

## The Stealth Campaign to Use U.S. Law to Support Settlements: Taking the Battle to the States, 2014-2018

In 2014, opponents of boycotts, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) against Israel began promoting legislation in various U.S. states denouncing the BDS movement. In 2015, these efforts shifted/expanded to mirror efforts in the U.S. Congress to hijack concerns about BDS against Israel in order to pass legislation mandating that Israeli settlements be treated, in effect, as part of sovereign Israel. In 2016, these efforts delivered results, with a number of states adopting legislation to – in effect – have states boycott, divest from, and sanction companies that engage in BDS against Israel, or that in any concrete way differentiate between Israel and the settlements. In addition to conflating settlements and Israel, much of this legislation is patently unconstitutional. For info/analysis on the constitutional issues, see [here](#).

This table – which is updated regularly – is intended to help people understand and follow what is happening at the state level, including legislation (pending and adopted) and any blacklists produced and promulgated as a result of such legislation.

**Quick fact: As of July 9, 2018, the following states have enacted laws or executive orders targeting boycotts of Israel and/or Israel & settlements: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Wisconsin**

*(Last update: July 9, 2018).*

State	2014-2015		2016		2017		2018	
	BDS	BDS + Settlements	BDS	BDS + Settlements	BDS	BDS + Settlements	BDS	BDS + Settlements
Alabama			<a href="#">SJR 6</a> Intro: 2/2/16 Last action: Adopted in Senate 2/2, adopted in House 2/9	<a href="#">SB 81</a> Signed by the governor 5/10/16 Note: While the bill never mentions Israel or settlements, it is clearly designed to target boycotts relating to both. Guidance from Alabama Comptroller regarding implementation of SB 81 is <a href="#">here</a> .  <a href="#">HB 239</a> Introduced: 2/16/16 Last action: 4/28/16 – indefinitely postponed				
Alaska								

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Arizona				<a href="#">HR 2617</a> Signed into law 3/17/16 Arizona Procurement Office form required under this law is <a href="#">here</a> . Updated <a href="#">here</a>				
Arkansas				<a href="#">HB 1277</a> , <a href="#">HB 1275</a> , <a href="#">HB 1340</a> , <a href="#">HB 1344</a> , <a href="#">HB 1341</a> , <a href="#">HB 1324</a> , <a href="#">HB 1328</a> Introduced: Adopted/engrossed 3/23 and 4/3	<a href="#">SB 513</a> Signed into law 3/29/17 Instructions for contracts are <a href="#">here</a> .  <a href="#">SB 11</a> Last action: 1/9/17, referred to Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs			
California			<a href="#">AB 1552</a> Intro: 1/4/16 Last action: May be heard in committee February 4.	<a href="#">A 2844</a> <b>Signed into law 9/24/16</b> <i>Note: After prolonged amendment process seeking to get around constitutional issues, final version no longer really about BDS and does not necessarily imply conflation</i> <i>Further note: The ACLU still has concerns with this approach, as articulated <a href="#">here</a>, in connection with legislation in MA</i>  <a href="#">AB 1551</a> Introduced: 1/4/16 Last action: Printed 1/5/16, may be heard in Committee 2/4/16				
Colorado			<a href="#">HB 16-1284</a> Signed into law 3/18/16					

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Connecticut						<a href="#">HB 6866</a> Last action: 1/25/17, Referred to Joint Committee on Government Administration and Elections		
Delaware								
Florida <a href="#">FOIA'd Docs from Governor's office</a>	SR 894 Intro: 2/6/14 Committee passage 4/11/14	<a href="#">HR 1001</a> Intro: 1/12/16 Last action: Committee consideration	<a href="#">SB 86</a> Signed into law 3/10/16 Florida Blacklist is <a href="#">here</a> Vendor Certification form is <a href="#">here</a>	<a href="#">SB 527</a> (similar to S 86) Introduced: 11/2/15 Last action: 1/25/16 on Appropriations Committee Agenda	<a href="#">SB 433</a> Introduced: 1/12/16 Last action: Introduced	<a href="#">HB 545</a> (companion to S 780-) Introduced: 11/7/17 (pre-filed for 2018 session)  <a href="#">S 780</a> (companion to HB 545) Introduced: 11/7/17 (pre-filed for 2018 session)	<a href="#">S 780</a> (companion to HB 545) 2/26 - Places on Special Order calendar; 2/28, read 2nd time, substituted HR 545  <a href="#">HB 545</a> (companion to S 780) Passed House 1/31/18; passed Senate 3/1/18; Signed by Officers and presented to Governor 3/14/18	
Georgia <a href="#">FOIA'd Docs from Governor's office</a>			<a href="#">SB 327</a> Signed into law 4/26/16 Georgia Anti-Boycott certification form is <a href="#">here</a>					
Hawaii								
Idaho								<a href="#">HB 569</a> - 2/13/18, read first time, referred to JRA for Printing.

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Illinois	<a href="#">SJR 59</a> Intro: 3/6/14 Referred to committee 7/1/14  <a href="#">FOIA'd Docs from Governor's office</a>	<a href="#">SB 1761</a> Signed into law 7/23/15  <a href="#">HB 4011</a> Intro: 2/27/15 Last action: 4/24/15 re-referred Committee	Illinois Blacklist (required under SB1761) is <a href="#">here</a>		<a href="#">HB 4015</a> Last action: Introduced 3/17		
Indiana	<a href="#">SR 74</a> Intro: 4/29/15 adopted by voice vote 4/29/15  <a href="#">FOIA'd Docs from Governor's office</a>		<a href="#">HR 59</a> Intro: 4/15/15 Last action: Passed House 4/22/16	<a href="#">HB 1378</a> Signed into law 3/12/16 Agreement for MSCI (New York investment consultant) to prepare blacklist (delivered in the fourth quarter of 2016) is <a href="#">here</a>			
Iowa			<a href="#">HF 2331</a> ("successor to HSB 583) Signed into law 5/10/16  <a href="#">HSB 583</a> (Same as SSB 3087) Proposed: 2/8/16  <a href="#">SB 2281</a> (successor SSB 3087) Introduced: 2/22/16 Last action: 2/22 approved by committee  <a href="#">SB 3087</a> (Same as HSB 583) Introduced: Proposed 2/8/16				
Kansas	<a href="#">HB 2186</a> Intro: 1/29/15 Referred Committee				<a href="#">HB 2351</a> 5/4/18 - House Died in Committee  <a href="#">HB 2409</a> Approved by the Governor 6/16/17	<a href="#">HB 2482</a> 1/17 - Introduced; 4/18 - Approved by Governor  <a href="#">HB 2778</a> 5/4 - Died in Senate Committee	

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Kentucky			<a href="#">HR250</a> Intro: 3/18/16 Last action: Adopted in the House by voice vote					<a href="#">HB 298</a> - Introduced 2/1/18  <a href="#">HB 350</a> - Introduced /12/18
Louisiana			<a href="#">HCR 57</a> Intro: 4/6/16 Last action: Read by title, rules suspended , adopted, ordered to the Senate			<a href="#">HB 685</a> (Replaces HB549) Last action: 5/16, pending House final passage  <a href="#">HB 549</a> Last action: 5/15, became HB 685		<a href="#">Executive Order JBE 2018-15</a> Introduced & signed by the governor 5/22/18
Maine						<a href="#">LD 882/SP 282</a> Last action: Died Between Houses, May 23, 2017		
Maryland	<a href="#">SB 170</a> Passed House & Senate 3/27/14					<a href="#">Executive Order 01.01.2017.25</a> Intro'd & signed by Governor 10/23/17  <a href="#">SB 739</a> (companion to HB 949 Last action: Hearing 3/1 on Budget & Taxation committee [died in committee]  <a href="#">HB 949</a> (companion to SB 739) Last action: Hearing 2/28 in Health and Government Operation committee [died in committee]		

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Massachusetts	<a href="#">unnumbered resolutions</a> Passed in the House 10/26/15 & Senate 10/1/15	<a href="#">HD 4156</a> (draft – no bill # yet) Intro: 10/1/15 Last action: Referred to Committee				<a href="#">H. 1685</a> Last action: 1/23 Referred to House Oversight Committee  <a href="#">S. 1689</a> Last action: 1/23, Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight		
Michigan			<a href="#">HB 5823</a> Introduced: 9/7/16 Last action: Referred to the Government Operations Committee (BLACKLIST BILL)		<a href="#">SB 363</a> Introduced: 5/4/17 Last action: Passed by the Senate 5/24, referred to House Committee on Commerce & Trade  <a href="#">SB 69</a> Became law effective 3/31 (Public Act 21 of 2017)  <a href="#">HB 5821</a> Signed into law 1/5/17			
Minnesota					<a href="#">HF 639</a> Introduced: 1/30/17, referred to Government Operations & Elections Policy  <a href="#">HF 400*</a> (companion to SF 247) Presented to the Governor 5/1  <a href="#">SF 247*</a> (companion to HF 400) Last action: 3/2 Senate committee substituted for HF 400			
Mississippi					<a href="#">HB 651</a> Last Action: Died in committee 1/31		<a href="#">HB 837</a> 2/8/18 - Died on Calendar	

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Missouri								<p><a href="#">HB 2179</a> (companion of SB 849) 5/8 - Placed on Informal Calendar (Senate)</p> <p><a href="#">SB 849</a> (companion of HB 2179) 5/14 Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection--SB 849-Kehoe and Schupp, with SCS, SA 1 &amp; SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)</p>
Montana						<p><a href="#">HB 501</a> Last Action: 2017-04-28 - (S) Died in Process</p>		
Nebraska								
Nevada						<p><a href="#">SB 26</a> Approved by the Governor 6/2/17</p>		
New Hampshire								
New Jersey	<p><a href="#">S 3044</a> (same as <a href="#">A4665</a>): Passed in the Senate 8/13/15 , received in House 11/9/15</p> <p><a href="#">A4665</a>, (same as <a href="#">S 3044</a>) Intro: 6/29/15</p> <p><a href="#">AJR 122</a> (same as <a href="#">SJR 181</a>) Intro: 6/22/15</p>		<p><a href="#">SJR 81</a> (also see <a href="#">AJR 122</a>) 1/11/16 became PL 2015</p> <p><a href="#">A 925</a> (identical to last session versions <a href="#">S 3044</a> and <a href="#">A4665</a>) Introduced : 1/15/16 Last action: introduced</p>	<p><a href="#">S1923</a> Signed into law 8/15/15</p> <p>Request for bidders on contract to compile blacklist (issued Sept 2016) is <a href="#">here</a></p> <p><a href="#">A2940</a> Introduced: 2/16/16 Last action: Introduced</p>				

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New Mexico								
New York	<p><a href="#">J 3028</a> Intro: 6/22/15, Referred to Finance 6/22/15</p> <p><a href="#">K 705</a> Adopted 6/18/15</p>	<p><a href="#">A 8220</a> (same as <a href="#">S 6068</a>) Intro: 1/12/15 Last action: 1/12 referred to the Committee</p> <p><a href="#">SB 6086</a> (Same as <a href="#">A 8220</a>) Intro: 11/6/15 Last action: 1/6/16 referred to Finance Committee</p>	<p><a href="#">Executive Order 157</a> On 6/5/16, NY Governor Andrew Cuomo signed this EO making it New York policy to reject BDS. Blacklist is <a href="#">here</a> (comprised mainly if not entirely of companies accused of refusing to do business in settlements)</p> <p><a href="#">A 8220</a> (same as <a href="#">S 6068</a>) Introduced: 1/12/15 Last action: 3/19/16 recommitted to Committee</p> <p><a href="#">S 6378</a> Introduced: 1/8/16 Last action: Ordered to 3rd reading 1/11/16</p> <p><a href="#">A 9036</a> (companion to <a href="#">S 6378A</a>) Introduced: 1/19/16 Last action: Referred to the Committee on Governmental Relations 1/19/16</p>	<p><a href="#">SO 4837</a> Last action: Passed by Senate 3/7, delivered to Assembly 3/8 &amp; referred to Higher Education committee</p>	<p><a href="#">AO 3239</a> Last action: Introduced 1/27 &amp; referred to governmental operations committee</p> <p><a href="#">SB 2493</a> Last action: Passed by Senate 3/8, sent to Assembly &amp; referred to Higher Education committee</p> <p><a href="#">SB 2492</a> Last action: Passed by Senate 3/8, sent to Assembly, referred to Government Operations committee</p>	<p><a href="#">SO 4837</a> Passed by Senate 3/7/17, 1/3/18 died in the Assembly, returned to Senate, and re-referred to Higher Education committee</p>	<p><a href="#">AO 3239</a> Introduced 1/27/17 &amp; referred committee 1/3/18 - re-referred to same committee</p> <p><a href="#">SB 2493</a> Passed (again) by the Senate 6/20/18, delivered to the Assembly; referred to Higher Education Committee 6/21</p> <p><a href="#">SB 2492</a> Passed by the Assembly 6/4/18, referred to House Govt Operations Committee</p>	
North Carolina					<p><a href="#">HB 161</a> Signed into law 7/27/17 State policy guidelines are <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><a href="#">SB 329</a> Last action: 3/22/17 - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate</p>			

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North Dakota								
Ohio  <a href="#">FOIA'd Docs from Governor's office</a>			<a href="#">HB 476</a> Sent to Governor for signature 12/15/16		<a href="#">HCR 10</a> Passed in House 12/5/17, Referred to Senate committee 12/17		<a href="#">HCR 10</a> 6/27/18: Senate, Reported (Amended) by Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee	
Oklahoma			<a href="#">HR 1035</a> Intro: 2/2/16 Last action: Introduced  <a href="#">HR 1037</a> Intro: 2/4/16 Last action: Introduced			<a href="#">HB 1512</a> Last Action: 2/20 Referred to Rules Committee		
Oregon					<a href="#">SCR 25</a> Last action: FAILED – In committee upon adjournment			

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Pennsylvania	<p><a href="#">HR 370</a> Adopted in the House 6/23/15</p> <p><a href="#">SR 136</a> Adopted by the Senate 9/21/15</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1018</a> Intro: 5/18/15 Referred to Committee</p> <p><a href="#">HR 627</a> Passed by House 3/12/14</p> <p><a href="#">SR 279</a> Intro: 1/6/14, referred to Education committee</p>		<p><a href="#">HB 1986</a> Introduced: 4/11/16 Last action: Referred to committee on State Government</p>	<p><a href="#">HB 2107</a> Sent to governor for signature on 10/26/16</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1987</a> Introduced: 4/11/16, Referred to committee on State Government</p>		<p><a href="#">HB 1968</a> Introduced 12/13/17, Referred to committee</p> <p><a href="#">HB 1969</a> Introduced 12/13/17, Referred to committee</p>		
Rhode Island				<p><a href="#">HB 7736</a> Signed into law 7/14/16</p>				
South Carolina	<p><a href="#">H 3583</a> Passed into law 6/12/15</p> <p><a href="#">H 4635</a> Passed by the House 2/18/14</p>							
South Dakota				<p><a href="#">HCR1017</a> Intro: 2/24/16 Last action: Adopted in the House 2/25/16, adopted in the Senate 3/1/16</p>				

