

BUSINESS RATING



2015 Legislative Business Ratings



The North Carolina FreeEnterprise Foundation (NCFEF) is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization that conducts objective research and analysis on candidates, campaigns, voter attitudes and other electoral and demographic factors that impact our state's political landscape.

The many programs, events, and original reports produced by NCFEF are intended to foster informed civic involvement, develop an understanding of the free enterprise economy, and strengthen North Carolina's prosperous business environment.

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NCFEF is a mission-driven organization, providing business leaders across the state with timely updates and information throughout the year – the Legislative Business Ratings is just one of many such reports NCFEF produces and distributes widely.

In addition, during the course of the election cycle NCFEF conducts well over 100 presentations, programs, candidate forums, and 'races to watch' briefings all across North Carolina.

All of this is made possible through the financial support NCFEF receives from a broad cross-section of businesses, associations, foundations and individuals that support our mission.

OVERVIEW

The NC FreeEnterprise Foundation Legislative Business Ratings (NCFEF LBR) report is produced following each odd-year session of the NC General Assembly (what's commonly referred to as the 'Long Session').

This analytical assessment of the business disposition of all 170 state House and Senate members is based on confidential input from a group of more than 400 business leaders, business trade association executives and government affairs professionals.

This survey pool represents a diverse cross-section of business interests, geographically as well as company size and scope, and industrial sectors.

The survey contained two parts:

- An **Objective** evaluation consisting of recorded votes taken where the respondent believed the subject *'presented a clear philosophical division on key issues of interest and concern to the business community.'*
- A **Subjective** assessment in which respondents rated legislators based on their *'personal experience as to the percentage of the time that legislator was supportive on issues important to the overall business climate of North Carolina.'*

Those surveyed were also asked to consider factors such as *'legislators making themselves accessible for information sharing and discussion, and maintaining a business-like approach to the conduct of legislative duties.'*

Respondents made this assessment using a 100-point scale (in 10 point increments), and were asked to rate only those legislators they knew and interacted with.



The NCFEF Research Committee reviewed all **Objective** evaluation recommendations on votes to be considered and corresponding preferred business position, and selected those reflecting an appropriately diverse array which represent:

- meaningful issues to the business community;
- matters in which free enterprise principles were distinctly involved;
- a clear distinction of legislative perspectives on business issues.

NCFEF research staff secured voting histories from the NC General Assembly website, and matched those against the preferred position on the selected legislation to produce an **Objective** score representing the percentage of time a legislator voted the preferred position.

Any excused vote was not included in the calculations, but a recorded ‘not voting’ was considered and calculated as having not taken the preferred business position. NOTE: It is the prerogative of the Speaker of the House to vote or not vote on bills before the House, so the **Objective** portion of the LBR for Speaker Moore includes only those votes.

In terms of the votes selected for this analysis, finding absolute unanimity within the business community for any piece of legislation is a challenge regardless of subject matter or constituency impacted.

Many times companies within the same industry disagree on fundamental public policy issues contained within a single piece of legislation, since business models can differ widely even within a particular industrial sector.

Because the NCFEF LBR utilizes input from a broad base of individuals within the business community familiar with what transpired during the legislative session, the report avoids being simply a characterization of lobbying successes or failures. This assures the NCFEF LBR is a sincere, impartial, and unbiased evaluation of disposition and not simply a scorecard measuring a singular legislative agenda.

The methodology used in the NCFEF LBR has proven over time to best serve this organization’s mission to provide objective research and analysis useful to business leaders and the general public interested in understanding the intersection of politics and the public policy that impacts North Carolina’s economic vitality.

For calculation of **Objective and Subjective** scores to form an overall **Legislative Business Rating** for each legislator the following weighting scale is used:

Percent of all Votes Used that are Contested Votes*	Weighting: Subjective to Objective
80% - 100%	1:1
60% - 79%	2:1
40% - 59%	3:1
20% - 39%	4:1
0 - 19%	5:1
*Percentages of contested votes are rounded to nearest whole number.	

*A contested vote is when 10% or more of the legislators present and voting cast their vote opposite the prevailing vote. For example, if 50 senators are present and voting, and the prevailing vote is ‘Aye,’ at least 5 senators must vote ‘No’ for the vote to be considered a contested vote.



As both state House and Senate had 80% of votes selected by the Research Committee for consideration fall under the contested definition, a weighting of 1:1 **Subjective** to **Objective** was applied to produce a **Legislative Business Rating** for each member serving during the 2015 Session of the NC General Assembly.

For information on legislation and votes referred to in this report, visit the NC General Assembly website at www.ncleg.net.

UNDERSTANDING THE NCFEF LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS RATINGS

The NCFEF LBR is the average derived from the combined **Objective** and **Subjective** ratings and provides a straightforward metric: *the closer the rating is to 100, the more aligned with the principles of free enterprise that legislator was during the 2015 Session.*

NCFEF considers a rating of 70 or higher to demonstrate a legislator can be counted on – both in votes cast as well as general disposition on business issues and in their approach to legislative duties – to **consistently** exhibit strong support of free enterprise principles.

Those within this range constitute the **solid base** of legislators aligned on important issues that contribute significantly to preserving and enhancing the business climate and economic vitality of North Carolina.

Among those serving during the 2015 Long Session of the NC General Assembly, 80 of the 120 members of the state House fall into the **solid base** category – 71 Republicans, 8 Democrats, and 1 Unaffiliated. In the state Senate, 35 of 50 members fall into the **solid base** category – 33 Republicans and 2 Democrats.

Legislators with a rating between 70 and 55 are considered to be **occasional** in their support of free enterprise principles.

