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Our Mission Statement/Purpose: The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



ACTIVITY CALENDAR



Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, Oct. 10		Grace period registration and voting.
Sunday, Oct. 14	10:30 am	10th & 11th Congressional Districts Candidate Debates Sponsored by LWVIL, On TV station ABC 7 Chicago.
Wednesday, Oct. 17	5 to 7 pm	LWVChicago Government in Focus October Program on Gangs & Drug Trafficking at Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago.
Thursday, Oct. 18	Doors open 7 pm Meeting at 7:30 pm	Illinois Pension Reform Study: Consensus Meeting AH Historical Society, 110 W. Fremont, Arlington Heights.
Saturday, Oct. 20	9:30 am	Candidate forum for IL House Dist.53 & 54 and IL Senate District 27 to be presented by LWV AH-MP-BG with LWV PA. AH Village Hall, 3 rd Floor, 33 S. Arl. Hts. Rd.
Saturday, Oct. 20	9 am – Noon	Illinois Interfaith Immigration Coalition forum on “Faith, Justice, Humanity and Immigration” at Harper College - Wojcik Conf Ctr Info: M. Schikore, theiiicoalition@gmail.com .
until Saturday, Nov. 3		Early voting.
Tuesday, Oct. 23	7 pm	Board Meeting at Nancy Duel's. Members are welcome.
Thursday, Oct. 25	7 pm	LWV PA program on Affordable Care Act, “Sort out the Facts from the Myths” with speaker Dr. Ram Krishnamoorthi from Doctors for America. Palatine Police HQ Community Room, 595 N. Hicks Rd., Pal.
Sunday, Nov. 4		In-person absentee voting begins at the Cook Co. Clerk’s Chicago office.
Monday, Nov. 5		Last day voted mail ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk’s Office. Also, in-person absentee voting continues at Clerk’s downtown Chicago office and 5 suburban courthouses.
Tuesday, Nov. 6		Election Day.
until Nov. 21	M-Th 11 am-4:30 pm Sun 1:00-4:00 pm	“Ballots, Babes, and Beer” exhibit at Raupp Museum, 901 Dunham Ln, Buffalo Grove.

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A Message from the LWVUS President

Taken from Pres. MacNamara's Testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing

**on continuing the Voting Rights Act and the importance of keeping
our voting system "free, fair and accessible to all eligible Americans"**
Six States (NC, SC, FL, AL, AK, and TX) have filed suit challenging the Voting Rights Act.)

Due to our grassroots nature, Pres. MacNamara was able to give concrete examples from all over the country bringing the dilemma of real people to the Senators' attention and proving how disastrous these laws are to the foundation of democracy: the right of every citizen to vote.

LWVUS Pres. E. MacNamara, Sept. 12, 2012: "Since 2011 we have seen a huge increase in the number of new restrictive voting laws enacted at the state level... These new laws and practices require restrictive forms of photo ID and/or proof of citizenship in order to vote; they restrict independent voter registration drives, decrease early voting, wrongfully purge eligible voters and eliminate Election Day registration. And they create confusion for voters and poll workers alike.

"What is especially disappointing is that politicians too often are imposing these restrictions on voting rights in order to manipulate the electorate for their own political gain. This is wrong. This is the real threat to the integrity of our elections.

"There is remarkably little evidence of voter-impersonation fraud, which an ID requirement might block," MacNamara continues. "The greater threat to the integrity of our elections is that restrictive requirements block eligible voters from voting. And there is clear evidence of that problem."

MacNamara provides numerous examples of eligible voters who have been impacted by new state-level restrictions on the right to vote. From an elderly woman in Tennessee to a veteran in Wisconsin, keeping any eligible voters from participating in the process is undemocratic and un-American. These examples can be found in MacNamara's submitted testimony.

MacNamara adds, "It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of the judiciary in protecting our voting rights. Both federal courts and state courts have invalidated voter suppression laws and the Department of Justice has cautiously applied the Voting Rights Act in challenging illegal schemes, pre-clearing less-restrictive photo ID requirements while blocking the most restrictive.

"These voter suppression measures are costly, unnecessary and undemocratic. If the states are unable or unwilling to protect the rights of every eligible citizen to vote, the federal government must step in to ensure these rights are protected," MacNamara concludes.