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Tennessee	<a href="#">SJR 170</a> Signed into law 4/23/15							<a href="#">SB 1727</a> (Senate companion to HB 2142) 3/21 - Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate State & Local Government Committee  <a href="#">HB 2142</a> (House companion to SB 1727) Filed for introduction 1/31/18
Texas	<a href="#">HR 2505</a> 5/8/15 Referred to committee  <a href="#">FOIA'd Docs from Governor's office</a>			<a href="#">HCR 112</a> Last action: 3/31 referred to State Affairs Committee	<a href="#">SB 29</a> Last action: Passed by the Senate 3/22; 4/18, referred to House State Affairs Committee  <a href="#">SB 134</a> Last action: 1/25/17 Referred to Business & Commerce  <a href="#">HB 89</a> Presented to the Governor 5/1/17			
Utah								<a href="#">HB 488</a> Introduced 3/5; 3/8 - House/ filed in House file for bills not passed  <a href="#">HR 00005</a> 3/14 House/ to Lieutenant Governor in Lieutenant Governor's office for filing
Vermont								

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Virginia			<a href="#">HB 1282</a> Intro: 1/20/16 Last action: 2/29, in Senate committee  <a href="#">HJ 177</a> Intro: 1/18/16 House passed Senate amended version 3/9/16					
Washington				<a href="#">HJM 4009</a> Last action: 6/21/17, By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.  <a href="#">HJM 4004</a> Last action: 6/21/17, By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.	<a href="#">HB 1217</a> Last action: 1/13, referred to Judiciary	<a href="#">HJM 4004</a> Last action: 1/8/18, By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.  <a href="#">HJM 4009</a> Last action: 6/21/17, By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.		
West Virginia								
Wisconsin			<a href="#">AR 103</a> Intro: 1/22/16, Referred to Committee on Rules  <a href="#">SJR 88</a> Intro: 2/1/16, referred to Committee		<a href="#">Executive Order 261</a> Introduced & Signed by the Governor: 10/27/17  <a href="#">AB 553</a> Last action: Introduced 10/19  <a href="#">SB 450</a> (companion to AB 553) Last action: Introduced		<a href="#">SB 450</a> (companion to AB 553) 3/28 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1  <a href="#">AB 553</a> Presented to the Governor on 4-2-2018	

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Wyoming						<a href="#">HB 279</a> Last action: 2/3/17 FAILED in committee  <a href="#">HJ 4</a> Introduced: Passed in Committee on Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural 1/23; not considered in Committee of the Whole		
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## Details of Legislation

**State:** Alabama

**Bill number:** SB 81

**Introduced:** 2/2/16

**Last action:** Passed Into law & signed by the governor 5/10/16

On 7/29, the Alabama Comptroller issued guidance regarding implementation of SB 81, [here](#).

**Link:** <http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/Alison/SESSBillResult.ASPX?BILL=SB81>

(alt link: <https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/SB81/2016>)

**Bill title:** Public contracts, governmental entities precluded from entering into contracts with entities that boycott certain persons or entities with whom this state enjoys open trade

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** Bars contracts based on boycotts, defined as follows: “BOYCOTT. To blacklist, divest from, or otherwise refuse to deal with a person or business entity when the action is based on race, color, religion, gender, or national origin of the targeted person or entity or is based on the fact that the boycotted person or entity is doing business in a jurisdiction with which this state can enjoy open trade and with which the targeted person or entity is doing business.” [While the bill never mentions Israel or settlements, this definition was clearly designed to bar boycotts relating to both – as is evident in the reaction from the Israel Project].

**Media:** The Israel Project: [The Israel Project Congratulates Alabama’s Governor and State Legislature for Adopting a Law to Ban BDS Discrimination](#)

AL.com: [Group praises new Alabama law opposing boycotts of Israel](#)

Alabama Today: [Robert Bentley signs bill to cut business ties with Israel boycotters](#)

**State:** Alabama

**Bill number:** HB 239

**Introduced:** 2/16/16

**Last action:** 4/28/16 – indefinitely postponed

**Link:** <http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/ALISON/SearchableInstruments/2016rs/PrintFiles/HB239-int.pdf>

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:**

**Official Description:** “This bill would prohibit a governmental entity from entering into certain contracts with business entities unless the contract includes a representation that the business entity is not currently engaged in, and an agreement that the business entity will not engage in, the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which this state can enjoy open trade.”

**Comment:** While the bill never mentions Israel or settlements, this definition was clearly designed to bar boycotts relating to both.

**State:** Alabama

**Bill number:** SJR 6

**Introduced:** 2/2/16

**Last action:** Adopted in Senate 2/2, adopted in House 2/9

**Link:** [http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/Alison/SESSBillResult.ASPX?BILL=SJR6&WIN\\_TYPE=BillResult](http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/Alison/SESSBillResult.ASPX?BILL=SJR6&WIN_TYPE=BillResult)

**Bill title:** Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement against Israel, denounced

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Arizona

**Bill number:** HR 2617

**Introduced:** 2/4/16

**Last action:** Signed into law 3/17/16

**Arizona Procurement Office form required under this law is [here](#).**

**Link:** [http://www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill\\_Number=HB2617&Session\\_ID=115](http://www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill_Number=HB2617&Session_ID=115)

**Bill title:** Israel; boycotts; contracts; investments

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** "BOYCOTT" MEANS ENGAGING IN A REFUSAL TO DEAL, TERMINATING BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OR PERFORMING OTHER ACTIONS THAT ARE INTENDED TO LIMIT COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL OR WITH PERSONS OR ENTITIES DOING BUSINESS IN ISRAEL OR IN TERRITORIES CONTROLLED BY ISRAEL. **[includes creation of blacklist]**

**Media:** Jewish Arizona: [Arizona Senate passes possibly toughest anti-BDS law in U.S.](#)

Israel Allies Foundation: [IAF Statement on Passage of Arizona State Anti-BDS Bill](#)

Phoenix New Times: [Bill Blacklisting Companies That Boycott Israel On Arizona Governor's Desk](#)

Arizona Politics blog: [Pro-Israel/Anti-BDS Law "With Teeth" One Step From Gov. Ducey's Desk; May Be Toughest In U.S.](#)

**State:** Arkansas

**Bill number:** SB 513

**Introduced:** 2/28/17

**Last action:** Signed into law 3/29

**Link:** <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Pages/BillInformation.aspx?measureno=SB513>

**Bill title:** TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC ENTITIES FROM CONTRACTING WITH AND INVESTING IN COMPANIES THAT BOYCOTT ISRAEL. **[includes creation of blacklist]**

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** "*‘Boycott Israel’ and ‘boycott of Israel means engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories, in a discriminatory manner...*"

**State:** Arkansas

**Bill number:** HB 1277, HB 1340, HB 1344, HB 1341, HB 1328, HB 1275, HB 1324

**Introduced:** 2/27/17

**Last action:** Adopted/engrossed 3/23 and 4/3

**Link:** <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Pages/BillInformation.aspx?measureno=HB1277>

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Pages/BillInformation.aspx?measureno=HB1324>

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Pages/BillInformation.aspx?measureno=HB1340>

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Pages/BillInformation.aspx?measureno=HB1344>

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Pages/BillInformation.aspx?measureno=HB1341>

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Pages/BillInformation.aspx?measureno=HB1328>

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Pages/BillInformation.aspx?measureno=HB1275>

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Pages/BillInformation.aspx?measureno=HB1324>

**Bill title:** To Amend The Law Concerning The Investment Practices Of The [fill in the name of a state agency] Retirement System.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Excerpt:** "*A decision on whether to invest, not invest, or withdraw from investment the funds of the system shall not be based on a consideration that the location of the investment, fund, company, or any other type of investment vehicle is in the State of Israel.*"

**State:** Arkansas

**Bill number:** SB 11

**Introduced:** 11/29/16

**Last action:** 1/9/17, referred to Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/AR/bill/SB11/2017>

**Bill title:** AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS BY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES [includes creation of blacklist]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Official Description:** To Prohibit Certain Transactions By Public Employee Retirement Systems.

**Excerpt:** Requiring divestment from and no investment in “restricted companies. And “‘Restricted company’ means a company that boycotts the State of Israel, a company restricted by Iran, or a company restricted by Sudan.” And “‘Boycott’ means engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or companies based in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel.”

**State:** California

**Bill number:** A 2844

**Last action:** Signed into law 9/24/16

**Link:** [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160AB2844](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB2844)

**Bill title:** California Combating the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions of Israel Act of 2016.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements\*

**Comment:** This bill keep evolving to try to find ways around the constitutional problems related to trying to outlaw boycotts. Stay tuned.

**Media:** JTA: [California Anti-BDS Measure Is Signed Into Law](#); The Jewish Journal: [Brown signs anti-BDS measure into law](#); APN Oped in the Jewish Journal: [Governor Brown should veto flawed BDS law](#); American Jewish Committee press release: [Anti- BDS bill blooms in California Legislature](#); Israeli-American Nexus press release: [Israeli-American Nexus Supports Major Anti-BDS Bill in California to Boycott Israel’s Boycotters](#); Jewish Journal: [Bloom puts forth California anti-BDS bill in Assembly](#); Breitbart: [Bipartisan Anti-BDS Bill Passes California Committee](#); Jewish Journal: [Anti-BDS bill escapes legislative gridlock](#)

*\*While early versions of A2844 were clearly designed to prevent activism targeted both at Israel AND settlements, more recent versions have evolved away from that approach (as well as away from the approach which is patently unconstitutional). Stay tuned*

**State:** California

**Bill number:** AB 1551

**Introduced:** 1/4/16

**Last action:** Printed 1/5/16, may be heard in Committee 2/4/16

**Link:** [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160AB1551](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1551)

**Bill title:** California Israel Commerce Protection Act.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** “This bill would enact the California Israel Commerce Protection Act. The bill would additionally apply those prohibitions to investment in business firms or financial institutions that engage in discriminatory business practices in furtherance or in compliance with the boycott of Israel, as defined. The bill would require state trust funds to use the most recent federal report on politically motivated acts of boycott, divestment from, and sanctions against Israel to determine which business firms and financial institutions engage in those practices. The bill would make conforming changes and related findings and declarations.”

**Excerpt:** “‘Compliance with the boycott of Israel’ means taking any action in compliance with an action by a foreign government, international organization, or affiliated agency of an international organization, that is politically motivated and intended to penalize or otherwise limit commercial relations specifically with Israel or persons doing business in Israel or in [Israeli-controlled territories](#).”

**Media:** Breaking Israel News: [Two More US States Outlaw BDS with Groundbreaking Legislation](#); JNS: [California lawmaker introduces bill to block state business with BDS backers](#); Breitbart: [Republican, Democrat Spar over Ownership of Anti-BDS Bill](#)

**State:** California

**Bill number:** AB 1552

**Introduced:** 1/4/16

**Last action:** May be heard in committee February 4.

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB1552/id/1284862/California-2015-AB1552-Introduced.html>

**Bill title:** An act to add Section 7204 of the Public Contract Code, relating to public contracts.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycott’ means to blacklist, divest from, or otherwise refuse to deal with a person or entity when the action is based on the race, color, religion, gender, or nationality of the targeted person or entity.”

**Media:** JNS: [California lawmaker introduces bill to block state business with BDS backers](#); Breitbart: [Republican, Democrat Spar over Ownership of Anti-BDS Bill](#); Jewish Journal: [Jewish Democrat withdraws joint authorship of Republican’s anti-BDS bill, plans to introduce same legislation](#)

**State:** Colorado

**Bill number:** HB 16-1284

**Introduced:** 2/19/15

**Last action:** Signed into law 3/18/16

**Link:** [http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2016a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/FFEE6B72C4AB699C87257F240063F4A6?open&file=1284\\_01.pdf](http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2016a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/FFEE6B72C4AB699C87257F240063F4A6?open&file=1284_01.pdf)

**Bill title:** Concerning divestment by the public employees’ retirement association from companies that have economic prohibitions against the State of Israel

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Media:** Intermountain Jewish News: [Colorado legislature vs. BDS](#); Denver Post: [Colorado moves toward opposing boycott of Israel](#); Jewish Colorado: [Jewish Colorado and Jewish Community Relations Council \(JCRC\) Applaud Passing of Anti-BDS Measure](#)

**State:** Connecticut

**Bill number:** HB 6866

**Introduced:** 1/25/17

**Last action:** 1/25/17, Referred to Joint Committee on Government Administration and Elections

**Link:** [https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill\\_num=HB06866&which\\_year=2017](https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill_num=HB06866&which_year=2017)

**Bill title:** AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE CONTRACTING WITH OR INVESTING IN CERTAIN PERSONS AND BUSINESSES.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+ Settlements

**Official Description:** To prohibit state contracting with, and state investment in, persons and businesses that promote or engage in activities to boycott, divest or sanction American allied nations.

**Excerpt:** “*That the general statutes be amended to (1) prohibit any state agency from contracting with, or investing in, any person or business that promotes or engages in activities to encourage persons to abstain from commercial, social or political relations with any allied nation or with companies based in an allied nation or in territories controlled by an allied nation, with the intent to penalize, inflict or cause harm to, or otherwise promote or cast disrepute upon such allied nation, its people or its commercial products, and (2) define “allied nation” as any country designated as an ally of the United States by the United States Department of State, including all members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Israel, Japan, the Republic of Korea (South Korea) and all signatory countries of the Southeast Asia and Rio Treaties.*”

**State:** Florida

**Bill number:** S 780 (companion to HB 545)

**Introduced:** 11/7/17 (pre-filed for 2018 session)

**Last action:** 2/26 - Places on Special Order calendar; 2/28, read 2nd time, substituted HR 545

**Link:** <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/780>

**Bill title:** Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+ Settlements

**Official Description:** Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies; Prohibiting a company that is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or that is engaged in a boycott of Israel from bidding on, submitting a proposal for, or entering into or renewing a contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services of any amount; requiring such contracts entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2018, to include a provision authorizing termination of the contract under specified circumstances, etc.

**State:** Florida

**Bill number:** HB 545 (companion to S 780)

**Introduced:** 11/7/17 (pre-filed for 2018 session)

**Last action:** Approved by the Governor 3/21

**Link:** <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/545>

**Bill title:** Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+ Settlements

**Official Description:** “Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies; Prohibits company that is on Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or that is engaged in boycott of Israel from bidding on, submitting proposal for, or entering into or renewing contract with agency or local governmental entity for goods or services; provides exceptions; requires specified provision in such contracts; requires company to make specified certification in specified circumstances; provides for preemption.”