The state House had 22 members – 2 Republicans and 20 Democrats* – in the **occasional** category, while the state Senate had 4 members – 1 Republican and 3 Democrats.

Looking at just the **Objective** portion of the analysis, 40 state House members (34 Republicans, 5 Democrats and 1 Unaffiliated) had a 100% voting rating, as did 21 state Senate members (all Republicans).

*Rep. Rick Glazier resigned his seat on August 8, 2015, and was replaced by Billy Richardson. Since both voted on matters included in the 2015 NCFEF LBR Objective Survey, both are included in this report.

2015 SENATE BUSINESS RATINGS



DISTRICT	HOME COUNTY	MEMBER NAME	PARTY	RATING
48	Henderson	Tom Apodaca	R	95.0
26	Rockingham	Phillip Berger (Phil)	R	95.0
6	Onslow	Harry Brown	R	95.0
24	Alamance	Rick Gunn	R	95.0
10	Sampson	Brent Jackson	R	95.0
7	Wayne	Louis Pate	R	95.0
35	Union	Tommy Tucker	R	90.8
18	Wake	Chad Barefoot	R	90.0
44	Lincoln	David L. Curtis	R	90.0
43	Gaston	Kathy Harrington	R	90.0
9	New Hanover	Michael Lee	R	90.0
25	Richmond	Tom McInnis	R	90.0
12	Harnett	Ronald Rabin	R	90.0
30	Wilkes	Shirley B. Randleman	R	90.0
2	Pamlico	Norman W. Sanderson	R	90.0
41	Mecklenburg	Jeff Tarte	R	90.0
29	Randolph	Jerry W. Tillman	R	90.0
27	Guilford	Trudy Wade	R	90.0
42	Catawba	Andy Wells	R	90.0
50	Macon	James Davis (Jim)	R	87.5
8	Brunswick	William Rabon (Bill)	R	85.9
33	Davidson	Stan Bingham	R	85.8
34	Davie	Andrew C. Brock	R	85.8
47	Mitchell	Ralph Hise	R	85.8
31	Forsyth	Joyce Krawiec	R	85.8
36	Cabarrus	Fletcher L. Hartsell Jr.	R	85.5
45	Watauga	Dan Soucek	R	85.0

● Republican

● Democrat

● Unaffiliated

2015 SENATE BUSINESS RATINGS



DISTRICT	HOME COUNTY	MEMBER NAME	PARTY	RATING
39	Mecklenburg	Robert Rucho (Bob)	R	83.0
46	Burke	Warren Daniel	R	80.5
17	Wake	Tamara Barringer	R	80.0
1	Beaufort	William Cook	R	80.0
11	Wilson	E.S. Newton (Buck)	R	79.4
19	Cumberland	Wesley Meredith	R	78.9
21	Hoke	Robert B. Clark, III (Ben)	D	77.5
38	Mecklenburg	Joel Ford	D	70.0
15	Wake	John M. Alexander, Jr.	R	65.0
14	Wake	Daniel T. Blue (Dan)	D	55.0
13	Robeson	Jane Smith	D	54.2
22	Durham	Mike Woodard (Mike)	D	52.3
5	Greene	Don Davis	D	48.3
3	Northampton	Erica Smith-Ingram	D	47.8
4	Nash	Angela R. Bryant	D	45.0
32	Forsyth	Paul A. Lowe	D	45.0
49	Buncombe	Terry Van Duyn	D	45.0
16	Wake	Joshua Stein (Josh)	D	40.0
37	Mecklenburg	Jeff Jackson	D	38.2
23	Orange	Valerie P. Foushee	D	37.2
40	Mecklenburg	Joyce Waddell	D	35.8
20	Durham	Floyd B. McKissick Jr.	D	32.5
28	Guilford	Gladys A. Robinson	D	28.6

 **Republican**

 **Democrat**

 **Unaffiliated**

2015 HOUSE BUSINESS RATINGS



DISTRICT	HOME COUNTY	MEMBER NAME	PARTY	RATING
26	Johnston	N. Leo Daughtry (Leo)	R	95.0
85	McDowell	Josh Dobson	R	95.0
95	Iredell	John A. Fraley	R	95.0
112	Rutherford	Mike Hager	R	95.0
13	Carteret	Patricia McElraft (Pat)	R	95.0
111	Cleveland	Tim Moore	R	95.0
108	Gaston	John A. Torbett	R	95.0
120	Cherokee	Roger West	R	95.0
73	Yadkin	Walter L. Zachary (Lee)	R	95.0
10	Wayne	John R. Bell, IV	R	92.5
88	Mecklenburg	Robert Bryan (Rob)	R	92.5
66	Richmond	Ken Goodman	D	92.5
63	Alamance	Stephen M. Ross	R	92.5
1	Chowan	Robert Steinburg (Bob)	R	92.5
69	Union	Dean Arp	R	90.8
97	Lincoln	Jason Saine	R	90.5
103	Mecklenburg	William Brawley (Bill)	R	90.5
53	Harnett	David R. Lewis	R	90.5
52	Moore	James L. Boles, Jr. (Jamie)	R	90.0
98	Mecklenburg	John R. Bradford, III	R	90.0
22	Bladen	William D. Brisson	D	90.0
9	Pitt	Brian Brown	R	90.0
19	New Hanover	Ted Davis, Jr.	R	90.0
4	Duplin	Jimmy Dixon	R	90.0
61	Guilford	John Faircloth	R	90.0
110	Gaston	Kelly E. Hastings	R	90.0
17	Brunswick	Frank Iler	R	90.0
83	Cabarrus	Linda P. Johnson	R	90.0

