

Bev Perdue Civil Rights Voting Record

1987/1988

- **H39 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – Perdue Yes** – An act that changed the MLK holiday in NC to match the federally recognized date. It also made it a paid holiday for state employees.
- **H226 – Civil Rights Act – Perdue Yes** – An act to prohibit interference with civil rights.
- **H541 – Death penalty for Youth – Perdue Yes** – To eliminate death penalty for some defendants under 17.
- **H589 – Superior Court Districts Redrawn-2 – Perdue Yes** – An act to provide for continued compliance with the voting rights act and to improve the administration of justice creating more superior court districts. In effect the bill allowed more black judges.

1991/1992

- **S451 – Improve Environmental Enforcement – Perdue Yes** – An act to expand the investigation and enforcement of the SBI for certain crimes. (NOTE: This bill expands the SBI authority created in the 1987 HB 726 legislation. Further, S451 references all 10 statutes outlined in HB 726 – reaffirming Perdue’s support for those specific statutes)
- **H513 – Ethnic Intimidation – Perdue Yes** – An act to create the misdemeanor offense of ethnic intimidation and to add ethnic animosity as an aggravating factor to be considered in felony sentences.
- **H563 – Action Under Civil Rights Act – Perdue Yes** – An act to authorize the North Carolina Human Relations Commission to bring an action for an inference of civil rights under Chapter 99D of the General Statutes and to make other changes to Chapter 99D.
- **H1006 – Equal Opportunity Program – Perdue Yes** – An act to strengthen the state’s Equal Employment Opportunity program regardless of race, sex, religion, etc...
- **H1394 – Ban Retaliatory Discrimination – Perdue Yes** – An act to protect employees from retaliatory discrimination in employment for engaging in protected activities.

1993/1994

- **S970 – Teaching Hate Crime Unlawful – Perdue Yes** – An act to provide that it is a misdemeanor to assemble for the purpose of teaching any techniques to be used for the purpose of committing a crime against a person because of that person’s race, color, religion, nationality, or country of origin.
- **H1260 – Martin Luther King Commission – Perdue Yes** – An act to establish the Martin Luther King Commission to encourage state, local and private sector recognition and celebration of the life and civil rights work of Martin Luther King Jr.

1995/1996

- **H1458 – Burn/Bomb Religious Building – Perdue Yes** – An act to raise the penalty (make it a felony) for burning of religious structures.

1997/1998

- **S1260- Juvenile Justice Reform Act – 2 – Perdue Yes** – Among other things, this bill required The Department of Justice to develop guidelines for minority sensitivity training for all law enforcement personnel throughout the State.

1999/2000

- **S76 – Traffic Enforcement Statistics – Perdue Yes** – Required law enforcement to keep statistics on persons stopped for traffic law violations in order to address possible racial profiling.

Additionally:

- As Senate Education and Appropriations Chair, Bev was instrumental in the development and significant expansion of Smart Start.
- As Senate Appropriations Chair (95-2000), Perdue supported expanded appropriations for the state's HBCU's.
- As a legislator, Perdue helped create and support the Low Wealth Schools Supplemental Fund (LWSF) and the Small School System Supplemental Fund.
- As Lt. Governor and as a member of the State Board of Education, Perdue helped develop and expand funding for the Disadvantaged Student Supplemental Fund (DSSF).
- In recent years, Lt. Governor Perdue has worked closely with members of the General Assembly Black Caucus and others lawmakers to implement a permanent Working Families Agenda. Among other things, Perdue's Working Families Agenda was helpful in the passage of the state's 2006 minimum wage increase, and led efforts in 2007 to adopt a state earned income tax credit.
- As part of her Working Families Agenda, Perdue continues to advocate for increased funding for the Housing Trust Fund, expanded healthcare coverage for all children and working parents up to 200% FPL, and increased childcare assistance.
- As Chair of the NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund, Perdue has led the trust fund to invest close to \$10 million dollars in grants and programs to address health disparities across the state.
- As Lt. Governor, Perdue serves on the State Board of Community Colleges, which oversees the Small Business Centers that assist minority businesses in NC and provides community-based training, counseling, and resource information. A Small Business Center is located within 30 minutes of nearly everyone in the state at the local Community College.

- As a member of the NC Rural Center Board, Perdue advocated for the Microenterprise Loan Program – which has awarded hundreds of minority owned business loans. The Microenterprise Loan Program works with individuals who have sound ideas for starting or expanding a small business but do not qualify for bank loans. These individuals may include women, members of minority groups, people with low incomes and limited assets, and people who live in rural areas.