**Media:** [Legislators push proposals to punish companies boycotting Israel](#)

**State:** Florida

**Bill number:** HR 1001

**Introduced:** 1/12/16 (originally filed 1/17/15, referred to committee 1/8/16)

**Last action:** On agenda of Local & Federal Affairs Committee 1/25

**Link:** <http://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2016/1001/>

**Bill title:** A resolution condemning the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement and the increasing incidents of anti-Semitism.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Media:** Breaking News Israel: [Two More US States Outlaw BDS with Groundbreaking Legislation](#)

**State:** Florida

**Bill number:** SR 1184

**Introduced:** Introduced 1/12/16 (originally filed 1/18/15)

**Last action:** On Committee agenda-- Rules, 01/27/16, 1:00 pm, 110 Senate Office Building

**Link:** <http://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2016/1184/BillText/Filed/HTML>

**Bill title:** A resolution condemning the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement and the increasing incidence of acts of anti-Semitism

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Media:** Breaking News Israel: [Two More US States Outlaw BDS with Groundbreaking Legislation](#); Press release from “Proclaiming Justice to the Nations,” [FLORIDA BECOMES 5TH STATE TO INTRODUCE TENNESSEE’S RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE BDS MOVEMENT](#) (claiming credit for the bills)

**State:** Florida

**Bill number:** SB 86

**Introduced:** Filed 8/3/15 (considered during 2015); introduced 1/12/16

**Last action:** Signed into law 3/10/16

**Florida Blacklist is [here](#); Vendor Certification form is [here](#)**

**Link:** <http://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2016/0086>

**Bill title:** Scrutinized Companies

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** “An act relating to scrutinized companies; creating s. 215.4725, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring the State Board of Administration to identify all companies that are boycotting Israel or are engaged in a boycott of Israel in which the public fund owns direct or indirect holdings by a specified date; requiring the public fund to create and maintain the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List that names all such companies; requiring the public fund to provide written notice to a company that is identified as a scrutinized company; specifying the contents of the notice; specifying circumstances under which a company may be removed from the list; prohibiting the acquisition of certain securities of scrutinized companies; prescribing reporting requirements; requiring that certain information be included in the investment policy statement; authorizing the public fund to invest in certain scrutinized companies if the value of all assets under management by the public fund becomes equal to or less than a specified amount; requiring the public fund to provide a written report to the board of trustees of the state board and the Legislature before such investment occurs; specifying required contents of the report; reenacting and amending s. 287.135, F.S., relating to the prohibition against contracting with scrutinized companies; providing a definition; prohibiting a state agency or local governmental entity from contracting for goods and services that exceed a specified amount if the company has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List; requiring inclusion of a contract provision that authorizes termination of a contract if a company submits certain false certification, has been placed on the scrutinized companies list, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel; providing exceptions; requiring certification upon submission of a bid or proposal for certain contracts, or before a company enters into or renews certain contracts, with an agency or local governmental entity that the company is not participating in a boycott of Israel; providing procedures upon determination that a company has submitted a false certification; providing for civil action; providing penalties; providing attorney fees and costs; providing a statute of repose; prohibiting a private right of action; providing for preemption of conflicting ordinances and rules; revising provisions relating to federal preemption; providing for severability; providing effective dates.”

**Excerpt:** “(1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term: (a) “Boycott Israel” or “boycott of Israel” means refusing to deal, terminating business activities, or taking other actions to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories, in a discriminatory manner...”

**Media:** 2/23: [StandWithUs Commends Florida for Overwhelmingly Passing Nation's Strongest Anti-Boycott Legislation to Date on February 24, 2016](#); Times of Israel: [Florida legislature passes anti-BDS bill](#) - Approved 112-2, measure is the ‘strongest anti-BDS legislation to date,’ says Israel advocacy group; Florida Sun-Sentinel: [Florida legislature passes anti-BDS bill](#); FrontPageMagazine: [Anti-BDS Bill Fought By Hamas Associates and Group Justifying Knife Attacks in Israel](#); [AJC press release: Florida takes a stand in defense of Israel](#); Miami Herald: [Florida law suppresses anti-Israel campaigns](#); Orlando Sun-Sentinel: [Applause for Scott's signing law that preserves support of Israel](#) (op-ed by Israel Project CEO Josh Block); The Tower (Israel Project): [TIP CEO: Florida Anti-Boycott Law “Major Blow Against Anti-Israel Bigotry and Discrimination”](#)

**State:** Florida

**Bill number:** HB 527 (similar to S 86)

**Introduced:** 11/2/15

**Last action:** 1/25/16 on Appropriations Committee Agenda

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/FL/text/H0527/id/1273019/Florida-2016-H0527-Introduced.pdf>

**Bill title:** An act relating to scrutinized companies; creating s. 215.4725, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring the State Board of Administration to identify all companies that are boycotting Israel or are engaged in a boycott of Israel in which the public fund owns direct or indirect holdings; requiring the state board to create and maintain a scrutinized companies list that names all such companies; requiring the state board to provide written notice to a company that is identified as a scrutinized company; specifying contents of the notice; specifying circumstances under which a company may be removed from the list; prohibiting the acquisition of certain securities of scrutinized companies; prescribing reporting requirements; requiring certain information to be included in the investment policy statement; authorizing the state board to invest in certain scrutinized companies if the value of all assets under management by the state board becomes equal to or less than a specified amount; requiring the state board to provide a written report to the Board of Trustees of the state board and the Legislature before such investment occurs; specifying required contents of the report; reenacting and amending s. 287.135, F.S., relating to the prohibition against contracting with scrutinized companies; prohibiting a state agency or local governmental entity from contracting for goods and services that exceed a specified amount if the company has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List; requiring inclusion of a contract provision that authorizes termination of a contract under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; requiring certification upon submission of a bid or proposal for a contract, or before a company enters into or renews a contract, with an agency or governmental entity that the company is not on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List; providing that certain contracting prohibitions become inoperative if federal law ceases to authorize the states to enforce certain contracting prohibitions; providing effective dates.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycott Israel’ or ‘boycott of Israel’ means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or taking other actions that are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm, or otherwise limit commercial relations with Israel or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli controlled territories for reasons other than business, investment, or commercial reasons.

**Media:** The Tower (Israel Project) [Anti-Israel Groups Team Up to Attack Florida’s Anti-Boycott Legislation](#)

**State:** Florida

**Bill number:** HB 433

**Introduced:** 1/12/16

**Last action:** Introduced

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/FL/text/H0433/id/1272333/Florida-2016-H0433-Introduced.pdf>

**Bill title:** An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; creating s. 121.141, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring the State Board of Administration to identify any Iran-restricted companies, Sudan-restricted companies, and companies that boycott Israel; providing duties of the state board; authorizing the Florida Retirement System to cease divesting from companies under certain conditions; exempting the state board from certain conflicting obligations under general law; providing legislative intent; providing an effective date.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:**

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycott Israel’ means engaging in actions that are politically motivated and intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel, companies based in the State of Israel, or territories controlled by the State of Israel.”

**State:** Florida

**Bill number:** SR 894

**Introduced:** 2/6/14

**Last action:** Committee passage 4/11/14

**Link:** <http://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2014/0894/BillText/c1/HTML>

**Bill title:** A resolution expressing opposition to the academic boycott of Israeli universities and institutions of higher learning and support of academic and political freedom and collaboration with Israeli universities.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Georgia

**Bill number:** SB 327

**Introduced:** 2/3/16

**Last action:** Signed into law 4/26/16

Anti-Boycott certification form is [here](#)

**Link:** <http://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/Display/20152016/SB/327>

**Bill title:** State Purchasing; prohibit the state from entering into certain contracts unless such contracts contain a certification; does not presently conduct a boycott of Israel

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycott of Israel’ means engaging in refusals to deal with, terminating business activities with, or other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel or individuals or companies doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories”

**Media:** JTA: [Georgia becomes 6th state to pass anti-BDS legislation](#)

**State:** Idaho

**Bill number:** HB 569

**Introduced:** 2/13/18

**Last action:** Introduced, read first time, referred to JRA for Printing

**Link:** <https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2018/legislation/H0569/>

**Bill title:** "Legislative intent: It is the intent of the Legislature to reinforce Idaho's political and economic bond with the State of Israel. Israel has become a prominent target of boycotts and related tactics that have become a tool of economic warfare that threaten the sovereignty and security of key allies and trade partners of the United States. It is the policy of Idaho and the United States, as enshrined in several federal acts, including 50 U.S.C. 4607, to oppose such boycotts and embrace Israel's dynamic and in - 23 novative approach in many business sectors."

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** Adds to existing law to provide restrictions on the PERSI Board, the State Treasurer and political subdivisions of the State of Idaho when dealing with companies who engage in a boycott of Israel [including creation of a blacklist].

**Excerpt:** "Boycott of Israel" means refusing to deal or conduct business with, abstaining from dealing or conducting business with, terminating business or business activities with, or performing any other action that is intended to limit commercial relations with Israel or a person or entity doing business in Israel or in territories controlled by Israel...

**State:** Illinois

**Bill number:** HB 4015

**Introduced:** 3/17/17

**Last action:** Introduced 3/17

**Link:** <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=4015&GAID=14&DocTypeID=HB&SessionID=91&GA=100>

**Bill title:** Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that on and after the effective date of the amendatory Act, no State agency shall enter into or renew a contract with a business under this Code unless the contract declares that the business is not boycotting any jurisdiction with which the State of Illinois is not prohibited by law from doing business with or investing in, including Israel, and will not do so during the term of the contract. Effective immediately.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** *...no State agency shall enter into or renew a contract with a business under this Code unless the contract declares that the business is not boycotting any jurisdiction with which the State of Illinois is not prohibited by law from doing business with or investing in, including Israel...* [NOTE: This appears to be another formulation intended to prevent boycotts targeting settlements (be applying anti-boycott to ALL places). With this formulation, it would in effect punish a business for boycotting ANY country/govt for ANY reason at all...]

**State:** Illinois

**Bill number:** HB 4011

**Introduced:** 2/27/15

**Last action:** 4/24/15 re-referred to Rules Committee

**Link:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09900HB4011eng&GA=99&SessionId=88&DocTypeId=HB&LegID=90228&DocNum=4011&GAID=13&Session=&print=true>

**Bill title:** AN ACT concerning finance

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** "'Boycott Israel' means engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or companies based in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel."

**State:** Illinois

**Bill number:** SJR 59

**Introduced:** 3/6/14

**Last action:** 7/1/14, Referred to Assignments

**Link:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09800SJ0059&GA=98&SessionId=85&DocTypeId=SJR&LegID=81448&DocNum=59&GAID=12&Session=&print=true>

**Bill title:** CONDEMNNS ACADEMIC BOYCOTTS

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Illinois

**Bill number:** SB 1761

**Introduced:** Filed 2/20/15

**Last action:** Signed into law 7/23/15

Blacklist is [here](#)

**Link:** <http://ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=09900SB1761enr&GA=99&SessionId=88&DocTypeId=SB&LegID=88517&DocNum=1761&GAID=13&Session=&print=true>

**Bill title:** STATE-PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** "“Boycott Israel” means engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or companies based in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel.”

**Media:** Washington Post blog: [Illinois passes historic anti-BDS bill, as Congress mulls similar moves](#); Washington Free Beacon: [Ill. Gov. Signs First Anti-BDS Bill Into Law](#); Wall Street Journal blog: [Illinois Lawmakers Pass Divestment Bill to Counter Israel Boycotts](#); Electronic Intifada: [Illinois law would force state to boycott companies accused of boycotting Israel](#); JTA 2/20/16: [Illinois becomes first state to list companies banned for business due to BDS](#)

**State:** Indiana

**Bill number:** HB 1378

**Introduced:** 1/12/16

**Last action:** Signed into law 3/23

Agreement for MSCJ (New York investment consultant) to prepare blacklist (delivered in the fourth quarter of 2016) is [here](#).

**Link:** <https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2016/bills/house/1378>

**Bill title:** A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** “*Divestment from boycott Israel businesses. Requires the public retirement system to divest from businesses that engage in action or inaction to boycott, divest from, or sanction Israel. Provides for notice to businesses, reinvestment, and civil immunity. Requires certain reports to the legislative council. Makes a conforming amendment.*”

**Excerpt:** Specifically cites TPA bill as precedent/authority in making this State policy. Also states: “*As used in this subdivision, “actions to boycott, divest from, or sanction Israel” has the meaning set forth in P.L.114-26, Section102(b)(20)(B).*” [the meaning set forth in that law is settlements = Israel]. Also states: “*Sec.3.Except as provided in section 1(6) of this chapter, as used in this chapter, “boycott, divest from, or sanction Israel activity” means action or inaction that: (1) furthers; (2) coordinates with; or (3) acquiesces in; an effort by another person to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the Jewish state of Israel or businesses that are based in the Jewish state of Israel or territories controlled by the Jewish state of Israel.*” Boycott, divest from, or sanction Israel” has a corresponding meaning.”

**Media:** JTA: [Indiana anti-BDS bill passes state Senate](#); Jerusalem Post: [American Jewish Congress lauds Indiana for anti-BDS initiative](#); Breaking Israel News: [State of Indiana is Latest to Fight Anti-Israel BDS Movement](#); Algemeiner: [Indiana Measure Is Latest State-Level Setback for BDS Movement](#)

**State:** Indiana

**Bill number:** SR 74

**Introduced:** 4/29/15

**Last action:** First reading, adopted by voice vote 4/29/15

**Link:** <http://in.proxy.openstates.org/2015/bills/sr0074/versions/sr0074.01.intr>

**Bill title:** A SENATE RESOLUTION expressing opposition to the anti-Jewish and anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign (BDS)

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Indiana

**Bill number:** HR 59  
**Introduced:** 4/15/15  
**Last action:** Passed House 4/22/16  
**Link:** <http://in.proxy.openstates.org/2015/bills/hr0059/versions/hr0059.01.intr>  
**Bill title:** A HOUSE RESOLUTION expressing opposition to the anti-Jewish and anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign (BDS).  
**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Iowa  
**Bill number:** SB 2281 (successor 3087)  
**Introduced:** 2/22/16  
**Last action:** 2/22 approved by committee  
**Link:** <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=86&ba=SF%202281>  
**Bill title:** An Act concerning investment of certain public funds in and 1 public contracts with companies that boycott Israel  
**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements  
**Excerpt:** "...the general assembly intends that state funds and funds administered by the state, including public employee retirement funds, should not be invested in, and public contracts should not be entered into with, companies that refuse to engage in commerce with Israel and boycott Israel or persons doing business in Israel or territories controlled by Israel."  
**Media:** The Gazette: [BDS bill threatens lowans' freedom of speech](#)

**State:** Iowa  
**Bill number:** HSB 583 (Same as SSB 3087)  
**Introduced:** Proposed 2/8/16  
**Last action:** proposed  
**Link:** <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGI/86/HSB583.pdf>  
**Bill title:** An Act concerning investment of certain funds in and public contracts with companies that boycott Israel  
**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements  
**Excerpt:** "the general assembly intends that state funds and funds administered by the state, including public employee retirement funds, should not be invested in, and public contracts should not be entered into with, companies that refuse to engage in commerce with Israel and boycott Israel or persons doing business in Israel or territories controlled by Israel." (Using "territories controlled by Israel" four times in the text).  
**Media:** Osceola Sentinel Tribune: [Iowa House State Government Committee discussing bill on Israel](#)

**State:** Iowa  
**Bill number:** HF 2331 ("SUCCESSOR TO [HSB 583](#))  
**Introduced:** 2/18/16  
**Last action:** Signed into law 5/10/16  
**Link:** <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=86&ba=HF%202331>  
**Bill title:** An Act concerning investment of certain public funds in and 1 public contracts with companies that boycott Israel [**includes creation of blacklist**]  
**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements  
**Excerpt:** "The general assembly is deeply concerned and does not support boycotts and related tactics that have become a tool of economic warfare that threaten the sovereignty and security of allies and trade partners of the United States, including the state of Israel. Therefore, the general assembly intends that state funds and funds administered by the state, including public employee retirement funds, should not be invested in, and public contracts should not be entered into with, companies that refuse to engage in commerce with Israel and boycott Israel or persons doing business in Israel or territories controlled by Israel."