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75	Forsyth	Donny Lambeth	R	90.0
8	Wilson	Susan Martin	R	90.0
64	Alamance	Dennis Riddell	R	90.0
15	Onslow	Philip R. Shepard (Phil)	R	90.0
90	Surry	Sarah Stevens	R	90.0
45	Cumberland	John Szoka	R	90.0
6	Dare	Paul Tine	U	90.0
84	Iredell	Rena W. Turner	R	90.0
80	Davidson	Samuel Watford (Sam)	R	90.0
113	Transylvania	Christopher Whitmire (Chris)	R	90.0
87	Caldwell	George S. Robinson	R	87.5
92	Mecklenburg	Charles Jeter	R	86.7
96	Catawba	Jay Adams	R	85.8
104	Mecklenburg	Dan Bishop	R	85.8
55	Union	Mark Brody	R	85.8
74	Forsyth	Debra Conrad	R	85.8
36	Wake	Nelson Dollar	R	85.8
91	Stokes	Bryan R. Holloway	R	85.8
70	Randolph	Patricia B. Hurley (Pat)	R	85.8
65	Rockingham	Bert Jones	R	85.8
28	Johnston	James H. Langdon, Jr. (J.H.)	R	85.8
78	Randolph	Allen McNeill	R	85.8
118	Yancey	Michele D. Presnell	R	85.8
37	Wake	Paul Stam (Skip)	R	85.8
86	Burke	Hugh Blackwell	R	85.5
25	Nash	Jeffrey L. Collins (Jeff)	R	85.5
68	Union	Craig Horn	R	85.5
94	Wilkes	Jeffrey Elmore	R	85.0

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105	Mecklenburg	Jacqueline Michelle Schaffer	R	85.0
46	Columbus	Kenneth Waddell (Ken)	D	85.0
2	Person	Larry Yarborough	R	85.0
67	Stanly	Justin P. Burr	R	81.7
59	Guilford	Jon Hardister	R	81.7
93	Ashe	Jonathan C. Jordan	R	81.7
16	Pender	Christopher Millis (Chris)	R	81.7
77	Rowan	Harry Warren	R	81.7
72	Forsyth	Edward Hanes, Jr. (Ed)	D	80.9
79	Davie	Julia C. Howard	R	80.9
117	Henderson	Charles McGrady (Chuck)	R	80.8
81	Davidson	Rayne Brown	R	80.0
99	Mecklenburg	Rodney W. Moore	D	80.0
27	Northampton	Michael H. Wray	D	80.0
62	Guilford	John M. Blust	R	79.2
20	New Hanover	Rick Catlin	R	78.9
109	Gaston	Dana Bumgardner	R	77.5
89	Catawba	Mitchell S. Setzer	R	77.5
76	Rowan	Carl Ford	R	76.7
51	Harnett	Brad Salmon	D	76.7
14	Onslow	George G. Cleveland	R	75.0
40	Wake	Marilyn Avila	R	73.9
42	Cumberland	Marvin W. Lucas	D	73.0
3	Craven	Michael Speciale	R	71.7
35	Wake	Chris Malone	R	69.2
82	Cabarrus	Larry G. Pittman	R	69.2
18	New Hanover	Susan H. Hamilton (Susi)	D	68.9
60	Guilford	Cecil Brockman	D	67.5

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12	Lenoir	George Graham	D	67.5
49	Wake	Brig. Gen. (R) Gary Pendleton	R	66.8
43	Cumberland	Elmer Floyd	D	66.7
102	Mecklenburg	Becky Carney	D	63.3
116	Buncombe	Brian Turner	D	63.3
21	Sampson	Larry M. Bell	D	62.5
44	Cumberland	Rick Glazier	D	62.5
100	Mecklenburg	Patricia Ann Cotham (Tricia)	D	59.3
39	Wake	Darren G. Jackson	D	59.2
107	Mecklenburg	Kelly M. Alexander, Jr.	D	58.3
47	Robeson	Charles Graham	D	55.8
41	Wake	Gale Adcock	D	54.2
11	Wake	Duane Hall	D	54.2
58	Guilford	Ralph C. Johnson	D	52.3
50	Orange	Graig R. Meyer	D	51.8
115	Buncombe	John Ager	D	50.0
54	Lee	Robert T. Reives, II	D	50.0
44	Cumberland	Billy Richardson	D	50.0
48	Scotland	Garland E. Pierce	D	49.2
119	Haywood	Joe Sam Queen	D	48.3
106	Mecklenburg	Carla D. Cunningham	D	47.3
101	Mecklenburg	Beverly M. Earle	D	45.0
33	Wake	Rosa U. Gill	D	45.0
7	Franklin	Bobbie Richardson	D	44.2
5	Hertford	Howard J. Hunter, III	D	43.2
24	Wilson	Jean Farmer-Butterfield	D	42.7
32	Vance	Nathan Baskerville	D	40.8
71	Forsyth	Evelyn Terry	D	38.2

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38	Wake	Yvonne Lewis Holley	D	35.8
31	Durham	Henry M. Michaux, Jr. (Mickey)	D	35.8
23	Edgecombe	Shelly Willingham	D	31.1
34	Wake	Grier Martin	D	29.1
29	Durham	Larry D. Hall	D	24.1
56	Orange	Verla Insko	D	19.1
114	Buncombe	Susan C. Fisher	D	14.5
57	Guilford	Pricey Harrison	D	12.0
30	Durham	Paul Luebke	D	11.3

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2015 LBR VOTING RECORD - SENATE



