

How Would You Have Voted?

Following are a number of roll call votes that Representative Paul Kujawski has taken over the past several years, supposedly on our behalf. I disagree with Representative Kujawski's vote on every one of the votes in the table below.

Please take a few minutes and see how YOU would have voted. Place a check mark in the first column if you agree with Paul and in the second column if you disagree with Paul. At the end of the survey, count up YOUR votes.

If you agree with Representative Kujawski on more than half of these votes, please send him back to the State House. If you agree with me on more than half of these votes, I respectfully request your vote on November 4th to help shake up Beacon Hill.

Thank you for taking the time to make an informed decision!

Regards,



Agree With Paul	Disagree With Paul	Roll Call Vote
		<p><u>Vote 1 - Health Care</u> KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST making it illegal for minors to smoke or possess tobacco products. (RC #06-446, H. 3634, 6/14/06, Rejected 43Y-110N-5N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")</p>
		<p><u>Vote 2 - Taxes</u> KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST extending the home heating tax credit created in the 2005 HEAT legislation for tax years 2007 and 2008. (RC#07-054, H. 4000, 4/23/07, Amendment not Adopted, 19Y-135N-5N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")</p>
		<p><u>Vote 3 - Good Government</u> KUJAWSKI voted FOR allowing legislators to increase their own salaries by bypassing Senate and Gubernatorial approval. This would change compensation rates from changing by statute and instead making it part of the house rules. This means that any pay raise could go into effect by a simple majority vote without the concurrence of the Senate and could avoid a Gubernatorial veto. (RC#03-054, H. 3743, 4/14/03, Bill Passed to be Engrossed, 100Y-50N-9N/V, Kujawski voted "yea")</p>
		<p><u>Vote 4 - Local Aid</u> KUJAWSKI voted TO KILL an amendment returning 50% of all excess revenues back to cities and towns by voting to send it to a study. (RC#05-054, H. 4000, 4/29/05, Amendment Adopted, 131Y-27N-2N/V, Kujawski voted "yea")</p>
		<p><u>Vote 5 - Education</u> KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST a further amendment providing \$25 Million for new textbooks and educational materials for school districts. (RC#07-062, H. 4000, 4/24/07, Amendment Rejected, 19Y-138N-1N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")</p>
		<p><u>Vote 6 - Crime</u> KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST an amendment increasing drunken</p>

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		driving penalties within Melanie's law. (RC#05-212, H. 4383, 9/28/05, Amendment Rejected, 46Y-102N-11NV, Kujawski voted "nay.")
		<u>Vote 7 - Welfare Reform</u> KUJAWSKI voted TO REMOVE work incentives from Welfare Reform. (RC#05-183, H. 4245, 9/20/05, Amendment Adopted, 131Y-20N-8N/V, Kujawski voted "yea")
		<u>Vote 8 - Taxes</u> KUJAWSKI voted FOR a retroactive tax increase on capital gains. The SJC had originally ruled a previous capital gains tax as unconstitutional because the hike came in the middle of the tax year, so the legislature made it retroactive to January 2002. (RC#05-077, H. 4163, 6/15/05, Bill Passed, 131Y-19N-10N/V, Kujawski voted "yea")
		<u>Vote 9 - Local Aid</u> KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST returning \$450 Million in Lottery Money to cities and towns in local aid. The Lottery money would restore funds that had not been distributed because the legislature capped the amount of lottery money going to cities and towns. (RC#07-181, H. 4282, 10/11/07, Amendment Rejected, 24Y-123N-11N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")
		<u>Vote 10 - Taxes / Senior Citizens</u> KUJAWSKI voted TO KILL an amendment that would expand the senior circuit breaker tax credit and expanding the eligibility by including 50% of home heating costs in determining the amount which exceeds 10% of income. The amendment adds more seniors to the eligibility pool by factoring in 50% of heating costs to property taxes. Voting "yea" sends the amendment to a permanent study. (RC#07-052, H. 4000, 4/23/07, Further Amendment Adopted, 135Y-19N-4N/V, Kujawski voted "yea")
		<u>Vote 11 - Spending Reform</u> KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST merging the Mass. Turnpike Authority and MassHighway (RC#04-605, H. 4600, 4/28/04, Amendment Rejected, 44Y-112N-3N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")
		<u>Vote 12 - Taxes</u> KUJAWSKI voted TO KILL an amendment rolling back the income tax to 5.0% from 5.3% by voting to send it to a study by the Department of Revenue. (RC#05-029, H. 4000, 4/25/05, Amendment Adopted, 125Y-21N-4N/V, Kujawski voted "yea")
		<u>Vote 13 - Taxes / Good Government</u> KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST requiring that every bill that includes a tax increase is voted on by a roll call vote. (RC#07-013, H. 2007, 1/23/07, Amendment not Adopted, 19Y-133N-5N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")
		<u>Vote 14 - Spending</u> KUJAWSKI voted FOR spending \$453,292 for "enhancing" the Governor's Washington DC office. Voting "nay" is a vote against a GOP amendment to strip the funding. (RC#07-183, H. 4282, 10/11/07, Amendment not Adopted, 19Y-128N-11N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")
		<u>Vote 15 - Local Aid / Good Government</u> KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST requiring the House of Representatives to consider a local aid resolution by March 15 th of every year. This delays notice for towns and cities of local aid levels, complicating the budgeting process for towns and causing last minute budget