**Media:** Des Moines Register: [Branstad to sign Israel anti-boycott bill](#); Charisma News: [This State Just Made the Strongest Statement Ever to the BDS Movement](#); Hamodia: [BDS Takes Hit in Iowa; Challenged at NYU](#); JNS: [Watching BDS Like a 'Hawkeye': Iowa Stands Against Israel Boycott](#); JTA: [Iowa Senate passes anti-BDS bill](#); Times of Israel: [Iowa General Assembly passes anti-BDS legislation](#); JTA: [Anti-BDS bill advances in Iowa](#); Quad City Times (Federation/Israel Project oped): [Backing Israel, Iowa hits BDS movement](#)

**State:** Iowa

**Bill number:** SSB 3087 (Same as HSB 583)

**Introduced:** Proposed 2/8/16

**Last action:** proposed

**Link:** <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGI/86/SSB3087.pdf>

**Bill title:** An Act concerning investment of certain funds in and public contracts with companies that boycott Israel

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** “the general assembly intends that state funds and funds administered by the state, including public employee retirement funds, should not be invested in, and public contracts should not be entered into with, companies that refuse to engage in commerce with Israel and boycott Israel or persons doing business in Israel or territories controlled by Israel.” (Using “territories controlled by Israel” four times in the text).

**State:** Kansas

**Bill number:** HB 2482

**Introduced:** 1/17/18

**Last action:** Approved by Governor on April 18, 2018

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/KS/text/HB2482/2017>

**Bill title:** Concerning restrictions of state contracts with businesses engaged in anti-Israel boycotts.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** “Boycott means engaging in a refusal to deal, terminating business activities or performing other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with persons or entities doing business in Israel or in territories controlled by Israel...”

**State:** Kansas

**Bill number:** HB 2778

**Introduced:** 3/14/18

**Last action:** 5/4 - Died in Senate Committee

**Link:** [http://kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/hb2778/](http://kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2778/)

**Bill title:** Concerning restrictions of state contracts with businesses engaged in anti-Israel boycotts.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** AN ACT concerning state contracts; relating to application of contract requirements regarding anti-Israel boycotts; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-3740e and 75-3740f and repealing the existing sections. [amends previously adopted gag law]

**State:** Kansas

**Bill number:** HB 2409

**Introduced:** 3/22/17

**Last action:** Approved by the Governor 6/16

**Link:** [http://kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/hb2409/](http://kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2409/)

**Bill title:** Prohibiting state contracts with companies that are engaged in an anti-Israeli boycott.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** “Boycott” means engaging in a refusal to deal, terminating business activities or performing other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with persons or entities doing business in Israel or in territories controlled by Israel...”

**State:** Kansas

**Bill number:** HB 2351

**Introduced:** 2/10/17

**Last action:** 5/4/18 - House Died in Committee

**Link:** [http://kslegislature.org/li/b2017\\_18/measures/hb2351/](http://kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/measures/hb2351/)

**Bill title:** Prohibiting state contracts with companies that are engaged in an anti-Israeli boycott.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** “Boycott” means engaging in a refusal to deal, terminating business activities or performing other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with persons or entities doing business in Israel or in territories controlled by Israel...”

**State:** Kansas

**Bill number:** HB 2186

**Introduced:** 1/29/15

**Last action:** Referred to Education Committee

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/KS/text/HB2186/id/1099288/Kansas-2015-HB2186-Introduced.pdf>

**Bill title:** Bill Title: Prohibiting the use of state aid by public postsecondary educational institutions to support certain academic entities that are academically boycotting certain countries where certain institutions of higher education are located.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Kentucky

**Bill number:** HB 350

**Introduced:** 2/12/18

**Last action:** introduced 2/12/18

**Link:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/18RS/HB350.htm>

**Bill title:** Create a new section of KRS Chapter 45A to prohibit contracts with a person or business until that person or business agrees that he, she, or it is not engaged in boycotting a person or business based in or doing business with a member of the World Trade Organization or a jurisdiction with whom the United States has a free trade or other nondiscriminatory trade agreement; amend KRS 45A.343, 65.027, 160.303, 164A.575, 176.070, and 424.260 to add the boycott prohibition requirement to contracts made by local governments, school districts, public universities, and the Department of Highways; create a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to require the investment committee of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System to divest from ...companies that that boycott Israel; create a new section of KRS Chapter 21 to require the investment committee of the Judicial Retirement System to divest from ...companies that boycott Israel; create a new section of KRS Chapter 161 to require the Teachers' Retirement System to divest from ... companies that boycott Israel; amend KRS 6.525 to include the divestment requirement for the Legislator's Retirement Plan.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** “Companies that boycott Israel” means companies engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel, companies based in the State of Israel, or companies in territories controlled by the State of Israel [includes creation of blacklist]

**State:** Kentucky

**Bill number:** HB 298

**Introduced:** 2/1/18

**Last action:** Introduced

**Link:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/18RS/HB298.htm>

**Bill title:** Amend KRS 42.500 to define "boycott of Israel" and "company;" require that the State Investment Commission not invest in companies participating in a boycott of Israel; create a new section of KRS Chapter 45A to define "boycott of Israel" and "company"; prohibit the Secretary of Finance and Administration from contracting with companies boycotting Israel but exempt contracts under \$100,000 over the life of the contract; companies that have a contract with the state that boycott Israel shall be banned from state contracts for a two year period; amend KRS 61.510 to define "boycott of Israel," "company," "direct holdings," and "indirect holdings"; amend KRS 61.650 to require the Kentucky Retirement Systems to prepare an annual report of public investments and to not invest in companies boycotting Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** "Engaging in actions by refusing to deal or conduct business with, abstaining from dealing or conducting business with, terminating business or business activities, or performing any other act that is intended to limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or any person or company doing business in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel; and Engaging in actions that are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel."

**State:** Kentucky

**Bill number:** HR250

**Introduced:** 3/18/16

**Last action:** Adopted in the House by voice vote

**Link:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HR250.htm>

**Bill title:** Express support for the State of Israel and opposition to the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement which seeks to harm the State of Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Louisiana

**Bill number:** Executive Order JBE 2018-15

**Introduced & signed by the governor:** 5/22/18

**Link:** <https://media.nola.com/politics/other/JBE%2018%20-%202015%20-%20Boycotts%20of%20Israel.pdf>

**EO title:** Relating to the Prohibition of Discriminatory Boycotts of Israel in State Procurement

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Excerpt:** bars business with anyone who in any way refused or limits commercial relations with "*a person or entity that is engaging in commercial transactions in Israel or Israeli-controlled territories with the specific intent to accomplish a boycott of divestment of Israel.*"

**Media:** [http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2018/05/louisiana\\_israel\\_boycott.html](http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2018/05/louisiana_israel_boycott.html)

**State:** Louisiana

**Bill number:** HB 685 (Replaces legislation HB549)

**Introduced:** 5/15/17

**Last action:** 5/16, Read by title, ordered engrossed, passed to 3rd reading. Pending House final passage

**Link:** <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillInfo.aspx?s=17rs&b=HB685&sbi=y>

**Bill title:** DEFERRED COMPENSATION: Prohibits mandated investment by participants in the Louisiana Deferred Compensation Plan in companies that boycott Israel and provides for membership of the Deferred Compensation Commission and duties of the state treasurer

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Excerpt:** Bars investment in companies that "boycott Israel," defining the term to mean: "*...a refusal to deal, the termination of business activities, or other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel or persons or entities doing business in Israel or territories controlled by Israel...*"

**State:** Louisiana

**Bill number:** HB 549

**Introduced:** 3/31/17

**Last action:** 5/15, became HB 685

**Link:** <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillInfo.aspx?s=17rs&b=HB549&sbi=y>

**Bill title:** DEFERRED COMPENSATION: Requires the Louisiana Deferred Compensation Plan to provide a voluntary option investment, provides for commission membership, and requires reporting

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Excerpt:** Original makes NO MENTION of Israel/boycott. Substitute [amendment](#) adds barring investment in companies that “boycott Israel,” and defines the term to mean: “...a refusal to deal, the termination of business activities, or other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel or persons or entities doing business in Israel or territories controlled by Israel...”

**State:** Louisiana

**Bill number:** HCR 57

**Introduced:** 4/6/16

**Last action:** Read by title, rules suspended, adopted, ordered to the Senate

**Link:** <http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/BillInfo.aspx?s=16RS&b=HCR57&sbi=y>

**Bill title:** Expresses support for the people of Israel

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Excerpt:** “To express support for the people of Israel and for their right to live in freedom and to defend themselves, to recognize the longstanding friendship between the people of Israel and the people of Louisiana, to condemn any and all efforts to boycott, divest from, and sanction Israel...”

**State:** Maine

**Bill number:** LD 882/SP 282

**Introduced:** 3/7/17

**Last action:** Died Between Houses, May 23, 2017

**Link:** [http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/bills/display\\_ps.asp?LD=882&snum=128](http://legislature.maine.gov/legis/bills/display_ps.asp?LD=882&snum=128)

**Bill title:** An Act Prohibiting Public Entities from Contracting with and Investing in Companies That Boycott the State of Israel

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** “...any public entity including the State, its agencies, its departments and any of its subdivisions may not boycott the State of Israel, Israeli-controlled territories or persons or entities doing business with the State of Israel or Israeli-controlled territories or contract with or provide a grant to a person for funding, services, supplies or information technology unless the contract or grant includes written certification that the person is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract or grant not to engage in, a boycott of the State of Israel...”

**State:** Maryland

**Bill number:** Executive Order 01.01.2017.25

**Introduced & Signed by the Governor:** 10/23/17

**Link:** [https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MDGOV/2017/10/23/file\\_attachments/900819/Executive%2BOrder%2B01.01.2017.25.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MDGOV/2017/10/23/file_attachments/900819/Executive%2BOrder%2B01.01.2017.25.pdf)

**EO title:** Prohibiting Discriminatory Boycotts of Israel in State Procurement

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**State:** Maryland

**Bill number:** SB 739 (companion to HB 949)

**Introduced:** February 6, 2017

**Last action:** Hearing 3/1 in Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs [died in committee]

**Link:** <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2017RS/bills/sb/sb0739f.pdf>

**Bill title:** Procurement and Pensions – State Sanctions – Discriminatory Boycott of Israel [includes creation of blacklist]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** Altering specified provisions of the State procurement law relating to the debarment of specified persons engaged in investment activities in Iran to include persons participating in a boycott of the State of Israel; and altering specified provisions of law requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to take divestment action with regard to investments in a company doing business in Iran or Sudan to include a company participating in a boycott of Israel.

**Excerpt:** “PARTICIPATING IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL’ MEANS REFUSAL TO TRANSACT, TERMINATION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, OR OTHER ACTIONS CARRIED OUT IN A DISCRIMINATORY MANNER THAT ARE INTENDED TO LIMIT COMMERCIAL RELATIONS 1. WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL; 2. WITH PERSONS DOING BUSINESS IN OR WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL; 3. IN ISRAELI–CONTROLLED TERRITORIES”

**State:** Maryland

**Bill number:** HB 949 (companion to SB 739)

**Introduced:** February 6, 2017

**Last action:** Hearing 2/28 in Health and Government Operations and Appropriations [died in committee]

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/MD/bill/HB949/2017>

**Bill title:** Procurement and Pensions – State Sanctions – Discriminatory Boycott of Israel [includes creation of blacklist]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** Altering specified provisions of the State procurement law relating to the debarment of specified persons engaged in investment activities in Iran to include persons participating in a boycott of the State of Israel; and altering specified provisions of law requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to take divestment action with regard to investments in a company doing business in Iran or Sudan to include a company participating in a boycott of Israel.

**Excerpt:** “PARTICIPATING IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL’ MEANS REFUSAL TO TRANSACT, TERMINATION OF BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, OR OTHER ACTIONS CARRIED OUT IN A DISCRIMINATORY MANNER THAT ARE INTENDED TO LIMIT COMMERCIAL RELATIONS 1. WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL; 2. WITH PERSONS DOING BUSINESS IN OR WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL; 3. IN ISRAELI–CONTROLLED TERRITORIES”

**Media:** Baltimore Sun: [Md. Anti-BDS bill stifles freedom](#) vs. Baltimore Sun: [BDS movement demonizes Israel](#)

**State:** Maryland

**Bill number:** SB 170 (Budget bill)

**Introduced:** 1/15/14

**Last action:** Passed House & Senate 3/27/14

**Link:** <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2014RS/bills/sb/sb0170e.pdf>

**Bill title:** Sec. 46 – opposing BDS, condemning the ASA boycott, etc.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Maryland

**Bill number:** None

**Media:** MondoWeiss: [Maryland coalition defeats anti-BDS bill in State Assembly](#)

**State:** Massachusetts

**Bill number:** H. 1685 (companion to S. 1689)

**Introduced:** 1/23/17

**Last action:** 1/23 Referred to House Oversight Committee

**Link:** <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/190/H1685>

**Bill title:** An Act prohibiting discrimination in state contracts

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements (maybe)

**Official Description:** A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1685) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to prohibit discrimination in state contracts.

**NOTE:** This bill does not include the conflation and is framed (like the CA bill) in terms of discrimination, so avoid language that is clearly unconstitutional. However, the ACLU still have issues with the bill – ACLU-Massachusetts statement is [here](#).)

**Media:** JVP press release 2/8/18, “[A Victory for the Right to Boycott, in Massachusetts](#)”; Defending Rights & Dissent 2/12/18: “[Another Victory for the Right to Boycott, This Time In Massachusetts](#)”; Jewish News Syndicate 3/21/18: [Why did anti-BDS bill fail in Massachusetts when it succeeded in other states?](#)

**State:** Massachusetts

**Bill number:** S. 1689 (companion to H. 1685)

**Introduced:** 1/23/17

**Last action:** 1/23, Referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

**Link:** <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/190/S1689>

**Bill title:** An Act prohibiting discrimination in state contracts

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements (maybe)

**Official Description:** A petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1685) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to prohibit discrimination in state contracts.