D	Pref. Vote	H44	H168	H201	H405	H482 A1	H532 A1	H765	H943	S15	S25	S305	S513
		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
15	Alexander	EX	Y	N	Y	EX	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y
48	Apodaca	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX
18	Barefoot	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
17	Barringer	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	EX	EX	Y	N	Y	Y
26	Berger	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
33	Bingham	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
14	Blue	N	EX	Y	EX	Y	EX	N	Y	N	Y	EX	Y
34	Brock	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
6	Brown	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	Bryant	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N
21	Clark	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1	Cook	Y	EX	Y	Y	N	EX	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
44	Curtis	EX	Y	Y	Y	EX	N	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y
46	Daniel	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX
5	Davis, D	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
50	Davis, J	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y
38	Ford	EX	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
23	Foushee	N	EX	EX	N	Y	EX	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
24	Gunn	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
43	Harrington	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
36	Hartsell	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
47	Hise	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10	Jackson, B	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
37	Jackson, J	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y
31	Krawiec	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
9	Lee	Y	EX	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
32	Lowe	N	EX	Y	N	Y	EX	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
25	McInnis	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y
20	McKissick	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
19	Meredith	N	Y	EX	N	N	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX
11	Newton	Y	Y	Y	NV	N	N	EX	Y	EX	Y	Y	EX
7	Pate	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
12	Rabin	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
8	Rabon	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	EX
30	Randleman	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
28	Robinson	N	Y	N	N	Y	EX	N	Y	N	N	Y	N
39	Rucho	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	Sanderson	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
13	Smith	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3	Smith-Ingram	N	EX	Y	N	Y	EX	N	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y
45	Soucek	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
16	Stein	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
41	Tarte	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
29	Tillman	Y	EX	Y	Y	N	EX	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y
35	Tucker	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y
49	Van Duyn	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y
40	Waddell	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
27	Wade	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
42	Wells	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
22	Woodard	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	N	Y	Y

2015 LBR VOTING RECORD - HOUSE



D	Bill Number	H44	H117	H168	H201	H405	H739	H765	H943	S15	S25	S305	S513
	Prefered Vote	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
96	Adams	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
41	Adcock	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
115	Ager	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
107	Alexander	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
69	Arp	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
40	Avila	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	EX
32	Baskerville	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	NV	N	Y	Y	Y
10	Bell, J	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
21	Bell, L	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
104	Bishop	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
86	Blackwell	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y
62	Blust	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
52	Boles	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
98	Bradford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX
103	Brawley	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
22	Brisson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
60	Brockman	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	EX	EX	Y	Y	Y
55	Brody	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
81	Brown, B	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y
9	Brown, R	Y	N	EX	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y
88	Bryan	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX
109	Bumgardner	EX	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	EX
67	Burr	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
102	Carney	EX	Y	EX	N	N	Y	EX	EX	EX	Y	Y	EX
20	Catlin	Y	N	Y	Y	EX	Y	EX	N	EX	Y	Y	Y
14	Cleveland	EX	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	EX
25	Collins	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
74	Conrad	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
100	Cotham	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	EX	Y	Y
106	Cunningham	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y
26	Daughtry	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX
19	Davis	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	Dixon	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
85	Dobson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y
36	Dollar	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
101	Earle	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y

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		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
94	Elmore	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	EX
61	Faircloth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
24	Farmer-Butterfield	N	Y	NV	N	N	EX	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
114	Fisher	N	N	N	N	N	N	EX	N	N	N	Y	N
43	Floyd	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
76	Ford	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
95	Fraley	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
33	Gill	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
44	Glazier	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	*	*	N	Y	Y	*
66	Goodman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
47	Graham, C	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N
12	Graham, G	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
112	Hager	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y
11	Hall, D	NV	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
29	Hall, L	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	EX
18	Hamilton	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	EX	EX	EX	N	Y	Y
72	Hanes	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX
59	Hardister	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV
57	Harrison	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	EX	N	N	Y	N
110	Hastings	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
38	Holley	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N
91	Holloway	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
68	Horn	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
79	Howard	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	EX	Y	Y
5	Hunter	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	EX
70	Hurley	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
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83	Johnson, L	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
58	Johnson, R	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	EX
65	Jones	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
93	Jordan	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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D	Prefered Vote	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
1	Steinburg	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y
90	Stevens	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
45	Szoka	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
71	Terry	N	Y	N	EX	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N
6	Tine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
108	Torbett	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX
116	Turner, B	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
84	Turner, R	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
46	Waddell	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
77	Warren	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
80	Watford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
120	West	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y
113	Whitmire	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
23	Willingham	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	EX
27	Wray	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	Yarborough	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
73	Zachary	Y	Y	Y	EX	EX	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	EX	Y

