

Tennessee Firearms Association

2022 State Legislative Candidate Survey

This survey is being sent to all candidates for Governor, the Tennessee State House and the State Senate. This survey is to be completed by the candidate personally. Any candidate who does not return a survey, or returns an incomplete survey, will be assumed to have answered in the negative on any questions where there was not a written affirmative response. **The deadline to return the survey to the TFA is May 21, 2022.** Surveys should be by mail postmarked by the deadline to: John Harris, Attn: TFA Survey, 3310 West End Avenue, Suite 460, Nashville, TN 37203.

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1) Tennessee has a presumption in TCA Section 39-17-1307(a) that it is a crime for a citizen to carry a legally possessed firearm "with the intent to go armed." **Will you support and vote for legislation in Tennessee which end would repeal this presumption of criminal activity and would allow individuals to carry any legally possessed weapon in public, i.e., "REAL" constitutional carry legislation?**

YES _____ NO _____ I will sponsor this legislation _____

2) **Will you support and vote for legislation that protects individuals who have used justifiable self-defense from being criminally prosecuted in circumstances where the district attorney lacks sufficient evidence to negate the self-defense issue at trial (such as with Kyle Rittenhouse)?**

YES _____ NO _____ I will sponsor this legislation _____

3) Tennessee has created an unnecessary liability for commercial property owners choosing to post "No Firearms" signs in TCA Section 39-17-1359(d) as well as allows for an individual's safety to be compromised. **Will you support and vote for legislation requiring commercial property owners who post their properties as "gun free" zones to be responsible for the safety and security of guests on the property?**

YES _____ NO _____ I will sponsor this legislation _____

4) **Will you support and vote for legislation requiring government properties that are posted as "gun free" zones to provide secure storage for individuals to store their weapons while at the property?**

YES _____ NO _____ I will sponsor this legislation _____

5) Tennessee local governments can ban firearms possession in locally owned or managed parks, greenways, campgrounds, outdoor facilities, nature areas and recreational facilities. **Will you support and vote for legislation to eliminate all local regulation of firearms possession on public property?**

YES _____ NO _____ I will sponsor this legislation _____

6) Will you support and vote for legislation to allow individuals to carry lawfully possessed firearms into the state capitol?

YES _____ NO _____

I will sponsor this legislation _____

7) Will you support and vote for legislation to allow individuals to carry lawfully possessed firearms into local government offices and meeting places?

YES _____ NO _____

I will sponsor this legislation _____

8) Will you support and vote for legislation to allow individuals to carry lawfully possessed firearms on college campuses?

YES _____ NO _____

I will sponsor this legislation _____

9) Will you support and vote for legislation to allow individuals to carry lawfully possessed firearms on K-12 school grounds?

YES _____ NO _____

I will sponsor this legislation _____

10) Will you support and vote for legislation to fully restore the right to keep and bear arms to individuals who have been convicted of misdemeanor criminal acts once the individual's sentence has been fully completed?

YES _____ NO _____

I will sponsor this legislation _____

11) Will you support and vote for legislation that would fully restore the right to keep and bear arms to individuals who have been convicted of non-violent felonies once the individual's sentence has been fully completed?

YES _____ NO _____

I will sponsor this legislation _____

12) Nashville and some other local governments refuse to rent public space to entities that want to have "gun shows" or other events featuring firearms. Will you support and vote for legislation to prohibit a local government from discriminating against individuals or entities who are 2nd Amendment supporters and seeking to rent public facilities that are made available to the public for rental (e.g., renting convention centers, fairgrounds facilities, civic centers, etc., for "gun shows", hunting shows, etc.)?

YES _____ NO _____

I will sponsor this legislation _____

13) Will you support and vote for legislation to prohibit the administrative branch of state government from regulating any aspect of civilian firearms ownership, purchase, carry, use or possession, including the legal possession of firearms in public buildings or on public property?

YES _____ NO _____

I will sponsor this legislation _____

14) Current state law (TCA 39-11-1309) prohibits possession of firearms on school grounds. That statute defines school grounds to include any land that is "used" by a school and could even apply to an individual's home or farm land when being "used" by a school for a party, event or class. Will you support and vote for legislation to limit the term "school grounds" to a specific and clearly defined school campus?

YES_____ NO_____ I will sponsor this legislation_____

15) Will you support and vote for legislation that requires that firearms use and marksmanship be taught in schools?

YES_____ NO_____ I will sponsor this legislation_____

16) Will you support and vote for legislation that eliminates the \$10 per transaction Tennessee Instant Check fee charged by TBI for firearms purchases (note: the FBI will perform these checks for Tennessee and there is no cost if it does it)?

YES_____ NO_____ I will sponsor this legislation_____

17) Will you support and vote for legislation that eliminates the option for TBI to issue a "conditional proceed" as opposed to either an "approved" or "denied" when running background checks for firearms purchases?

YES_____ NO_____ I will sponsor this legislation_____

16A) Will you support and vote for legislation or a rule change in both Houses that provides that all subcommittees and committees must have roll call votes on each bill that is moved by the sponsor?

YES_____ NO_____ I will sponsor this legislation_____

17A) Will you support and vote for legislation or a rule change in both Houses that provides that all proposed amendments to bills must be posted on the state website and publicly available at least 72 hours before being voted upon in any subcommittee and committee?

YES_____ NO_____ I will sponsor this legislation_____

18) Will you support and vote for legislation that prohibits 501(c)(3) entities (which are restricted by the IRS from general lobbying activities) like the Tennessee Sheriffs Association from lobbying against Second Amendment issues?

YES_____ NO_____ I will sponsor this legislation_____

19) Will you support and vote for legislation that prohibits representatives from the administration from lobbying against issues that pertain to rights that are protected from infringement by government entities and agents by the Second Amendment?

YES_____ NO_____ I will sponsor this legislation_____

20) Will you support and vote for legislation that establishes an elected attorney general?

YES _____ NO _____

I will sponsor this legislation _____

21) With Federal overreach by agencies such as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) and others setting rules and changing rules to satisfy the Administration and threatening to make hundreds of thousands of Tennesseans overnight criminals, will you support and vote for legislation that establishes a Second Amendment Preservation Act that would mirror that of other states, prohibiting the use of any state or tax-funded agency or officer from assisting with federal firearms investigations and provides recourse for citizens that are impacted by any violations of such prohibition (See Wyoming and Michigan for example)?

YES _____ NO _____

I will sponsor this legislation _____

Comments: _____

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CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements are true and correct. I certify under penalty of perjury that I have individually responded to each such question and that I am solely responsible for my survey response.

Candidate signature _____

Date _____

Candidate Name (print) _____

Office sought (including district) _____

Party Affiliation (if any) _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____