**NOTE:** This bill does not include the conflation and is framed (like the CA bill) in terms of discrimination, so avoid language that is clearly unconstitutional. However, the ACLU still have issues with the bill – ACLU-Massachusetts statement is [here](#).)

**Media:** JVP press release 2/8/18, “A Victory for the Right to Boycott, in Massachusetts”

**State:** Massachusetts

**Bill number:** HD 4156 (this is a draft – no bill number yet)

**Introduced:** 10/1/15

**Last action:** Referred to Committee on Public Service

**Link:** <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/189/House/HD4156>

**Bill title:** An Act relative to pension divestment from companies that boycott, divest, and sanction the State of Israel

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycotting Israel’ means engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or companies based in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel.”

**State:** Massachusetts

**Bill number:** unnumbered resolutions in House and Senate (identical)

**Last action:** Introduced & Passed in the House 10/26/15 and in the Senate 10/1/15

**Link:** <https://peacenow.org/WP/wp-content/uploads/Roy-Oct-26-Resolution-Israel-MA.pdf> and [https://peacenow.org/WP/wp-content/uploads/Massachusetts-Senate-Resolution\\_151001.pdf](https://peacenow.org/WP/wp-content/uploads/Massachusetts-Senate-Resolution_151001.pdf) [Note: In Massachusetts, resolutions of this kind – i.e., ones seen as non-controversial, declamatory statements – are Passed without a recorded vote and, while passage is reflected in the official record, text of the resolutions is not, and is available only by getting it from the offices that introduced it).

**Bill title:** Promoting the relationship between the state of Israel and the commonwealth

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Media:** Boston JCRC: [JCRC Applauds MA Legislature for Unanimous Support of US-Israel Ties, Rejecting Delegitimization](#)

**State:** Michigan

**Bill number:** SB 363

**Introduced:** 5/4/17

**Last action:** Passed by the Senate 5/24, referred to House Committee On Commerce And Trade

**Link:** <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2017-SB-0363>

**Bill title:** State financing and management; purchasing; state contracts; provide preference to certain Michigan-based firms. Amends sec. 261 of 1984 PA 431 (MCL 18.1261).

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements\*

**Excerpt:** "Beginning October 1, 2017, the department and all state agencies may not enter into a contract with a person to acquire or dispose of supplies, services, or information technology unless the contract includes a representation that the person is not currently engaged in, and an agreement that the person will not engage in, the boycott of a person based in or doing business with a strategic partner." The legislation also states that "Strategic partner" means a strategic partner described in 22 USC 8601 to 8606." [22 USC 8601-8606 is entitled the "[United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014](#)" [and pertains solely to Israel]

**State:** Michigan

**Bill number:** SB 69

**Introduced:** 1/26/17

**Last action:** Became law effective 3/31 (Public Act 21 of 2017)

**Link:** [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(d555mmen0yjcz5ggppblgzy\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=2017-SB-0069](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(d555mmen0yjcz5ggppblgzy))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=2017-SB-0069)

**Bill title:** AN ACT to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled "An act to prescribe the powers and duties of the department of management and budget; to define the authority and functions of its director and its organizational entities; to authorize the department to issue directives; to provide for the capital outlay program; to provide for the leasing, planning, constructing, maintaining, altering, renovating, demolishing, conveying of lands and facilities; to provide for centralized administrative services such as purchasing, payroll, record retention, data processing, and publishing and for access to certain services; to provide for a system of internal accounting and administrative control for certain principal departments; to provide for an internal auditor in certain principal departments; to provide for certain powers and duties of certain state officers and agencies; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the powers, duties, and laws relative to budgeting, accounting, and the regulating of appropriations; to provide for the implementation of certain constitutional provisions; to create funds and accounts; to make appropriations; to prescribe remedies and penalties; to rescind certain executive reorganization orders; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts," by amending section 261 (MCL 18.1261), as amended by 2016 PA 526.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements\*

**Excerpt:** "Beginning October 1, 2017, the department and all state agencies may not enter into a contract with a person to acquire or dispose of supplies, services, or information technology unless the contract includes a representation that the person is not currently engaged in, and an agreement that the person will not engage in, the boycott of a person based in or doing business with a strategic partner." The legislation also states that "Strategic partner" means a strategic partner described in 22 USC 8601 to 8606." [22 USC 8601-8606 is entitled the "[United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014](#)" [and pertains solely to Israel]

**State:** Michigan

**Bill number:** HB 5821

**Introduced:** 9/7/16

**Last action:** Signed into law 1/5/17

**Link:** [https://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(axgnwam25powvozzig0hmja0\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2016-HB-5821&query=on](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(axgnwam25powvozzig0hmja0))/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2016-HB-5821&query=on)

**Bill title:** [long generic title that gives no hint about its Israel/settlements-related content]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements\*

**Excerpt:** \*The phrasing in this legislation is designed to side-step the issue of unconstitutional actions, rejecting boycotts but stipulating that "Boycott" means refusal to have dealings with, divest from, or otherwise engage with a person. Boycott does not include 1 or more of the following: (i) A decision based on bona fide business or economic reasons. (ii) A boycott against a public entity of a foreign state when the boycott is applied in a nondiscriminatory manner. (iii) Conduct necessary to comply with applicable law" in the person's home jurisdiction.

**State:** Michigan

**Bill number:** HB 5823

**Introduced:** 9/7/16

**Last action:** Referred to the Government Operations Committee

**Link:** [https://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(axgnwam25powvozzig0hmja0\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2016-HB-5823&query=on](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(axgnwam25powvozzig0hmja0))/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2016-HB-5823&query=on)

**Bill title:** Public employee retirement system investment act

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Excerpt:** Requiring divestment from companies that (after being warned to stop) still continue to “boycott a person based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which this State can enjoy open trade...” The phrasing in this legislation is designed to side-step the issue of unconstitutional actions by suggesting that boycotts that are non-discriminatory (?) are not included. This bill would require the creation of a boycotters blacklist.

**State:** Minnesota

**Bill number:** HF 639

**Introduced:** 1/30/17

**Last action:** Referred to Government Operations and Elections Policy

**Link:** <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/bill.php?b=House&f=HF0639&ssn=0&y=2017>

**Bill title:** A bill for an act relating to state contracts; requiring that the vendor not engage in a boycott of Israel; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Official Description:** Vendor not being engaged in a boycott of Israel required.

**Excerpt:** “For purposes of this section, ‘boycott of Israel’ means engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories...”

**State:** Minnesota

**Bill number:** HF 400 (companion to SF 247)

**Introduced:** 1/23/17

**Last action:** Presented to the Governor 5/1/17

**Link:** <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/bill.php?b=House&f=HF0400&ssn=0&y=2017>

**Bill title:** A bill for an act relating to state contracts; requiring that the vendor not engage in a boycott of Israel; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Official Description:** Vendor not being engaged in a boycott of Israel required.

**Excerpt:** “A contract for goods or services must require the vendor to certify that the vendor is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract not to engage in, a boycott of Israel... For purposes of this section, “boycott of Israel” means engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories...”

**Media:** Minnesota House of Representatives (hearing video and report): [‘Discrimination’ against Israel could cost vendors state contracts](#)

American Jewish World: [Editorial: Minnesota Legislature debates Israel](#)

*\*As of 2/28/17: Minnesota legislators have so far stripped out the Israel-settlements conflation from current versions of the bill. They have also tweaked remaining text to focus on standard discrimination concerns in an effort to get around constitutional issues. It remains to be seen what final text will say, but as of now this bill is on-track to end up in a similar place as CA’s A 2844, passed in 2016.*

**State:** Minnesota

**Bill number:** SF 247 (companion to HF 400)

**Introduced:** 1/23/17

**Last action:** 3/2 Senate committee substituted for HF 400

**Link:** <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/bill.php?b=Senate&f=SF0247&ssn=0&y=2017>

**Bill title:** A bill for an act relating to state contracts; requiring that the vendor not engage in a boycott of Israel; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Official Description:** State vendor contracts Israel boycott prohibition

**Excerpt:** "A contract for goods or services must require the vendor to certify that the vendor is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract not to engage in, a boycott of Israel...For purposes of this section, "boycott of Israel" means engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories..."

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**State:** Mississippi

**Bill number:** HB 837

**Introduced:** 1/11/18

**Last action:** 2/8/18 - Died on Calendar

**Link:** <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/2018/pdf/history/HB/HB0837.xml>

**Bill title:** "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS) AND THE TREASURER'S OFFICE FROM HAVING DIRECT OR INDIRECT HOLDINGS IN COMPANIES THAT BOYCOTT ISRAEL OR ENGAGE IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL; TO REQUIRE PERS AND THE TREASURER TO IDENTIFY ALL COMPANIES THAT ARE BOYCOTTING ISRAEL OR ARE ENGAGED IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL IN WHICH THEY OWN DIRECT OR INDIRECT HOLDINGS BY A SPECIFIED DATE; TO REQUIRE PERS AND THE TREASURER TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A LIST OF SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES THAT BOYCOTT ISRAEL THAT NAMES ALL OF THOSE COMPANIES; TO REQUIRE PERS AND THE TREASURER TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO A COMPANY THAT IS IDENTIFIED AS A SCRUTINIZED COMPANY; TO SPECIFY THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A COMPANY MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST; TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BY PERS AND THE TREASURER REGARDING THE COMPANIES ON THE LIST; TO AUTHORIZE PERS AND THE TREASURER TO INVEST IN CERTAIN SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES IF THE VALUE OF ALL ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT BY THEM BECOMES EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN A SPECIFIED AMOUNT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 25-11-121 AND 27-105-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; TO PROHIBIT STATE AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES FROM CONTRACTING FOR GOODS AND SERVICES THAT EXCEED A SPECIFIED AMOUNT WITH SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES; TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF A CONTRACT PROVISION THAT AUTHORIZES TERMINATION OF A CONTRACT IF A COMPANY SUBMITS CERTAIN FALSE CERTIFICATION, HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES LIST, OR IS ENGAGED IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION UPON SUBMISSION OF A BID OR PROPOSAL FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTS WITH AN AGENCY OR GOVERNING AUTHORITY THAT THE COMPANY IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL; TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES UPON DETERMINATION THAT A COMPANY HAS SUBMITTED A FALSE CERTIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR A CIVIL ACTION AND PENALTIES FOR COMPANIES THAT VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR PREEMPTION OF CONFLICTING AGENCY RULES AND GOVERNING AUTHORITY ORDINANCES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 25-53-5 AND 31-7-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** Israel; prohibit state fund investments in and state or local contracts with companies that boycott.

**Excerpt:** ""Boycott Israel" or "boycott of Israel" means refusing to deal, terminating business activities, or taking other actions to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories, in a discriminatory manner."

**State:** Mississippi

**Bill number:** HB 651

**Introduced:** 1/13/17

**Last action:** Died in committee 1/31

**Link:** <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/2017/pdf/history/HB/HB0651.xml>

**Bill title:** AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS) AND THE TREASURER'S OFFICE FROM HAVING DIRECT OR INDIRECT HOLDINGS IN COMPANIES THAT BOYCOTT ISRAEL OR ENGAGE IN A BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL... [includes creation of blacklist]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Official Description:**

**Excerpt:** “Boycott Israel” or “boycott of Israel” means refusing to deal, terminating business activities, or taking other actions to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories, in a discriminatory manner.” And “the public fund shall compile and make available the “Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List.” [aka, a blacklist]. And “The public fund may not acquire securities of companies on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection and subsection (6) of this section.”

**State:** Missouri

**Bill number:** HB 2179 (companion of SB 849)

**Introduced:** 1/22/18

**Last action:** 5/8 - Placed on Informal Calendar (SENATE).

**Link:** <http://www.house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2179&year=2018&code=R>

**Bill title:** the “Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act.”

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+settlements

**Official Description:** To amend chapter 34, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to prohibiting public entities from contracting with companies discriminating against Israel.

**Excerpt:** “At no time shall the ‘State of Israel’ be construed to be inconsistent with any provision of federal law, including, but not limited to 50 U.S.C. Sections 4602, 4605 or 4607, as amended...” [NOTE: This appears to be yet another formulation of these state bills, pointing to federal law for its definition of “State of Israel.” For the time being, this technically should not include settlements (none of the USC sections cited in the bill explicitly define “State of Israel”; one un-cited section, 19 USC 4452, explicitly defines “boycotts of Israel” to include settlements, but does not include a definition of “State of Israel.” HOWEVER, based on past efforts around such legislation across the country, it is a near certainty that the bill is intended to apply to both Israel and settlements, and, if passed, will be implemented as such)

**Media:** STL Jewish Light: [BDS is BAD for Missouri](#)

**State:** Missouri

**Bill number:** SB 849 (companion of HB 2179)

**Introduced:** 1/3/18

**Last action:** 5/14 In Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection--SB 849-Kehoe and Schupp, with SCS, SA 1 & SA 1 to SA 1 (pending)

**Link:** [http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/BTS\\_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=70777130](http://www.senate.mo.gov/18info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=70777130)

**Bill title:** “Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act”

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+settlements

**Official Description:** This act prohibits any public entity from entering into certain contracts with a company unless the contract includes a written certification that the company is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract not to engage in, a boycott of the State of Israel. Any contract which fails to comply with the provisions of this act shall be void. This act does not apply to contracts with a total potential value of less than \$10,000.

**Excerpt:** “At no time shall the ‘State of Israel’ be construed to be inconsistent with any provision of federal law, including, but not limited to 50 U.S.C. Sections 4602, 4605 or 4607, as amended...” [NOTE: This appears to be yet another formulation of these state bills, pointing to federal law for its definition of “State of Israel.” For the time being, this technically should not include settlements (none of the USC sections cited in the bill explicitly define “State of Israel”; one un-cited section, 19 USC 4452, explicitly defines “boycotts of Israel” to include settlements, but does not include a definition of “State of Israel.” HOWEVER, based on past efforts around such legislation across the country, it is a near certainty that the bill is intended to apply to both Israel and settlements, and, if passed, will be implemented as such)

**Media:** STL Jewish Light: [BDS is BAD for Missouri](#)

**State:** Montana

**Bill number:** HB 501

**Introduced:** 2/16/17

**Last action:** 2017-04-28 - (S) Died in Process

**Link:** [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W\\$BSIV.ActionQuery?P\\_BILL\\_NO1=501&P\\_BLTP\\_BILL\\_TYP\\_CD=HB&Z\\_ACTION=Find&P\\_SESS=20171](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_NO1=501&P_BLTP_BILL_TYP_CD=HB&Z_ACTION=Find&P_SESS=20171)

**Bill title:** Generally revising laws related to boycotts of Israel [[includes creation of blacklist]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Excerpt:** "Boycott of Israel", except as provided in subsection (3)(a)(ii), means refusing to deal or conduct business with, abstaining from dealing or conducting business with, terminating business or business activities with, or performing any other action that is intended to limit commercial relations with Israel or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in territories controlled by Israel, if such an action is taken in a manner that discriminates on the basis of nationality, national origin, or religion..."