2015 SENATE RECORDED VOTES



Bill	Short Title	Primary Sponsor(s)	Reading	Preferred Action	Vote Count
H44	Local Government Regulatory Reform 2015	Reps. Conrad, Hanes, Lambeth, Terry	Senate Concur	Aye	32-15
Reforms various provisions to the law related to local government regulations imposed on businesses, among which are those dealing with compliance with voluntary state regulations, enforcement of ordinances, signage, communication towers, notice prior to construction, and ensuring local development requirements are in line with state regulations.					
H168	Exempt Builder Inventory	Reps. Hagar, Mills, Brody, Collins	2nd Reading	Aye	38-5
Exempts from the property tax the increase in value of real property developed for residential and commercial use to the extent that the increase is attributable to subdivision or other improvement or to the construction of single family or duplex structures.					
H201	Zoning Changes/Citizen Input	Reps. Stam, Goodman, Jackson, Fraley	2nd Reading	Aye	39-9
Repeals municipal protest petition authority and streamlines citizen input in zoning decisions.					
H405	Property Protection Act	Reps. Szorka, Whitmire, Jordan, R. Moore	Veto Override	Aye	33-15
Provides protection to property owners from damages resulting from individuals who intentionally gain access to a premise without a bona fide intent of seeking or holding employment or doing business with the property owner.					
H482	Employee Misclassification Reform	Rep. Pendleton	Senate Amendment 1 (McKissick)	No	14-33
Amendment proposed to extend the sales tax exemption media companies have for the sale of newspapers in vending racks.					
H532	WC/Truck Driver Status.	Reps. McGrady, Jeter, West, Fisher	Senate Amendment 1 (Bryant)	No	11-31
Amendment proposed additional documentary burden on contractors and subcontractors relative to proof of workers' compensation coverage.					
H765	Regulatory Reform Act of 2015	Rep. McElraft	Senate Concur	Aye	28-16
Reforms various provisions to state regulations, among which are those dealing with occupational licensing boards, risk-based remediation, solid waste facilities, environmental permitting and approval of wastewater systems.					
H943	CONNECT NC Bond Act of 2015	Rep. Arp	Senate Concur	Aye	46-2
Authorizes ballot initiative to permit North Carolina voters to determine if the state should issue \$2 billion in general obligation bonds for various construction projects of the UNC and Community College Systems, NC National Guard, state parks, state agencies and water/sewer infrastructure.					
S15	Unemployment changes	Sen. Rucho	Senate Concur 3rd Reading	Aye	36-7
Enhances the integrity of the state's unemployment insurance program, confirm appointments to the Board of Review, and require recipients make at least five (5) contacts with potential employers per week to receive benefits.					

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S25	Zoning/Aesthetics & Design Controls	Sens. Gunn, Apodaca, Tarte	2nd Reading	Aye	43-7
Prohibits local governments from imposing aesthetic or design controls on single family, duplex and townhomes.					
S305	NCEMPA Asset Sale	Sen. Newton	3rd Reading	Aye	46-1
Provides cost recovery for acquisition of joint municipal power agency ownership interest in electricity generating facilities, and allows member municipalities to enter into support contract and issue bonds as need to pay the cost of such projects.					
S513	North Carolina Farm Act of 2014	Sens. Brock, B. Jackson	3rd Reading	Aye	43-2
Reforms various provisions of state agribusiness regulations, among which are those dealing with operation of agricultural vehicles, present-use value, conservation agreements, and animal waste management.					

2015 HOUSE RECORDED VOTES



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H44	Local Government Regulatory Reform 2015	Reps. Conrad, Hanes, Lambeth, Terry	House Concurs	Aye	83-25
Reforms various provisions to the law related to local government regulations imposed on businesses, among which are those dealing with compliance with voluntary state regulations, enforcement of ordinances, signage, communication towers, notice prior to construction, and ensuring local development requirements are in line with state regulations.					
H117	NC Competes Act	Reps. S. Martin, Jeter, Collins, Steinberg	3rd Reading	Aye	88-29
Modifies various economic and taxations policies including single sales factor for qualified capital-intensive corporations.					
H168	Exempt Builders' Inventory	Reps. Hagar, Mills, Brody, Collins	House Concurs	Aye	102-8
Exempts from the property tax the increase in value of real property developed for residential and commercial use to the extent that the increase is attributable to subdivision or other improvement or to the construction of single family or duplex structures.					
H201	Zoning Changes/Citizen Input	Reps. Stam, Goodman, Jackson, Fraley	2nd Reading	Aye	81-31
Repeals municipal protest petition authority and streamlines citizen input in zoning decisions.					
H405	Property Protection Act	Reps. Szorka, Whitmire, Jordan, R. Moore	Veto Override	Aye	79-36
Provides protection to property owners from damages resulting from individuals who intentionally gain access to a premise without a bona fide intent of seeking or holding employment or doing business with the property owner.					
H739	Repeal Business License Fees	Rep. Brawley	2nd Reading	Aye	106-11
Removes ability of city governments to change any amount on any basis for a business license.					
H765	Regulatory Reform Act of 2015	Rep. McElraft	Conference Report	Aye	73-39
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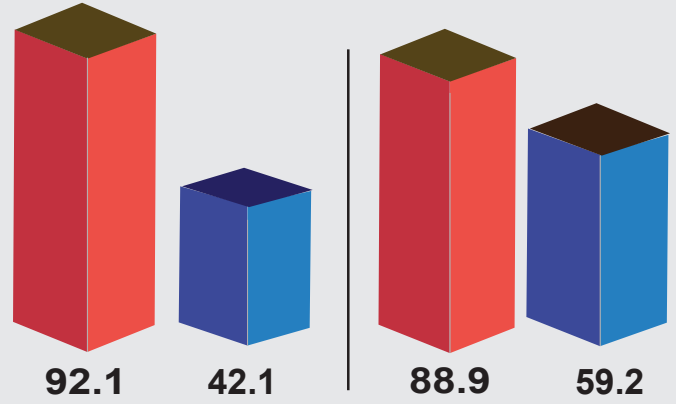
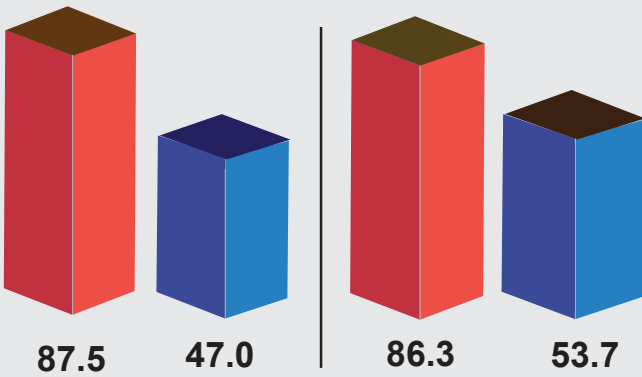
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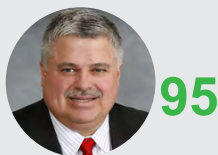
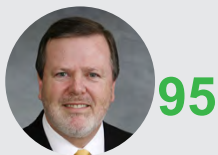

