



## government

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| <b>Religious Freedom Restoration Act</b>                | Religious Freedom Restoration Act                | ✓ |
| <b>Absentee Voting</b>                                  | Absentee Voting                                  | ✓ |
| <b>Nonparticipation in Weddings by Public Officials</b> | Nonparticipation in Weddings by Public Officials |   |



## health care

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---|
| <b>General Conscience Protection</b>  | General Conscience Protection                           |   |
| <b>Abortion Refusal</b>               | Individual-Level Abortion Refusal                       | ✓ |
|                                       | Private Hospital Abortion Refusal                       | ✓ |
|                                       | Public Hospital Abortion Refusal                        |   |
|                                       | Immunity from Civil Liability (Abortion)                | ✓ |
|                                       | Immunity from Criminal Liability (Abortion)             |   |
|                                       | Protection from Government Consequences (Abortion)      | ✓ |
|                                       | Refusal in Emergency (Abortion)                         |   |
|                                       | Disposal of Abortion Remains                            |   |
| <b>Sterilization Refusal</b>          | Individual-Level Sterilization Refusal                  |   |
|                                       | Private Hospital Sterilization Refusal                  |   |
|                                       | Public Hospital Sterilization Refusal                   |   |
|                                       | Immunity from Civil Liability (Sterilization)           |   |
|                                       | Immunity from Criminal Liability (Sterilization)        |   |
|                                       | Protection from Government Consequences (Sterilization) |   |
| <b>Contraception Refusal</b>          | Individual-Level Contraception Refusal                  |   |
|                                       | Private Hospital Contraception Refusal                  |   |
|                                       | Public Hospital Contraception Refusal                   |   |
|                                       | Immunity from Civil Liability (Contraception)           |   |
|                                       | Immunity from Criminal Liability (Contraception)        |   |
|                                       | Protection from Government Consequences (Contraception) |   |
| <b>Euthanasia Refusal</b>             | Euthanasia Refusal                                      |   |
| <b>Recusal of Counseling Provider</b> | Right to Opt Out of Mental Counseling                   |   |
|                                       | Right to Opt Out of Genetic Counseling*                 |   |
| <b>Health Insurance Mandates</b>      | Exemption from Contraception Mandate                    |   |
|                                       | Exemption from Abortion Mandate                         | ✓ |
|                                       | Exemption from Sterilization Mandate                    | ✓ |

Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are new in 2026.



## economic life

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| Nonparticipation in Economic Arrangements                             | For-Profit Business Nonparticipation in Wedding Ceremonies |   |
|                                                                       | Nonparticipation in Union Membership*                      | ✓ |
| No Religious Discrimination in Financial Services/Insurance Provision | Insurance Companies Prohibited from Denying Access         |   |
|                                                                       | Financial Institutions Prohibited from Denying Access      |   |



## religious life

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| Clergy-Penitent Privilege Protected                 | Clergy-Penitent Privilege Protected                            | ✓ |
| Ceremonial Use of Alcohol by Minors                 | Furnishment to Minors                                          | ✓ |
|                                                     | Consumption by Minors                                          | ✓ |
| Houses of Worship Protected from Closing            | Houses of Worship Protected from Closing                       |   |
| Nonparticipation in Weddings by Clergy              | Nonparticipation in Weddings by Clergy                         |   |
| Religious Entity Refusal to Participate in Weddings | Nonparticipation by Religious Organizations                    |   |
|                                                     | Explicit Protection of Tax-Exempt Status                       |   |
|                                                     | Protections from Government Penalties Beyond Tax-Exempt Status |   |



## family and education

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| Immunization Requirement Exemption                       | Immunization Requirement Exemption                                      | ✓ |
| School Protections                                       | Public K-12 Students Excused for Religious Observance                   | ✓ |
|                                                          | Public K-12 Students Excused for Religious Instruction                  | ✓ |
|                                                          | Public College and University Students Excused for Religious Observance |   |
|                                                          | Right of Student Athletes to Wear Faith-Related Attire                  |   |
|                                                          | Right to Opt Out of Sex Education Assignments                           | ✓ |
|                                                          | Equal Access for College Students*                                      | ✓ |
| No Religious Discrimination in Foster Parent Eligibility | No Religious Discrimination in Foster Parent Eligibility                |   |

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## Religious Liberty in the States 2026 Rankings