**Insight:** [Facebook post](#) on how this bill was fought/defeated

**State:** Nevada

**Bill number:** SB 26

**Introduced:** Prefiled 11/16/16 (for 2017 session)

**Last action:** Approved by the Governor 6/2

**Link:** <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Bills/SB/SB26.pdf>

**Bill title:** Makes certain changes concerning governmental entities that contract with or invest in companies that boycott Israel. (BDR 27-418) [includes creation of blacklist]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements\*

**Excerpt:** \*The phrasing in this legislation is different than what has been seen previously. The drafters appear to have taken an approach someone like the one taken in California to try to ensure that language prohibiting boycotts does not conflict with rights protected under the Constitution. Thus, in this version we get: "*Boycott of Israel' means, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, refusing to deal or conduct business with, abstaining from dealing or conducting business with, terminating business or business activities with or performing any other action that is intended to limit commercial relations with: (a) Israel; or (b) A person or entity doing business in Israel or in territories controlled by Israel, – if such an action is taken in a manner that discriminates on the basis of nationality, national origin or religion. 2. The term does not include an action that is described in subsection 1 if the action: (a) Is based on a bona fide business or economic reason; (b) Is taken pursuant to a boycott against a public entity of Israel if the boycott is applied in a nondiscriminatory manner; or (c) Is taken in compliance with or adherence to calls for a boycott of Israel if that action is authorized in 50 U.S.C. § 4607 or any other federal or state law.*"

**Media:** JNS: [Anti-BDS legislation introduced in Nevada](#); Breitbart.com: [Nevada Introduces Anti-BDS Legislation](#)

**State:** New Jersey

**Bill number:** S1923

**Last action:** Signed into law 8/15/15

Request for bidders on contract to compile **blacklist** (issued Sept 2016) is [here](#).

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/NJ/text/S1923/2016>

**Bill title:** An Act concerning the investment of State pension and annuity funds in companies that boycott Israel or Israeli businesses and supplementing P.L.1950, c.270 C. 52:18A-79)

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Official Description:** Prohibits investment of pension and annuity funds by State in companies that boycott Israel or Israeli businesses.

**Excerpt:** "Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no assets of any pension or annuity fund under the jurisdiction of the Division of Investment in the Department of the Treasury, or its successor, shall be invested in any company that boycotts the goods, products, or businesses of Israel, boycotts those doing business with Israel, or boycotts companies operating in Israel or Israeli-controlled territory."

**Media:** JTA: [Christie signs NJ bill prohibiting state's investment in pro-BDS companies](#); AP: [Christie signs bill requiring anti-Israel firms divestment](#); Times of Israel: [New Jersey legislature passes anti-BDS law](#); Legal Insurrection: [Add New Jersey to list of states boycotting the anti-Israel boycotters](#); NJ Star-Ledger Editorial Board: [N.J. pro-Israel bills take Big Brother to the extreme | Editorial](#); NJ Jewish News: [A message from the Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey: Take Action Today!](#); JTA: [NJ state Senate passes anti-BDS bill](#); Arutz Sheva: [New Jersey passes anti-BDS legislation](#); NJ Jewish News: [State Senate passes anti-BDS legislation](#)

**State:** New Jersey

**Bill number:** A2940

**Introduced:** 2/16/16

**Last action:** Introduced

**Link:** [http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/A3000/2940\\_11.HTM](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2016/Bills/A3000/2940_11.HTM)

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** “This bill amends the State fiscal year 2016 State budget act to prohibit the use of State appropriations that fund higher education in this State to support, directly or indirectly, any entity or association that publically expresses as a policy, the boycotting, divesting, blacklisting, sanctioning, condemning or otherwise opposing of businesses, institutions, academic personnel, public officials or actions of the state of Israel.”

**State:** New Jersey

**Bill number:** SJR 81 (also see AJR 122)

**Introduced:** 6/18/15

**Last action:** 1/11/16 became PL 2015, JR-9

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/NJ/text/SJR81/id/1256657>

**Bill title:** A Joint Resolution condemning the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and the increasing incidents of anti-Semitism against Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** New Jersey

**Bill number:** S 3044 (same as [A4665](#), introduced 6/29/15)

**Introduced:** 6/25/15

**Last action:** Passed in the Senate 8/13/15, received in the Assembly and referred to the State and Local Government Committee 11/9/15

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/NJ/bill/S3044>

**Bill title:** Prohibits investment by State of pension and annuity funds in companies that boycott Israel or Israeli businesses.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Official Description:** prohibits the State of New Jersey from investing any assets of any pension or annuity fund under the management of the Division of Investment in the Department of the Treasury in companies that boycott the goods, products or businesses of Israel. The prohibition does not apply to the activities of any company providing humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people through either a governmental or non-governmental organization. The division has up to 18 months to disengage from any existing investment that violates the prohibition.

**State:** New Jersey

**Bill number:** A4665, S 3044 (same as S 3044)

**Introduced:** 6/29/15

**Last action:** Introduced

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/NJ/bill/A4665>

**Bill title:** Prohibits investment by State of pension and annuity funds in companies that boycott Israel or Israeli businesses.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Official Description:** prohibits the State of New Jersey from investing any assets of any pension or annuity fund under the management of the Division of Investment in the Department of the Treasury in companies that boycott the goods, products or businesses of Israel. The prohibition does not apply to the activities of any company providing humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people through either a governmental or non-governmental organization. The division has up to 18 months to disengage from any existing investment that violates the prohibition.

**State:** New Jersey

**Bill number:** A 925 (identical to last session versions [S 3044](#) and [A4665](#))

**Introduced:** 1/15/16

**Last action:** introduced

**Link:** [http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/A5000/4665\\_11.HTM](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/A5000/4665_11.HTM)

**Bill title:** Prohibits investment by State of pension and annuity funds in companies that boycott Israel or Israeli businesses.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Excerpt:** “Boycott Divestment Sanctions’ (BDS) refers to the encouragement of boycotts, divestments and sanctions that place economic and political pressure on states, business entities, and other organizations and institutions to influence their behavior against Israel; “boycott” means engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with another state or nation; ‘divestment’ means to sell, redeem, or withdraw all holdings of a company from the investment portfolio of another company or of a governmental entity; and ‘sanctions’ means the attempts by national governments, multilateral organizations and other international bodies or their subdivisions to limit or ban trade or other relations with a state or nation.”

**State:** New Jersey

**Bill number:** AJR 122 (identical to [SJR 181](#))

**Introduced:** 6/22/15

**Last action:**

**Link:** [http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/AJR/122\\_11.HTM](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/AJR/122_11.HTM)

**Bill title:** Condemns Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and increasing incidents of anti-Semitism.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** New York

**Bill number:** SO 4837

**Introduced:** 3/2/17

**Last action:** Passed by Senate 3/7/17, 1/3/18 died in the Assembly, returned to Senate, and re-referred to Higher Education committee

**Link:** [http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default\\_fld=&bn=S04837&term=2017&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y&Committee%26nbspVotes=Y&Floor%26nbspVotes=Y](http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default_fld=&bn=S04837&term=2017&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y&Committee%26nbspVotes=Y&Floor%26nbspVotes=Y)

**Bill title:** AN ACT to prohibit the use of state aid by colleges and universities for certain academic institutions

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Official Description:** Prohibits the use of state aid by colleges and universities to fund or provide membership in academic institutions that are boycotting a country or higher education institutions of a country.

**Excerpt:** “No college in this state may use state aid provided directly to such college to: fund an academic entity, provide funds for membership in an academic entity or fund travel or lodging for any employee to attend any meeting of such academic entity if such entity has issued a public resolution or other official statement or undertaken an official action boycotting a host country or higher education institutions located in such country.”

**State:** New York

**Bill number:** AO 3239

**Introduced:** Introduced 1/27/17 & referred to governmental operations committee

**Last action:** 1/3/18 - Re-referred to governmental operations committee

**Link:** [http://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default\\_fld=&leg\\_video=&bn=A03239&term=2017&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y](http://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&leg_video=&bn=A03239&term=2017&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y)

**Bill title:** AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to purchasing restrictions on persons boycotting Israel; and to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to the investment of certain public funds in companies boycotting Israel [**includes creation of blacklist**]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Official description:** Relates to purchasing restrictions on persons boycotting Israel and the investment of certain public funds in companies boycotting Israel; requires the commissioner of general services to compile a list of companies boycotting Israel and establishes that such companies will be considered non-responsive bidders.

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycott Israel’ or ‘boycott activities’ means engaging in actions that are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or companies based in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel.”

**State:** New York

**Bill number:** SB 2493

**Introduced:** 1/13/17

**Last action:** Passed (again) by the Senate 6/20/18, delivered to the Assembly; referred to Higher Education Committee 6/21

**Link:** [http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default\\_fld=&bn=S02493&term=2017&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y&Committee%26nbspVotes=Y&Floor%26nbspVotes=Y](http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default_fld=&bn=S02493&term=2017&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y&Committee%26nbspVotes=Y&Floor%26nbspVotes=Y)

**Bill title:** AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to certain student organizations which are ineligible for funding

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Official Description:** Prohibits certain student organizations which participate in discrimination or intolerance from receiving funding from SUNY, CUNY or community colleges.

**Excerpt:** Bars funding to groups “that directly or indirectly promotes, encourages, or permits discrimination, intolerance, hate speech or boycotts against a person or group based on race, class, gender, nationality, ethnic origin or religion.” Defines “Boycott” to mean, “engage in any activity, or to promote or encourage others to engage in any activity, that will result in any person abstaining from commercial, social or political relations, with any allied nation, or companies based in an allied nation or in territories controlled by an allied nation, with the intent to penalize inflict, or cause harm to, or otherwise promote or cast disrepute upon, such allied nation, its people or its commercial products.”

**NOTE:** Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) 3/8/17: [New York State Senate again votes to bar funding to student organizations involved in ‘hate speech,’ ‘intolerance,’ or promotion of boycotts of Israel or U.S. allies](#)

**State:** New York

**Bill number:** SB 2492

**Introduced:** 1/13/17

**Last action:** Passed by the Assembly 6/4/18, referred to House Govt Operations Committee

**Link:** [http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default\\_fld=&bn=S02492&term=2017&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y&Committee%26nbspVotes=Y&Floor%26nbspVotes=Y](http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default_fld=&bn=S02492&term=2017&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y&Committee%26nbspVotes=Y&Floor%26nbspVotes=Y)

**Bill title:** AN ACT to amend the state finance law and the retirement and social security law, in relation to purchasing restrictions [**includes creation of blacklist**]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Official Description:** **Relates to purchasing restrictions and persons boycotting American allies.**

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycott’ shall mean to engage in any activity, or to promote or encourage others to engage in any activity, that will result in any person abstaining from commercial, social or political relations, with any allied nation, or companies based in an allied nation or in territories controlled by an allied nation, with the intent to penalize, inflict, or cause harm to, or otherwise promote or cast disrepute upon, such allied nation, its people or its commercial products.” And “Any person that is identified on a list created pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision as a person that boycotts, as defined in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section, any allied nation, as defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of this section, shall not be deemed a responsive bidder or offerer, pursuant to section one hundred sixty-three of this article.”

**State:** New York

**Bill number:** Executive Order 157

**Introduced & Signed by the Governor:** 6/5/16

**Blacklist is** [here](#)

**Link:** <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-157-directing-state-agencies-and-authorities-divest-public-funds-supporting-bds-campaign>

**EO title:** Directing State Agencies and Authorities to Divest Public Funds Supporting BDS Campaign Against Israel

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** As implemented, very clearly BDS+Settlements

**Analysis:** [APN Explainer: The Pitfalls of the New York Executive Order on BDS](#)

**State:** New York

**Bill number:** S 6378A

**Introduced:** 1/8/16

**Last action:** Passed by the Senate 1/20/16

**Link:** <http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?sh=printbill&bn=S6378A&term=2015>

**Bill title:** AN ACT to amend the state finance law and the retirement and social security law, in relation to purchasing restrictions [**includes creation of blacklist**]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycott’ shall mean to engage in any activity, or to promote or encourage others to engage in any activity, that will result in any person abstaining from commercial, social or political relations, with any allied nation, or companies based in an allied nation or in territories controlled by an allied nation, with the intent to penalize, inflict, or cause harm to, or otherwise promote or cast disrepute upon, such allied nation, its people or its commercial products.” (Repeated 4 times in the bill)

**Media:** The Nation: [Is New York State About to Create a Blacklist of BDS Supporters?](#); Arutz Sheva (right-wing Israeli site): [New York passes legislation against BDS](#); Jewish Insider: [NY Senate Passes Anti-BDS Legislation](#); Salon.com: [Don’t blacklist me: Banning the boycott of U.S. allies would keep us from using a powerful tool to fight for justice for Palestinians](#); Huffington Post: [Dear BDS: Shut Up or We Will Shut you Down, Sincerely Big Brother](#)

**State:** New York

**Bill number:** A 9036 (companion to S 6378A)

**Introduced:** Introduced 1/19/16

**Last action:** Referred to the Committee on Governmental Relations 1/19/16

**Link:** <http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?sh=printbill&bn=A9036&term=2015>

**Bill title:** AN ACT to amend the state finance law and the retirement and social security law, in relation to purchasing restrictions

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycott’ shall mean to engage in any activity, or to promote or encourage others to engage in any activity, that will result in any person abstaining from commercial, social or political relations, with any allied nation, or companies based in an allied nation or in territories controlled by an allied nation, with the intent to penalize, inflict, or cause harm to, or otherwise promote or cast disrepute upon, such allied nation, its people or its commercial products.” (Repeated 4 times in the bill)

**State:** New York

**Bill number:** S 6378

**Introduced:** Introduced 1/8/16

**Last action:** Ordered to 3<sup>rd</sup> reading 1/11/16

**Link:** <http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?sh=printbill&bn=S6378&term=2015>

**Bill title:** Relates to purchasing restrictions

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** AN ACT to amend the state finance law and the retirement and social security law, in relation to purchasing restrictions

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycott’ shall mean to engage in any activity, or to promote or encourage others to engage in any activity, that will result in any person abstaining from commercial, social or political relations, with any allied nation, or companies based in an allied nation or in territories controlled by an allied nation, with the intent to penalize, inflict, or cause harm to, or otherwise promote or cast disrepute upon, such allied nation, its people or its commercial products.” (Repeated 2 times in the bill)

**State:** New York

**Bill number:** A 8220 (same as S 6068)

**Introduced:** 1/12/15

**Last action:** 3/29/16 recommitted to the Committee on Governmental Operations

**Link:** [http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default\\_fd=&bn=A08220&term=2015&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Votes=Y&Memo=Y&Text=Y](http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default_fd=&bn=A08220&term=2015&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Votes=Y&Memo=Y&Text=Y)

**Bill title:** Relates to purchasing restrictions on persons boycotting Israel and the investment of certain public funds in companies boycotting Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to purchasing restrictions on persons boycotting Israel; and to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to the investment of certain public funds in companies boycotting Israel

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycott Israel’ or ‘boycott activities’ means engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or companies based in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel.” And “For purposes of this section, ‘boycott Israel’ means engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or companies based in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel.”