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		adjustments. (RC#07-011, H. 2007, 1/23/07, Amendment Rejected, 19Y-132N-8N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")
		<u>Vote 16 - Spending</u> KUJAWSKI voted FOR allowing a provision of the Governor's proposal to allow one paid day off each month to volunteer for each state worker. A "nay" vote kills a GOP amendment that makes the day off unpaid. Workers in private industry typically must take vacation days or time off without pay to volunteer. (RC#07-199, S. 2301, 10/25/07, Amendment not Adopted, 38Y-110N-10N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")
		<u>Vote 17 - Spending</u> KUJAWSKI voted FOR raising the pay of three committee chairs by \$7,500 each. The house and senate chairs of the Joint Committee on Revenue would receive a \$7.5K increase to \$15K, and the vice chair would increase by \$7.5K. This vote concurs with the same senate amendment. (RC#08-274, H. 4589, 3/12/08, House Concurred, 126Y-20N-9N/V, Kujawski voted "yea")
		<u>Vote 18 - Education</u> KUJAWSKI voted FOR reducing spending for charter schools, thereby limited parents' choices for educating their children. (RC#04-797, H. 4850, 7/22/04, Veto Overridden, 134Y-21N-4N/V, Kujawski voted "yea")
		<u>Vote 19 - Good Government</u> KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST limiting the number of terms the Speaker of the House can serve to four terms. This would have put the same limits on the speaker's service as on the the Governor. (RC#03-017, H. 2003, 1/9/03, Amendment not adopted, 44Y-106N-10N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")
		<u>Vote 20 - Business Friendliness / Spending</u> KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST making it easier for private employers to competitively bid to run state services. (RC#04-597, H. 4600, 4/26/04, Amendment Rejected, 23Y-130N-6N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")
		<u>Vote 21 - US Senate Special Election</u> KUJAWSKI voted FOR electing US Senators by special election in case of a vacancy. This changes the process from a simple Gubernatorial appointment, and imposes the cost of a special election upon cities and towns. (RC#04-674, S. 2404, 6/29/04, Ordered to a third reading, 122Y-30N-7N/V, Kujawski voted "yea")
		<u>Vote 22 - US Senate Special Election</u> KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST requiring the State to reimburse cities and towns millions of dollars for the cost of a Special Election to replace a vacancy in the US Senate. (RC#04-725, S. 2404, 7/14/04, Amendment Rejected, 29Y-129N-1N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")
		<u>Vote 23 - Business Friendliness / Taxes</u> KUJAWSKI voted FOR raising taxes by \$482 Million on businesses. (RC#08-405, H. 4904, 7/1/08, Report Accepted, 137Y-19N-2N/V, Kujawski voted "yea")
		<u>Vote 24 - Local Aid / Education</u> KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST making 50% of surplus revenue, up to \$200M available for Chapter 70 educational funding. (RC#07-036, H. 3972, 4/4/07, Amendment not Adopted, 20Y-135N-3N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")
		<u>Vote 25 - Spending</u> KUJAWSKI voted FOR the final FY09 budget that increased spending