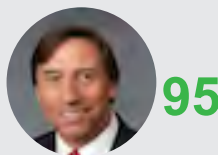
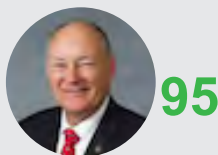
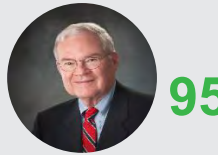
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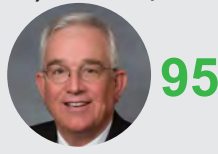
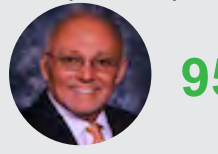
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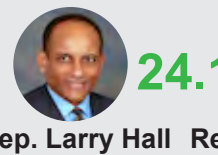
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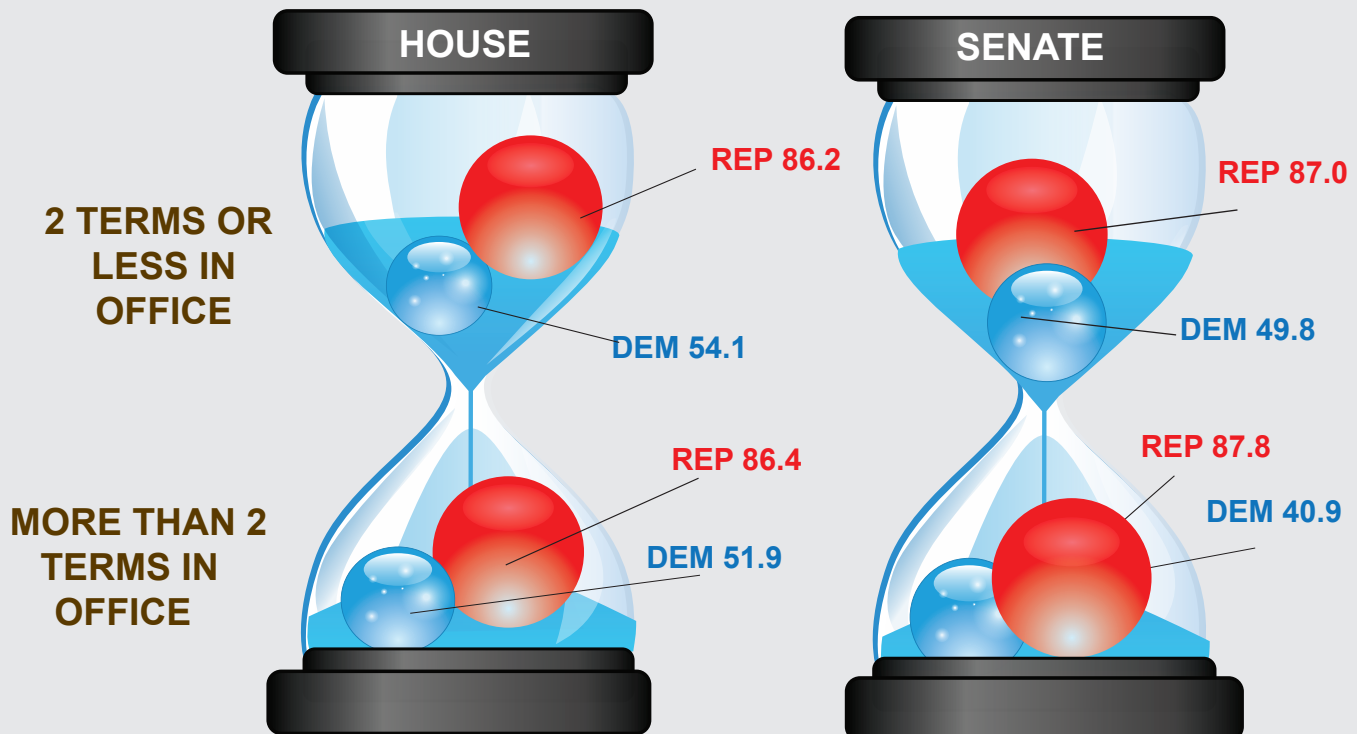
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URBAN		SUBURBAN		RURAL	
House	Senate	House	Senate	House	Senate
AVG: 64.9	65.9	AVG: 74.5	81.8	AVG: 80.1	78.2
REP: 83.6	85.5	REP: 86.0	89.6	REP: 88.0	87.2
DEM: 48.8	44.2	DEM: 49.1	53.2	DEM: 62.9	48.8

