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**Date of Submission:** July 15, 2019

**Name of Submitter:** Paul Ford

# Issue: The Florida Legislature turned hard right.

**Description:** Here’s how your Tampa Bay legislators voted on 15 key issues in 2019

**Link:** <https://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/2019/07/11/the-florida-legislature-turned-hard-right-these-15-votes-show-how-much-editorial/>

**Date of Submission:** March 22, 2019

**Name of Submitter:** Dawn Burke

**Issue:** Amendment 4 bill passes house committee with a poll tax

**Description:** This new house bill requires ex-felons to pay court costs, fees and fines, before

having their voting rights restored. This was not in the original Amendment. Florida is one of

only 4 states in the US that do not automatically restore a non violent felon’s voting rights upon

release from prison.

**Supporting Documentation:**

https://www.orlandoweekly.com/Blogs/archives/2019/03/20/critics-blast-florida-gop-effort-to

-make-ex-felons-pay-fees-before-restoring-rights-as-modern-poll-tax

**Position:** This is a blatant disregard for the will of the people of Florida by the passing of

Amendment 4 and it is the equivalent of a poll tax. It is also a power play by the GOP to limit

the amount of new Democrats who will be registered to vote in upcoming elections, especially

2020.