**Codebook, State Legislative Data**

The legislative data are organized by legislator. The years covered differ across states. So, in each excel file, there may be multiple records for a single legislator, if that legislator served multiple years.

*Variables* (by column)

**Name (Last, First)**

Occasionally has alternate spellings in parentheses

**Year**

Four digit code for year of service to which record refers

**District**

 999: Missing

**District Type**

 SMD

 MMD Post

 MMD Free

(some data collected from Carsey / Berry State Legislative Election Return Project)

**Party**

D: Democrat

R: Republican

I: Independent, Third party

S: Switched parties that year

blank: Missing

**Totspon**

1-998 Total Number of Bills Sponsored

999 Missing

**Female**

 0: Male

 1: Female

 9: Missing

**Black**

0: not African-American

1: African-American

9: Missing

**Latino**

0: not Latina / o

1: Latina / o

9: Missing

**Education Profession (Educprof)**

0: no substantial experience in education-related profession

1: substantial experience in education-related profession

9: Missing

**Health Profession (Healprof)**

0: no substantial experience in health-related profession

1: substantial experience in health-related profession

9: Missing

**Welfare Profession (Welfprof)**

0: no substantial experience in welfare-related profession (social work, work addressing poverty)

1: substantial experience in welfare-related profession (social work, work addressing poverty)

9: Missing

**Children's Profession (Chilprof)**

0: no substantial experience in children-related profession

1: substantial experience in children-related profession

9: Missing

**First Year**

Four digit year code for first year served in legislature

7777: 1975 or earlier (relevant for Arizona cases)

9999: Missing

**Last Year**

Four digit year code for last year served in legislature

8888: Serving in 2007

9999: Missing

**Year of Birth (YOB)**

 Four digit year code for date of birth

 9999: Missing

(sometimes estimated based on other information which would give a reasonably reliable estimate of year born, such as educational information, age listed in newspaper reports, etc.)

**Prior Exp**

 0: No prior significant elected political experience

 1: Prior significant elected political experience

(generally, mayor, deputy mayor or mayor pro tem, city council member, county supervisor, judge, justice of peace, school board, etc.)

 9: Missing

**Legislative Experience (Leg\_Exp)**

0: No prior state or level legislative experience

1: Prior state or level legislative experience

9: Missing

**School Board**

0: No prior experience on school boards

1: Prior experience on school boards

9: Missing

**Education**

1: No college degree (4-year bachelor's, RN, ec.)

2: College degree

3: Post-graduate degree (Master's, PhD, professional such as DVM, MD, JD)

**Lawyer**

 0: No JD

 1: Legislator has JD, and/or is practicing lawyer

 9: Missing

**Leader**

 0 Legislator does not serve in leadership position

 1 Legislator serves in leadership position

 (Speaker, Speaker Pro Tem, Floor or Party Leader, Assistant Floor or Party Leader, Whip)

 99 Missing

**Committee Chair**

 0 Legislator does not chair a committee

 1 Legislator chairs a committee

**Entered Late**

 0 Legislator served entire year

 1 Legislator entered chamber after year began

 99 Missing

**Left Early**

 0 Legislator served entire year

 1 Legislator exited chamber before year ended

 99 Missing

**State**

 2 letter postal abbreviation