Codebook for "Leadership Experience, Cosponsor Cues and the Floor Agenda in State Legislatures"
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Bill Level Variables

statenum: state identifier

year: year in which legislation was introduced

biennium: 0 = 2012-2013 or 2013-2014 session; 1 = 2014-2015 or 2015-2016 session; 2 = 2016-2017 or 2017-2018 session; 3 = 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 session

st_session: identifier for state and legislative session

bill_id: Legiscan bill identifier

floor: dummy variable (1 = bill considered on the floor)

reported: dummy variable (1 = bill reported favorably from committee)

newlead_d: dummy variable (1 = chamber's speaker did not serve as speaker in prior term)

newlead_alt: dummy variable (same as newlead_d, but individuals who served partial prior term as leader coded as experienced leaders)

newleader: polychotomous measure of leader type (0 = same leader as last term; 1 = leader promoted from within leadership ranks; 2 = leader did not serve in leadership position last term; 3 = leader change resulted from change in majority party in chamber)

leader_id: leader identifier (used for within-leader analyses)

spon_samech_pct: percentage of chamber legislators who cosponsored bills (quantity measure)

spon_sd: standard deviation of cosponsors' Shor-McCarty scores (diversity measure)

cosp_qual_pct: percentage of bill's cosponsors who hold leadership or committee chair position (quality measure)

no_cosp: dummy variable (1 = bill has no cosponsors)

cues_ct: index of cosponsor cues (sum of variables quantity, diversity, and quality)

cues_ct2: alternative version of cosponsor cues index (bills with no cosponsors coded as zero)

quantity: ordinal version of spon_samech_pct, 1 = quantity of cosponsors is in top quartile of bills in state-session; 0 = quantity of cosponsors is in middle two quartiles; -1 = quantity of cosponsors is in bottom quartile.

diversity: ordinal version of spon_sd, 1 = diversity of cosponsors is in top quartile of bills in state-session; 0 = diversity of cosponsors is in middle two quartiles; -1 = diversity of cosponsors is in bottom quartile.

quality: ordinal version of cosp_qual_pct, 1 = quality of cosponsors is in top quartile of bills in state-session; 0 = quality of cosponsors is in middle two quartiles; -1 = quality of cosponsors is in bottom quartile.

Author Level Variables

auth_maj: dummy variable (1 = bill's author is member of chamber's majority party)

auth_lead: dummy variable (1 = bill's author holds leadership position)

auth_chair: dummy variable (1 = legislator is committee chair)

auth_extreme: absolute value of author's Shor-McCarty ideology score[1]

auth_srty: number of years bill's author has served in chamber

auth_female: dummy variable (1 = bill's author is female)

Legislature Level Variables

squire: legislative professionalism index (from Squire 2017)

clucas: state speaker power index (from Clucas 2001)

anzia: dummy (1 = majority calendar control) (from Anzia and Jackman 2013)

turnover: average lower chamber legislative turnover, 2012-2018 (from Book of the States, various editions)

cosp_intro: dummy (1 = state limits cosponsors to time of bill introduction)

[1] Missing values are estimated based on the legislator's party, year of first election, and the presidential vote in the legislator's district.

maj_size: difference between seat share of majority and minority parties

diff_med: difference between median Shor-McCarty scores from each party

introlim: dummy (1 = state limits number of bill introductions per member)

cosplim: dummy (1 = state has any limit on cosponsor count or timing)

lead_terms: previous terms served by leader (0 = first term; 1 = second term; 2 = third term; 3 = fourth term or more)

lead_srty: leader's seniority percentile in chamber

bw_rate: level of "bandwagon cosponsorship" in chamber (cosponsors who sign bill after bill reported from committee): 0 = none (not permitted); 1 = very low (3% or less); 2 = low (between 4% and 13%); 3 = moderate (between 14% and 21%); 4 = high (above 22%)[2]

fiscal: dummy (1 = bill deals with appropriations or budget)

[2] Could not be estimated for Kentucky and Tennessee.