**State:** New York

**Bill number:** SB 6086 (Same as A 8220)

**Introduced:** 11/6/15

**Last action:** 1/6/16 referred to Finance Committee

**Link:** [http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default\\_fld=&bn=S06086&term=2015&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y&Votes=Y#jump\\_to\\_Text](http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default_fld=&bn=S06086&term=2015&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y&Votes=Y#jump_to_Text)

**Bill title:** Relates to purchasing restrictions on persons boycotting Israel and the investment of certain public funds in companies boycotting Israel; requires the commissioner of general services to compile a list of companies boycotting Israel and establishes that such companies will be considered non-responsive bidders.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:**

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycott Israel’ or ‘boycott activities’ means engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or companies based in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel.” AND “‘boycott Israel’ means engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or companies based in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel.”

**State:** New York

**Bill number:** J 3028

**Introduced:** 6/22/15

**Last action:** Referred to Finance 6/22/15

**Link:** <https://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/resolutions/2015/j3028>

**Bill title:** Rejecting the *Boycott*, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** New York

**Bill number:** K 705

**Introduced:** 6/14/15

**Last action:** adopted 6/18/15

**Link:** <https://open.nysenate.gov/legislation/resolutions/2015/k705>

**Bill title:** Rejecting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** North Carolina

**Bill number:** SB 329

**Introduced:** 3/21/17

**Last action:** 3/22/17 - Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

**Link:** <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2017&BillID=S329&votesToView=all>

**Bill title:** Divestment From Companies That Boycott Israel

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** “Boycott Israel or boycott of Israel. -- Engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or taking actions that are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm, or otherwise limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories.”

**State:** North Carolina

**Bill number:** HB 161

**Introduced:** 2/21/17

**Last action:** Signed into law 7/27

**Link:** <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2017&BillID=H161&votesToView=all>

**Bill title:** Divestment From Companies That Boycott Israel

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Excerpt:** “Engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or taking actions that are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm, or otherwise limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories...”

**Media:** <http://forward.com/fast-forward/378528/north-carolina-becomes-22nd-state-to-enact-anti-bds-law/>

**State:** Ohio

**Bill number:** HCR 10

**Introduced:** Introduced 6/6/17 and Referred to Committee Government Accountability and Oversight

**Last action:** 6/27/18: Senate, Reported (Amended) by Transportation, Commerce and Workforce Committee

**Link:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HCR-10>

**Bill title:** To condemn the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and increasing incidents of anti-Semitism.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Ohio

**Bill number:** HB 476

**Introduced:** 2/23/16

**Last action:** Sent to the Governor for signature 12/14/16

**Link:** <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-476>

**Bill title:** To enact section 9.75 of the Revised Code to prohibit a state agency from contracting with a company that is boycotting Israel or disinvesting from Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Excerpt:** “A company is boycotting Israel if the company refuses to engage in business or other commercial activity with the government of Israel or with a company operating in Israel or in territory controlled by Israel as an expression of protest against the policies of the government of Israel. A company is disinvesting from Israel if the company is withdrawing invested funds from the government of Israel or from a company operating in Israel or in territory controlled by Israel as an expression of protest against the policies of the government of Israel.”

**Media:** JTA: [Ohio House of Representatives approves anti-BDS bill](#); [Ohio Senate Approves Anti-BDS Bill](#); Cleveland Jewish News: [Ohio introduces anti-BDS bill](#); Columbus Dispatch (editorial): [State shouldn't punish conscience](#)

**State:** Oklahoma

**Bill number:** HB 1512

**Introduced:** 2/6/17 (pre-filed)

**Last action:** 2/20 Referred to Rules Committee

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/OK/bill/HB1512/2017>

**Bill title:** “An Act relating to public finance; making legislative findings; defining terms; prohibiting certain contracts related to boycott of Israel...” [includes creation of blacklist]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Official Description: Public finance; boycotts; Israel, pension systems; effective date.**

**Excerpt:** "Boycott Israel" and "boycott of Israel" means engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel, or persons or entities doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories, in a discriminatory manner." And "A public entity may not enter into a contract with a company to acquire or dispose of services, supplies, information technology or construction unless the contract includes a written certification that the person or company is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract not to engage in, a boycott of Israel" and "a public entity may not itself engage in boycotts of Israel."

**State:** Oklahoma

**Bill number:** HR 1035

**Introduced:** 2/2/16

**Last action:** Introduced

**Link:** <http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=HR1035&Session=1600>

**Bill title:** Condemning the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement; reaffirming support of Israel; distribution

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Oklahoma

**Bill number:** HR 1037

**Introduced:** 2/4/16

**Last action:** Floor

**Link:** <http://www.oklegislature.gov/BillInfo.aspx?Bill=HR1037&Session=1600>

**Bill title:** Condemning the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement; reaffirming support of Israel; distribution.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Oregon

**Bill number:** SCR 25

**Introduced:** 3/6/17

**Last action:** FAILED – In committee upon adjournment

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/OR/bill/SCR25/2017>

**Bill title:** Condemning Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement and reaffirming right of Israelis and Palestinians to live safely and free from fear and violence.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Note:** According to Record, introduced "at the request of Jewish Federation of Greater Portland"

**State:** Pennsylvania

**Bill number:** HB 1968

**Introduced:** 12/13/17

**Last action:** Referred to committee

**Link:** [http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/bill\\_history.cfm?year=2017&ind=0&body=H&type=B&bn=1968](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/bill_history.cfm?year=2017&ind=0&body=H&type=B&bn=1968)

**Bill title:** An Act amending the act of July 2, 2010 (P.L.266, No.44), known as the Protecting Pennsylvania's Investments Act, providing for divestiture of investments in companies boycotting Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Excerpt:** "Boycott Israel." *Engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or companies based in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel.*

**State:** Pennsylvania

**Bill number:** HB 1969

**Introduced:** 12/13/17

**Last action:** Referred to committee

**Link:** [http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/bill\\_history.cfm?syear=2017&slnd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=1969](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/bill_history.cfm?syear=2017&slnd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=1969)

**Bill title:** An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting Commonwealth agencies from entering into contracts with persons who engage in boycotts against or divestment from Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Excerpt:** *"Boycott against or divestment from Israel." Actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize Israel or otherwise limit commercial activities. [NOTE: Does not include reference to "territories controlled by the State of Israel" or similar formula; however, language is so broad that it will almost certainly be treated as including these areas, just like the New York Executive Order did]*

**State:** Pennsylvania

**Bill number:** HB 2107

**Introduced:** 5/27/16 (with no text related to BDS/conflation; amended 9/27 to add this text)

**Last action:** Passed both House & Senate, sent to the governor for signature 10/26

**Link:** [http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/bill\\_history.cfm?syear=2015&slnd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=2107](http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/bill_history.cfm?syear=2015&slnd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=2107)

**Bill title:** "An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, providing for public access to procurement records; in source selection and contract formation, further providing for sole source procurement and for emergency procurement; and providing for prohibited contracts." NOTE: the section added 9/27 is entitled, "Prohibited Contracts Act"; the only country mentioned by name is Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** The bill bars contracts with companies unless they certify that they are not engaged in and will not engage in any boycott *"of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction where the Commonwealth is not prohibited by Congressional statute from engaging in trade or commerce."* This formulation is without question designed to punish not only those who engage in BDS against Israel, but those who boycott business with settlements.

**Media:** Jewish Exponent: [Anti-BDS Legislation Passes Pennsylvania Senate and House](#); Jewish Exponent: [HB 2107 Amendment Prohibits Contracts with BDS Companies](#)

**State:** Pennsylvania

**Bill number:** HB 1986

**Introduced:** 4/11/16

**Last action:** Referred to committee on State Government

**Link:** <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?sYear=2015&slnd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=1986>

**Bill title:** An Act amending Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting Commonwealth agencies from entering into contracts with persons who engage in boycotts against or divestment from Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Pennsylvania

**Bill number:** HB 1987

**Introduced:** 4/11/16

**Last action:** Referred to committee on State Government

**Link:** <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/billinfo.cfm?sYear=2015&slnd=0&body=H&type=B&bn=1987>

**Bill title:** An Act amending the act of July 2, 2010 (P.L.266, No.44), known as the Protecting Pennsylvania's Investments Act, providing for divestiture of investments in companies boycotting Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Excerpt:** ""Boycott Israel." Engaging in actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on or otherwise limit commercial relations with the State of Israel or companies based in the State of Israel or in territories controlled by the State of Israel."

**State:** Pennsylvania

**Bill number:** HR 370

**Introduced:** 6/5/15

**Last action:** Adopted in the House 6/23/15

**Link:** <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billinfo/BillInfo.cfm?syear=2015&sind=0&body=H&type=R&bn=370>

**Bill title:** A Resolution condemning the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and its activities in this Commonwealth for seeking to undermine the Jewish people's right to self-determination, which they are fulfilling in the State of Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Pennsylvania

**Bill number:** SR 136

**Introduced:** 5/29/15

**Last action:** Adopted by the Senate 9/21/15

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/PA/bill/SR136/2015>

**Bill title:** A Resolution condemning economic, social, cultural and other boycotts of Israel and growing incidents of anti-Semitism.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Pennsylvania

**Bill number:** HB 1018

**Introduced:** 5/18/15

**Last action:** Referred to Education Committee

**Link:** <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=PDF&sessYr=2015&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=B&billNbr=1018&pn=1608>

**Bill title:** Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," prohibiting funding to an institution of higher education that engages in a boycott against or divestment from Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Excerpt:** "Boycott against or divestment from Israel." Actions that are politically motivated and are intended to penalize Israel or otherwise limit commercial activities." And "Israel." The State of Israel."

**State:** Pennsylvania

**Bill number:** HR 627

**Introduced:** 1/29/14

**Last action:** Passed by the House 3/12/14

**Link:** <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2013&sessInd=0&billBody=H&billTyp=R&billNbr=0627&pn=2944>

**Bill title:** A Resolution condemning the Academic Studies Association's academic boycott against Israel and calling upon the Department of Education, the State System of Higher Education, each of the State-related universities and all of Pennsylvania's independent colleges and universities to reject anti-Semitism and not participate in the academic boycott.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Pennsylvania

**Bill number:** SR 279

**Introduced:** 1/6/14

**Last action:** 1/6/14 referred to the Education committee

**Link:** <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2013&sessInd=0&billBody=S&billTyp=R&billNbr=0279&pn=1683>

**Bill title:** A Resolution condemning the Academic Studies Association's academic boycott against Israel and calling upon the Department of Education, the State System of Higher Education, each of the State-related universities and all of Pennsylvania's independent colleges and universities to reject anti-Semitism and not participate in the academic boycott.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Rhode Island

**Bill number:** HB 7736

**Introduced:** 2/24/16

**Last action:** Signed into law 7/14/16

**Link:** <http://webserver.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText16/HouseText16/H7736.pdf>

**Bill title:** "AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - ANTI-DISCRIMINATION IN STATE CONTRACTS (Prohibits discrimination in the distribution of state contracts.)"

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Comment:** While the bill never mentions Israel or settlements, this definition was clearly designed to bar boycotts relating to both.

**Media:** Algemeiner: [Rhode Island Lawmaker Hails 'Oddly Quick, Very Unique' Passage of Anti-BDS bill](#)

JP Updates: [Rhode Island General Assembly Passes Anti-BDS Legislation](#)

JTA: [Rhode Island approves anti-boycott legislation](#)

**State:** South Carolina

**Bill number:** H 3583

**Introduced:** 2/11/15

**Last action:** Passed into law 6/12/15

**Link:** [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess120\\_2013-2014/prever/4635\\_20140218.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/prever/4635_20140218.htm)

**Bill title:** AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 23 TO CHAPTER 35, TITLE 11 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE FROM ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM OR PROCURING GOODS OR SERVICES FROM A BUSINESS WHICH ENGAGES IN THE BOYCOTT OF A PERSON OR AN ENTITY BASED ON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, GENDER, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN; TO AMEND SECTION [11-57-320](#), RELATING TO THE EXCEPTION TO CONTRACT PROHIBITION ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CASE-BY-CASE BASIS REQUIREMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION APPLIES TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES MADE BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015; TO AMEND SECTION [11-57-330](#), RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT TO CONTRACT WITH THE STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO CONTRACTS BETWEEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT UNITS, NOR CONTRACTS BETWEEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT UNITS AND EXTERNAL PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES; TO AMEND SECTION [11-57-510](#), RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT IN THE BIDDING PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO CONTRACTS BETWEEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT UNITS, NOR CONTRACTS BETWEEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT UNITS AND EXTERNAL PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES; BY ADDING SECTION [11-57-50](#) SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER IS NOT GROUNDS FOR CERTAIN PROTESTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION [11-57-40](#), RELATING TO CERTAIN CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENTS TO WHICH THE IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT DOES NOT APPLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT DOES NOT APPLY TO A PROCUREMENT OR CONTRACT VALUED AT TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR LESS.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Excerpt:** "'Boycott' means to blacklist, divest from, or otherwise refuse to deal with a person or firm when the action is based on race, color, religion, gender, or national origin of the targeted person or entity."

**Media:** The Tower (Israel Project): [South Carolina Governor Signs Anti-Boycott Bill](#); Israel Allies Foundation Press Release: [South Carolina Adopts first anti-BDS law in America](#); Jerusalem Post: [South Carolina becomes first US state to take action against anti-Israel boycotts](#); Washington Post blog: [South Carolina passes historic anti-boycott law](#) (author claims credit for advising on bill); Tablet: [Can States Fund BDS?](#)

**State:** South Carolina

**Bill number:** H 4635

**Introduced:** 2/18/14

**Last action:** Passed by the House 2/18/14

**Link:** [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess120\\_2013-2014/prever/4635\\_20140218.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/prever/4635_20140218.htm)

**Bill title:** CONDEMNING THE ACADEMIC STUDIES ASSOCIATION'S ACADEMIC BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL AND CALLING UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, EACH OF THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND ALL OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO REJECT ANTI-SEMITISM AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE ACADEMIC BOYCOTT.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** South Dakota

**Bill number:** HCR1017

**Introduced:** 2/24/16

**Last action:** Adopted in the House 2/25/16, adopted in the Senate 3/1/16

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/SD/bill/HCR1017/2016>

**Bill title:** Commending the nation of Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of South Dakota.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** Slamming BDS and asserting that *“six hundred fifty thousand Jews currently residing in the areas of Judea, Samaria, and eastern Jerusalem reside there legitimately...”* and *“supports Israel in its legal, historical, moral, and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense upon the entirety of its own lands, and recognizes that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others...”*

**State:** Tennessee

**Bill number:** SB 1727 (Senate companion HB 2142)

**Introduced:** 1/24/18

**Last action:** 3/21 - Assigned to General Subcommittee of Senate State & Local Government Committee

**Link:** <http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/Billinfo/default.aspx?BillNumber=SB1727&ga=110>

**Bill title:** To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8 and Title 12, relative to government contracts with and investments of assets in companies that boycott Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** prohibits the state and local governments from contracting with companies that boycott Israel; requires the Tennessee consolidated retirement system (TCRS) to divest direct holdings in companies that boycott Israel; requires treasurer to maintain a list of such companies. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8 and Title 12.