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		by \$1.3 billion. Voting yes will require either higher taxes or mid-year budget cuts to balance the budget. (These are the cuts that Governor Patrick was forced to announce the week of October 12th, just five months after the budget was approved!) (RC#08-366, H. 4701, 5/3/08, Bill Engrossed, 136Y-19N-4N/V, Kujawski voted "yea")
		Vote 26 – Taxes KUJAWSKI voted (again!) TO KILL an amendment lowering the income tax from 5.3% to 5.0% by voting to send it to an indefinite study. (RC#06-384, H.4900, 4/24/06, Adopted 129Y-22N-8N/V, Kujawski voted “yea”)
		Vote 27 - Taxes KUJAWSKI voted (again!) TO PREVENT A VOTE on rolling back the income tax from 5.3% to 5.0%. KUJAWSKI voted to support Speaker DiMasi when he ruled during a debate on economic stimulus that an amendment rolling back the income tax from 5.3% to 5.0% was beyond the scope of the bill. Voting “yea” prevents a vote on the amendment. (RC#05-220, H. 4381, 10/6/05, Ruling of the chair stands, 133Y-20N-6N/V, Kujawski voted “yea”)
		Vote 28 - Taxes KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST establishing a permanent sales tax holiday one day every year. (RC #06-739, H. 5200, 7/25/06, Amendment Failed 22Y-133N-3N/V, Kujawski voted “nay”)
		Vote 29 - Taxes KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST exempting energy star light bulbs such as CLFs or LEDs from the state’s sales tax. (RC#07-050, H. 4000, 4/23/07, Amendment not Adopted, 19Y-135N-4N/V, Kujawski voted “nay”)
		Vote 30 - Taxes KUJAWSKI voted TO KILL an amendment exempting cities and towns from sales tax on gas to by voting to send it to an indefinite study. Taxing cities and towns on gas sends additional taxpayer money to the State through an invisible tax. (RC#06-383, H. 4900, 4/24/06, Adopted 128-24N-7N/V, Kujawski voted “yea”)
		Vote 31 - Local Aid / Education KUJAWSKI voted (again!) AGAINST making 50% of surplus revenue, up to \$200M available for schools as a one-time supplement prior to the end of the fiscal year. (RC#07-038, H. 3972, 4/4/07, Amendment not Adopted, 19Y-135N-4N/V, Kujawski voted “nay”)
		Vote 32 - Local Aid / Education KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST holding school districts harmless (no district receives less money than the previous year) in the local aid resolution, and would provide at minimum equal funding as provided in the Governor’s House 1 budget. (RC#07-033, H. 3972, 4/4/07, Amendment not Adopted, 24Y-132N-2N/V, Kujawski voted “nay”)
		Vote 33 - Local Aid KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST an amendment that stipulated that by June 30th, 2013, 40% of the revenues collected from the sales tax, corporate excise tax and personal income tax shall be returned to cities and towns as local aid. (RC#08-278, H. 4595, 3/12/08, Amendment Rejected, 19Y-129N-7N/V, Kujawski voted "nay")
		Vote 34 - Welfare Reform

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		KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST keeping strong work requirements for welfare recipients. A “nay” vote is a vote against an amendment that would have blocked welfare recipients who are unemployed from being exempt from the work requirement for more than 24 months. (RC#05-191, H. 4367, 9/22/05, Amendment Rejected, 48Y-103N-8N/V, Kujawski voted “nay”)
		Vote 35 - Spending / Good Government KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST a new rule requiring a 2/3 vote to spend any money from the Commonwealth’s Stabilization Fund. It would also require unanimous consent to suspend the rule. (RC#07-019, H. 3746, 2/15/07, Amendment Not Adpoted, 19Y-126N-13N/V, Kujawski voted “nay”)
		Vote 36 – Spending / Good Government KUJAWSKI voted FOR overriding the Governor's veto of a bill that would have given municipal pension benefits to Leo Senecal, who was convicted of dumping waste oil on city property. (RC#08-507, H. 4139, 7/30/08, Veto Overridden, 128Y-27N-3N/V, Kujawski voted "yea")
		Vote 37 - Taxes / Local Aid KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST giving families a tax deduction for fees paid to a municipality or public school district for school transportation, athletic or other extracurricular activities, and trash pickup or disposal. In better economic times these services have been provided through local funding. This amendment would at least allow the cost of the services to be a tax deduction for families. (RC#04-594, H. 4600, 4/26/04, Amendment Rejected, 53Y-103N-3N/V, Kujawski voted “nay”)
		Vote 38 - Life / Family KUJAWSKI voted FOR expanding the buffer zone around abortion clinics, so even quiet protesters have their freedom of speech compromised. (RC#08-207, 11/1/07, 122Y-28N-9N/V, Kujawski voted “yea”)
		Vote 39 - Life / Family KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST an amendment that would have eliminated funding for “clone and kill” for embryos and stem-cell research from Governor’s Life Sciences Bond Bill. A “nay” vote endorses the funding for the “clone and kill” of embryos. (RC#08-265, 2/27/08, Amendment Not Adopted, 29Y-121N-5N/V, Kujawski voted “nay”)
		Vote 40 - Life / Family KUJAWSKI voted AGAINST allowing a ballot election for the Marriage Amendment, which defines marriage as being between one man and one woman. This was after KUJAWSKI voted FOR allowing a ballot election just six months earlier at the prior Constitutional Convention. A “nay” vote prohibits the public from voting on the amendment at a ballot election. (6/14/07, Amendment Not Approved, 45Y-151N-4N/V, Kujawski voted “nay”)
		←Count up the number of YOUR Votes in each column, and place the totals in the Boxes to the left. Circle the name below the higher number.
I Agree With Paul Kujawski	I Agree With Kevin Kuros	<i>Regardless of who you agree with, please exercise your right to vote on November 4th!</i>