

PA Senate Incumbents - CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM VOTER'S GUIDE

The PCCJR identified these votes to be of crucial importance to our members and the advancement of civil justice reform in Pennsylvania. This guide and matrix track how the members who are on the November 2020 ballot voted.

SB 936 – (Street Amendment)

The “Street Amendment” to SB 936 was the trial bar’s preferred version of SB 936. It would have gutted the bill and rendered it ineffective by eliminating the drug formulary. The amendment also contained insufficient language governing compounded medications. Certain workers’ comp benefits would have been expanded under the amendment.

The Street Amendment failed the Senate by a vote of 20 to 30.

The pro civil justice reform vote was “No.”

SB 936 – Creates prescription drug formulary for Workers’ Compensation.

A formulary would aid the commonwealth in fighting the opioid epidemic which heavily impacts injured workers. The goal is to restore the worker’s health and avoid dependence on dangerous opioid medication. In addition, a formulary would also address abuses in the system such as law firm owned pharmacies dispensing unproven compounded medications while charging exorbitant prices.

SB 936 passed the Senate by a vote of 34-16.

The pro civil litigation reform vote was “Yes.”

HB 1840 – Legislative Response to Supreme Court Ruling in Protz v. Workers Compensation Appeals Board.

The PA Supreme Court in the Protz case struck down the ability for an employer to require an Impairment Rating Evaluation to determine a disabled employee’s continuing eligibility for benefits. HB 1840 addressed the issues raised by the Supreme Court to allow Impairment Rating Evaluations to continue.

HB 1840 PASSED by a vote of 34-15, October 17, 2018.

The pro civil justice reform vote was “Yes.”

SR 20 – A resolution requiring the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to prepare a report on the impact of eliminating the current venue rule for medical liability cases.

The Supreme Court’s Civil Procedural Rules committee is reviewing a proposal that will return venue shopping in medical liability cases. The current rule only allows cases to be filed where the cause of action/injury occurred. Reverting to the prior broad venue rule would be detrimental to health care in Pennsylvania.

SR 20 PASSED by a vote of 31-18, February 5, 2020.

The pro civil justice reform vote was “Yes.”

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Name	Party	Chamber	District	SB 936 Street Amendment 10-25-17	SB 936 Final 10-25-17	HB1840 Final 10-17-2018	SR 20 Final 2-19-2019	Lifetime Record w/ PCCJR
David Argall	R	Senate	29	N	Y	Y	Y	100
David Arnold	R	Senate	48	*	*	*	*	*
Ryan Aument	R	Senate	36	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Lisa Baker	R	Senate	20	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Camera Bartolotta	R	Senate	46	N	Y	Y	Y	100
John Blake	D	Senate	22	Y	N	N	N	0
Lisa Boscola	D	Senate	18	Y	Y	Y	Y	75
Jim Brewstera	D	Senate	45	Y	N	N	N	0
Michele Brooks	R	Senate	50	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Patrick Browne	R	Senate	16	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Maria Collett	D	Senate	12	*	*	*	N	0
Jake Corman	R	Senate	34	N	Y	Y	Y	100
John DiSanto	R	Senate	15	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Wayne Fontana	D	Senate	42	Y	N	N	N	0
John Gordner	R	Senate	27	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Arthur Haywood	D	Senate	4	Y	N	N	N	0
Vincent Hughes	D	Senate	7	Y	N	N	N	0
Scott Hutchinson	R	Senate	21	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Pam Iovino	D	Senate	37	*	*	*	*	*
Timothy Kearney	D	Senate	26	*	*	*	N	0
Thomas Killion	R	Senate	9	Y	Y	Y	Y	75
Wayne Langerholc	R	Senate	35	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Dan Laughlin	R	Senate	49	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Scott Martin	R	Senate	13	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Doug Mastriano	R	Senate	33	*	*	*	*	*
Bob Mensch	R	Senate	24	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Katie Muth	D	Senate	44	*	*	*	N	0
Kristin Phillips-Hill	R	Senate	28	*	*	*	Y	100
Joe Pittman	R	Senate	41	*	*	*	*	*
Mike Regan	R	Senate	31	N	Y	Y	Y	100
John Sabatina	D	Senate	5	Y	N	N	N	0
Steven Santarsiero	D	Senate	10	*	*	*	N	0
Mario Scavello	R	Senate	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	75
Judith Schwank	D	Senate	11	Y	N	N	Y	25
Patrick Stefano	R	Senate	32	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Sharif Street	D	Senate	3	Y	N	N	N	0

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Christine Tartaglione	D	Senate	2	Y	N	N	N	0
Robert M. Tomlinson	R	Senate	6	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Elder Vogel	R	Senate	47	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Kim Ward	R	Senate	39	N	Y	Y	Y	100
Judy Ward	R	Senate	30	*	*	*	Y	100
Anthony H. Williams	D	Senate	8	Y	N	N	N	0
Lindsey Williams	D	Senate	38	*	*	*	N	0
Gene Yaw	R	Senate	23	N	Y	Y	Y	100
John Yudichak	I	Senate	14	Y	N	N	N	0

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