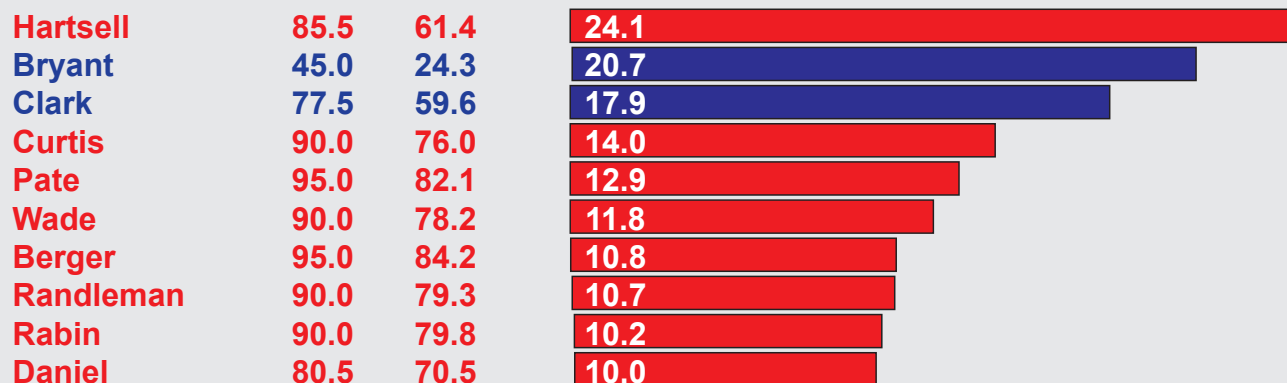
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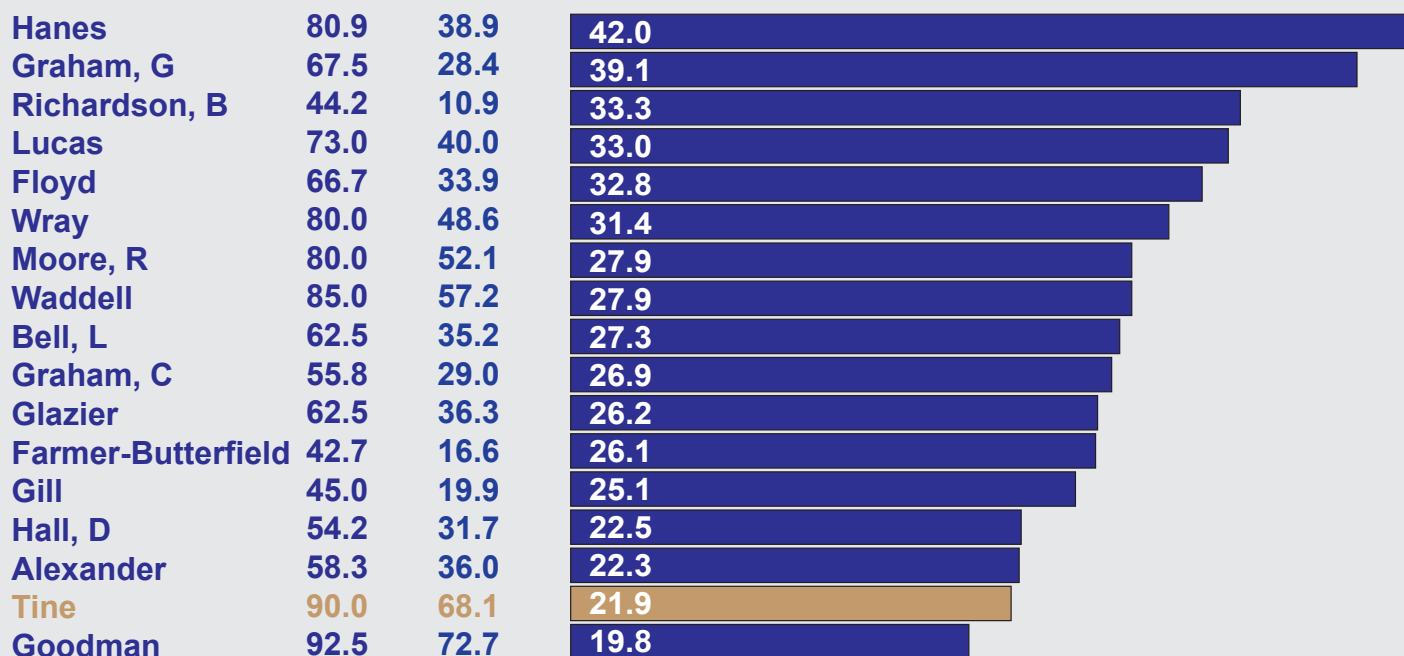
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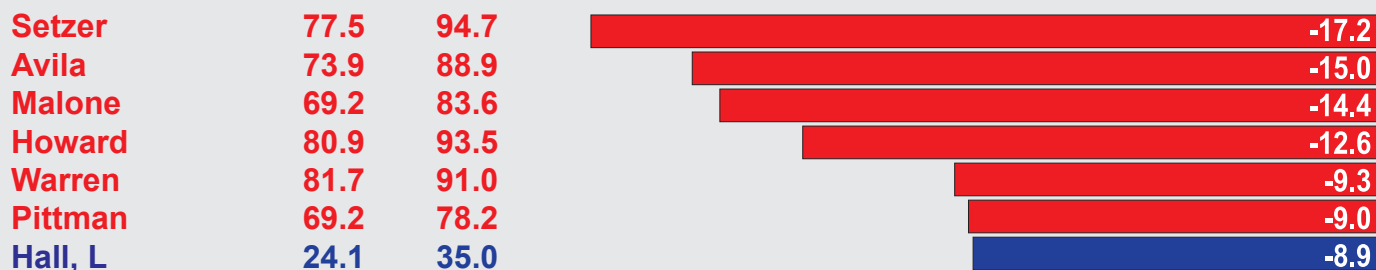
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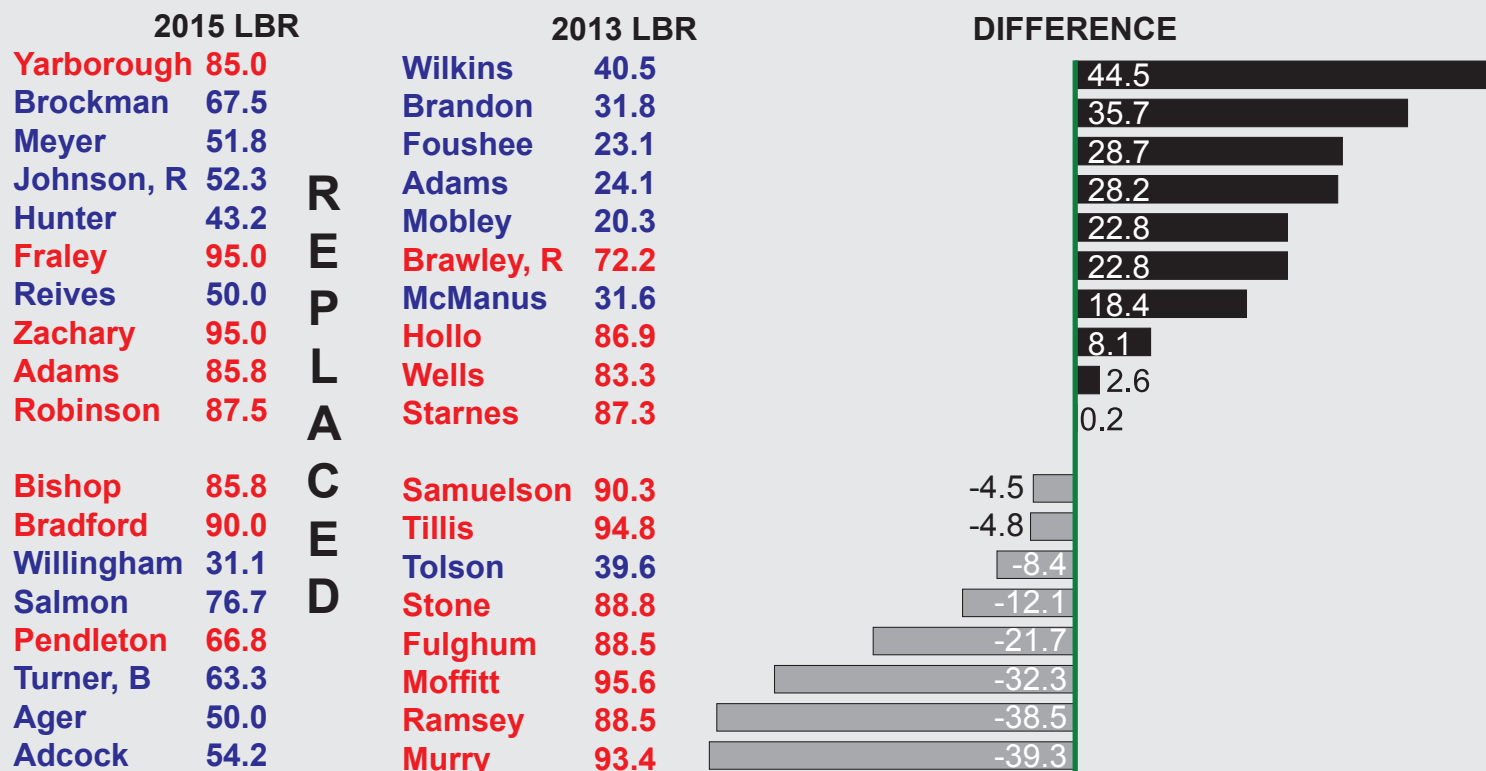


