Financial	After completion of sentence, requires a person	Senate	OPPOSE

<p>Burden to Restore Voting Rights</p> <p>SB 0440 (Overbey)</p>	<p>to have paid all restitution, fines and court costs before having the right to vote restored. Companion bill is HB969.</p> <p>Talking points-click here.</p>	<p>Finance, Ways & Means Committee</p> <p>Wednesday, 4/1/09 at 1:00 pm – LP 12</p>	
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Reproductive Freedom

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<p>Mandated Waiting Period</p> <p>HB 0445 (Maddox)</p>	<p>Requires informed consent and a subsequent 24-hour waiting period for “reflection” after a woman receives information about the abortion procedure. Companion bill is SB1800.</p> <p>Talking points-click here.</p>	<p>House Public Health & Family Assistance Subcommittee</p> <p>Tuesday, 3/31/09 at 4:00 pm – LP 30</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p>
<p>Removing Right to Abortion</p> <p>HJR 0066 (Maggart)</p> <p>HJR 0088 (Curtiss)</p> <p>HJR 0127 (Kelsey)</p>	<p>Open door to amending the State Constitution to take away the privacy protection as it pertains to women seeking abortions. Were <u>Roe v. Wade</u> to be overturned, and our State Constitution to be amended, women in Tennessee would not be protected under the current state constitutional right to privacy that ensures a woman can obtain an abortion.</p> <p>Talking points-click here.</p>	<p>House Public Health & Family Assistance Subcommittee</p> <p>Tuesday, 3/31/09 at 4:00 pm – LP 30</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p>

Students' Rights

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
<p>Random Drug Testing of Students</p> <p>HB 2026 (Maddox)</p> <p>HB 1508 (Winningham)</p>	<p>Allows school systems to randomly drug test students participating in voluntary extracurricular activities, even if there is no individual reasonable suspicion that the student has used drugs. Companion bills are SB1792 and SB74 respectively.</p> <p>Talking points-click here.</p>	<p>House Education K-12 Subcommittee</p> <p>Wednesday, 4/1/09 at 10:00 am – LP 16</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p>

Access to Justice

Bill	Bill Description	Will Be Heard	ACLU-TN Position
Recording of Murder Interrogations SB 0261 (Jackson)	Requires all statements made by a person during a custodial interrogation relating to a homicide to be electronically recorded and preserved. Companion bill is HB0596 (Coleman).	Senate Judiciary Committee Wednesday, 4/1/09 at 3:00 pm – LP 12	SUPPORT