**Excerpt:** Boycott Israel: *“Means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory...”*

**State:** Tennessee

**Bill number:** HB 2142 (House companion to SB 1727)

**Introduced:** 1/31/18

**Last action:** Filed for introduction

**Link:** <http://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/Billinfo/default.aspx?BillNumber=HB2142&ga=110>

**Bill title:** To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8 and Title 12, relative to government contracts with and investments of assets in companies that boycott Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** prohibits the state and local governments from contracting with companies that boycott Israel; requires the Tennessee consolidated retirement system (TCRS) to divest direct holdings in companies that boycott Israel; requires treasurer to maintain a list of such companies. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8 and Title 12.

**Excerpt:** Boycott Israel: "Means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory..."

**State:** Tennessee

**Bill number:** SJR 170

**Introduced:** 3/16/15

**Last action:** Signed into law 4/23/15

**Link:** <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/109/Bill/SJR0170.pdf>

**Bill title:** A RESOLUTION to condemn the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and increasing incidents of anti-Semitism.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Media:** [Pro-Israel Effort to Combat BDS on US State Level Gains Steam](#)

**State:** Texas

**Bill number:** HCR 112

**Introduced:** 3/14/17

**Last action:** 3/31 referred to State Affairs Committee

**Link:** <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=85R&Bill=HCR112>

**Bill title:** Condemning the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and its activities to spread anti-Semitism in Texas.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Excerpt:** "WHEREAS, Despite previously expressed support from the Lone Star State, there have been increasing incidents of anti-Semitism around the world and in Texas, and the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement is one of the main vehicles for spreading anti-Semitism and for advocating the elimination of the Jewish state..."

**State:** Texas

**Bill number:** SB 29

**Introduced:** 2/22/17

**Last action:** Passed by the Senate 3/22; 4/18, referred to House State Affairs Committee

**Link:** <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=85R&Bill=SB29>

**Bill title:** Relating to state contracts with and investments in companies that boycott Israel. [includes creation of blacklist]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Excerpt:** "Boycott Israel' means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory..."[emphasis added]

**State:** Texas

**Bill number:** SB 134

**Introduced:** 11/14/16 (pre-filed)

**Last action:** 1/25/17 Referred to Business & Commerce

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/TX/bill/SB134/2017>

**Bill title:** AN ACT relating to state contracts with and investments in companies that boycott Israel. [includes creation of blacklist]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + Settlements

**Official Description:** Relating to state contracts with and investments in companies that boycott Israel.

**Excerpt:** *“Boycott Israel’ means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory...”* [emphasis added]

**Media:** Press release – [Members of Christians United for Israel Head to Austin in Support of Anti-BDS Legislation](#)

**State:** Texas

**Bill number:** SB 134

**Introduced:** 11/14/16 (pre-filed for 2017 session)

**Last action:** filed

**Link:** <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=85R&Bill=SB134>

**Bill title:** Relating to state contracts with and investments in companies that boycott Israel. [includes creation of blacklist]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** Defines “Boycott Israel” as: “refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory...”

**Media:** Breitbart.com: [Texas Ponders Sanctions on Firms Supporting Israel Divestment](#); Press release – [Members of Christians United for Israel Head to Austin in Support of Anti-BDS Legislation](#)

**State:** Texas

**Bill number:** HB 89

**Introduced:** 11/14/16 (pre-filed for 2017 session)

**Last action:** Presented to the Governor 5/1/17

**Link:** <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=85R&Bill=HB89>

**Bill title:** Relating to state contracts with and investments in companies that boycott Israel. [includes creation of blacklist]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Excerpt:** Defines “Boycott Israel” as: “refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory...”

**Media:** Office of the Governor: [Anti-Israel Policies Are Anti-Texas Policies](#); Statesman: [Gov. Abbott bans contracts with companies supporting Israel boycott](#); Breitbart.com: [Texas Ponders Sanctions on Firms Supporting Israel Divestment](#); Jewish Herald Voice: [Texas rep to file anti-BDS bill](#)

**State:** Texas

**Bill number:** HR 2505

**Introduced:** 5/6/15

**Last action:** 5/8/15 Referred to committee

**Link:** <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/84R/billtext/html/HR02505I.htm>

**Bill title:** Condemning anti-Semitism and expressing opposition to the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Utah

**Bill number:** HB 488

**Introduced:** 3/5/18

**Last action:** 3/8 - House/ filed in House file for bills not passed

**Link:** <https://le.utah.gov/~2018/bills/static/HB0488.html>

**Bill title:** The "Anti-Boycott Israel Act." [anti-boycott act amendments]

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** “This bill relates to economic and trade relations with the State of Israel. Highlighted Provisions: This bill: ▶ defines terms; ▶ prohibits the state from engaging in an economic boycott of the State of Israel or contracting with an entity that boycotts the State of Israel; and ▶ includes a severability clause.”

**Excerpt:** “ (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a public entity may not: (a) engage in a boycott of Israel or Israeli-controlled territories; or (b) enter into a contract with a person or company to acquire or dispose of services, goods, supplies, information technology, or construction unless: (i) the contract includes a written certification that the person or company is not currently engaged in a boycott of Israel or Israeli-controlled territories; and (ii) the person or entity agrees to not engage in a boycott of Israel or Israeli-controlled territories for the duration of the contract...”

**State:** Utah

**Bill number:** HR 00005

**Introduced:** 2/28/18 (bill numbered but not distributed)

**Last action:** 3/14 - House/ to Lieutenant Governor in Lieutenant Governor's office for filing

**Link:** <https://le.utah.gov/~2018/bills/static/HR0005.html>

**Bill title:** House Resolution on Trade Relations with Israel

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+settlements\* (non-binding)

**Official Description:** This resolution: opposes boycott, divestment, or sanctions movements in any form against the State of Israel; encourages promoting and strengthening trade relations between the business communities of Utah and Israel; and encourages activities related to trade with Israel.

\*The text of the bill implies BDS+settlements because it references trade legislation passed at the federal level - legislation that for the purposes of fighting boycotts of Israel, explicitly defines Israel to include the OPT)

**State:** Virginia

**Bill number:** HB 1282

**Introduced:** Introduced 1/20/16

**Last action:** 2/29, in Senate committee

**Link:** <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+ful+HB1282>

**Bill title:** A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered [2.2-4311.3](#), relating to the Virginia Public Procurement Act; required contract provisions.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Excerpt:** “For the purposes of this section, "boycotting of Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or taking other actions that are intended to penalize, inflict economic harm, or otherwise limit commercial relations with Israel.”

**State:** Virginia

**Bill number:** HJ 177

**Introduced:** 1/18/16

Last action: House passed Senate (amended) version 3/9/16

**Link:** <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+ful+HJ177>

**Bill title:** Resolution; condemnation of the anti-*Israel* Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Lobbying:** [Jewish Community Relations Council Action Alert](#) 1/31/16

**Media:** Times of Israel: [Virginia General Assembly passes anti-BDS resolution](#); CBN (Christian) News: [Virginia Assembly Passes Resolution Defending Israel](#); Jewish News Virginia: [Statewide Jewish community praises the General Assembly for forceful condemnation of the anti-Israel bds movement](#)

**State:** Washington

**Bill number:** HJM 4004

**Introduced:** 1/17/17

**Last action:** 1/8/18, By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status [again].

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HJM4004/2017>

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Official Description:** Petition to the President Trump & Congress Condemning the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement.

**Excerpt:** “Whereas the international boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement is one of the main vehicles for spreading antisemitism and advocating the elimination of the Jewish state...”

**State:** Washington

**Bill number:** HJM 4009

**Introduced:** 1/24/17

**Last action:** 1/8/18, By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status [again].

**Link:** <https://legiscan.com/WA/bill/HJM4009/2017>

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**Official Description:** Condemning the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement.

**Excerpt:** [This is a message to President Trump, Congress, and the Israeli Embassy opposing BDS]

**State:** Washington

**Bill number:** HB 1217

**Introduced:** 1/13/17

**Last action:** 1/13, First reading, referred to Judiciary

**Link:** <http://app.leg.wa.gov/bills/summary?BillNumber=1217&Year=2017>

**Bill title:** AN ACT Relating to restricting the government from burdening a person's fundamental right to free exercise of religion and freedom of conscience...

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + settlements

**Official Description:** Concerning the burdening of exercises of religion and freedom of conscience.

**Excerpt:** Re-defines “free exercise of religion and freedom of conscience” to include “The right to engage in commerce free from any discriminatory boycotts or blacklists.

Discriminatory boycotts or blacklists for purposes of this section shall be defined as the formation or execution of any express or implied agreement, understanding, policy or contractual arrangement for economic benefit between any persons which is not specifically authorized by the laws of the United States and which is required or imposed, either directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly, by a foreign government or foreign person in order to restrict, condition, prohibit, or interfere with or in order to exclude any person or persons from any business relationship on the basis of... national origin or lawful business relationship.” [In essence, would legislate that it is a violation of Person A's freedom of religion/conscience if Person B boycotts Israel or settlements]

**State:** Wisconsin

**Bill number:** Executive Order 261

**Introduced & Signed by the Governor:** 10/27/17

**Link:** [https://walker.wi.gov/sites/default/files/executive-orders/EO%20%23261\\_0.pdf](https://walker.wi.gov/sites/default/files/executive-orders/EO%20%23261_0.pdf)

**EO title:** Relating to the Prohibition of Discriminatory Boycotts of Israel in State Contracting

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements\*

\*text of EO does not define term “boycott Israel.” While this could mean that it is intended to apply only to sovereign Israel, experience with similar ambiguities in other states, including the EO signed by the governor of New York, suggest that it will be implemented to treat boycotts of settlements as no different from boycotts of Israel.

**State:** Wisconsin

**Bill number:** AB 553 (companion to SB 450)

**Introduced:** [Announced](#) 10/3, introduced 10/19 & referred to committee

**Last action:** Presented to the Governor on 4-2-2018

**Link:** <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/proposals/ab553.pdf>

**Bill title:** An Act to amend 16.75 (1) (a) 1.; and to create 16.75 (10p) and 20.931 of the statutes; relating to: eligibility for state procurement contracts and certain actions taken by state and local governmental bodies involving a boycott of Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** "This bill prohibits any state agency or other body in state government and any local governmental unit, including a special purpose district, from adopting a rule, ordinance, policy, or procedure that involves the state agency or local governmental unit in a boycott of Israel or a person doing business in Israel or in a territory under Israeli jurisdiction (prohibited boycott). The bill also requires contracts for materials, supplies, equipment, and services between state purchasing agents and nongovernmental entities to include a provision that the nongovernmental entity is not currently participating, or will not for the duration of the contract participate, in a prohibited boycott."

**Excerpt:** "*Prohibited boycott*" means a refusal to deal with or a termination of business relations with Israel or a person doing business in Israel or in a territory under Israeli jurisdiction, if the refusal or termination is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with Israel or the territory "Prohibited boycott" does not include an action taken for ordinary business purposes.

**Media:** Sponsors' [10/3 press release](#) about the bill; Jewish Chronicle 2/23/18: [Bill to bar Israel boycott under review](#); Jewish Chronicle 4/2/18: [Walker to sign bill outlawing contracts with boycotters of Israel](#)

**State:** Wisconsin

**Bill number:** SB 450 (companion to AB 553)

**Introduced:** [Announced](#) 10/3, introduced 10/12

**Last action:** 3/28 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1

**Link:** <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/proposals/sb450.pdf>

**Bill title:** An Act to amend 16.75 (1) (a) 1.; and to create 16.75 (10p) and 20.931 of the statutes; relating to: eligibility for state procurement contracts and certain actions taken by state and local governmental bodies involving a boycott of Israel.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS+Settlements

**Official Description:** "This bill prohibits any state agency or other body in state government and any local governmental unit, including a special purpose district, from adopting a rule, ordinance, policy, or procedure that involves the state agency or local governmental unit in a boycott of Israel or a person doing business in Israel or in a territory under Israeli jurisdiction (prohibited boycott). The bill also requires contracts for materials, supplies, equipment, and services between state purchasing agents and nongovernmental entities to include a provision that the nongovernmental entity is not currently participating, or will not for the duration of the contract participate, in a prohibited boycott."

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**Media:** Sponsors' [10/3 press release](#) about the bill

**State:** Wisconsin

**Bill number:** AR 103

**Introduced:** 1/22/16

**Last action:** 1/22 Referred to the Committee on Rules

**Link:** <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/proposals/ajr103.pdf>

**Bill title:** Relating to: condemning the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Wisconsin

**Bill number:** SJR 88

**Introduced:** 2/1/16

**Last action:** 2/1/16 referred to Committee on Senate Organization

**Link:** <http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/proposals/sjr88>

**Bill title:** Relating to: condemning the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS

**State:** Wyoming

**Bill number:** HB 279

**Introduced:** 1/30/17

**Last action:** 2/3/17 FAILED in committee

**Link:** <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/2017/Introduced/HB0279.pdf> (status: <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/2017/Digest/HB0279.pdf>)

**Bill title:** Wyoming anti boycott, divestment and sanctions.

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + settlements

**Official Description:** AN ACT relating to public contracts and public funds; prohibiting public contracts with companies that boycott Israel as specified; requiring investment policies to limit investment of state funds and retirement funds in companies that boycott Israel

**Excerpt:** “‘Boycott Israel’ means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel or with a company doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory...”

**State:** Wyoming

**Bill number:** HJ 4

**Introduced:** 1/6/17

**Last action:** Passed in Committee on Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural 1/23; not considered in Committee of the Whole

**Link:** <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/2017/Introduced/HJ0004.pdf>

**Bill title:**

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:** BDS + settlements

**Official Description:**

**Excerpt:** “A JOINT RESOLUTION recognizing boycott, divestment and sanction methods against Israel and other World Trade Organization trading partners as unsanctioned practices that discriminate based on national origin and discouraging the State of Wyoming from entering into a contract with or investing in a company participating in boycott, divestment and sanction methods.” And “boycotts of entities and individuals of specific countries [NOTE this formula makes this not just about Israel, but about Israeli entities/ individuals, wherever their business may be, including settlements] often amount to discrimination based on ethnicity, religion, race and nationality, which directly contradicts the public policy of the state Wyoming.” [Note: Among other things, this resolution uses the term “Palestinian-Arabs” – the preferred term used by those deny the existence of the Palestinians as a people.]

**State:**

**Bill number:**

**Introduced:**

**Last action:**

**Link:**

**Bill title:**

**BDS or BDS+Settlements:**

**Official Description:**

**Excerpt:**