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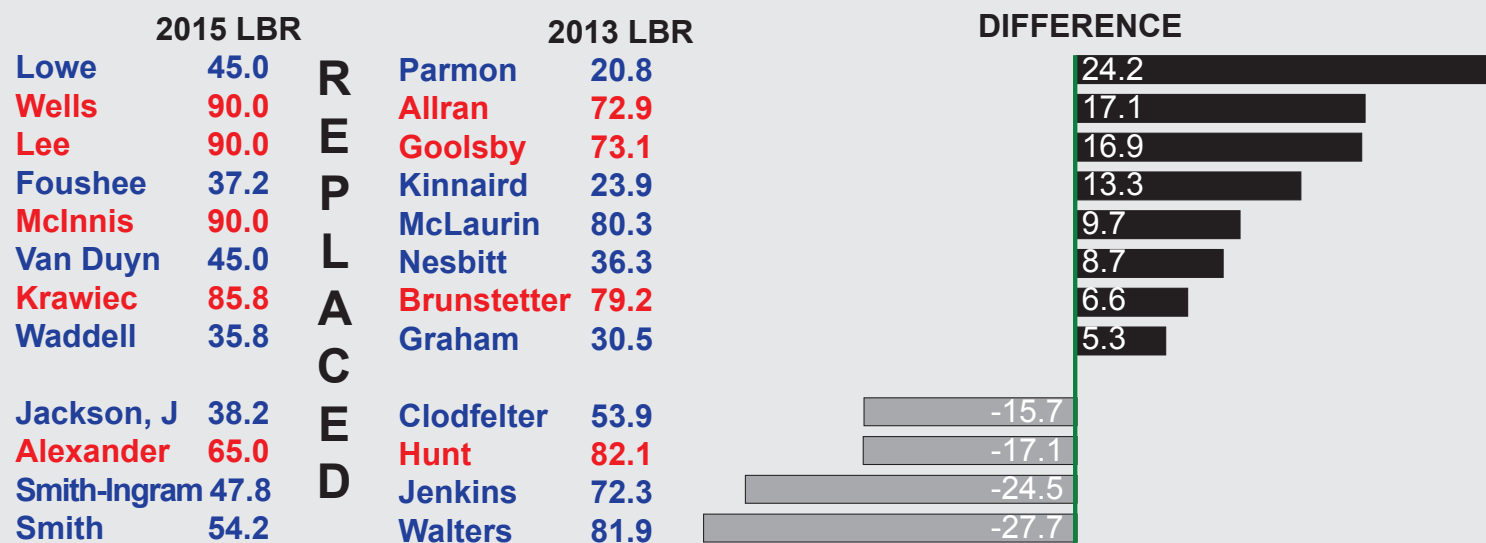
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