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October Consensus Meeting
Pension Reform Study
Thursday, October 18



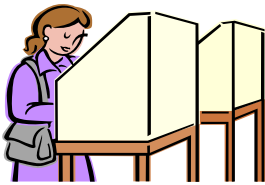
A rope becomes stronger by adding more individual strands. You can make our League's Consensus on Pension Reform stronger by participating when we take consensus on the questions and proposals involved in pension reform.

Many of you have attended at least one of the chats and have copies of some of the background material. For all the LWVIL gathered background material and further bibliography, go to <http://www.lwvil.org/IllinoisPensionStudy.asp>.

The LWVIL Pension Study and Consensus are limited to the five Illinois state public pension systems and does not include health care benefits for retired state employees. Members will consider potential changes that could be applied to these public pension systems and their potential impacts on key stakeholders.

Add your input and insights. Join us.

**Thursday, October 18, Doors open 7 pm, Consensus starts 7:30 pm
Arlington Heights Historical Society, 110 W. Fremont, AH**



Ballots, Babes, and Beer
Illinois Women Win the Vote
New Raupp Museum Exhibit

The Raupp Museum in Buffalo Grove has recently opened a new exhibit that should interest League members and friends. It's the 99th anniversary of Illinois women winning the right to vote for President! Find out the fascinating story of women's struggle for the right to vote in Illinois, including the role of Lake County and Cook County women, why saloon owners were against women voting, and the final battle in Springfield. The exhibit is free and open to the public Sunday through Thursday. The museum is located at 901 Dunham Lane, BG

Find more information at www.bgparks.org

Illinois Interfaith Immigration Coalition

Presents Faith, Justice, Humanity and Immigration

October 20, 2012 Harper College - Wojcik Conference Center 9:00 am - Noon

A morning for dispelling myths, reflection, and education on the human toll of our immigration policy. This FREE forum features **Keynote Speaker: Reverend Sara Wohlleb**, the Congregational Coordinator for the Chicago New Sanctuary Coalition, a project of the Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America. *For more information*, contact Melanie Schikore, theiiicoalition@gmail.com.

Chicago Government in Focus October Program Presents
Gangs and Drug Trafficking

How are the FBI and Chicago Police working together to address these threats?

Featured speakers: Joan M. Hyde, FBI Special Agent; Matthew J. Desarno, FBI Supervisory Special Agent; and Nicholas J. Roti, Chief of Chicago Police Dept. Organized Crime Division.

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 5 pm to 7 pm Program begins at 5:15 (note time change)

Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL

Admission is free, cash bar

RSVPs appreciated – 312-939-5949 or League@LWVChicago.org

ELECTION CENTRAL

Almost All You Need to Know or Where to Find It



Meet the candidates for 2012

Sunday, October 7, Tuesday, October 9, and Saturday, October 20

Voter education is a high priority to the League. That is why LWVIL and local Leagues started during the spring to plan for fall candidate forums. Leaguers and voters in our area will want to hold open both Sunday, October 7, and Saturday, October 20, for candidate forums. Perhaps you saw the October 7 event advertised already on the electric board on the corner of Northwest Highway and Arlington Heights Road.

9th Congressional District Candidate Forum

Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky and her opponent Tim Wolfe will be presented at 2 pm on Sunday, October 7, at Oakton Community College in Room 1600. This event is co-sponsored by LWVs of Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove, Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Wilmette, and Winnetka-Northfield-Kenilworth with Oakton College and the Union League Club of Chicago. Written questions taken from the audience will be used at this free, public event. District 9 voters live in Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Evanston, Glenview, Kenilworth, Mount Prospect, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Park Ridge, Prospect Heights, Rosemount, Wilmette, and Winnetka.

Local Illinois State Offices

Our League will present a candidate forum at 9:30 am on Saturday, October 20—two days before early voting begins—at the Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 South Arlington Heights Road. The following candidates have accepted our invitation to participate: IL Representative David Harris and Curt Renz, running for representative of District 53; IL Representative Tom Morrison and Richard Rudd, running for representative of District 54; and David Page running for IL Senator of District 27. As of this time Senator Matt Murphy has not responded. Written questions taken from the audience will be used at this free, public event.

8th Congressional District Radio Debate

The 8th Congressional District opponents, Democrat Tammy Duckworth and Republican US Rep Joe Walsh, will square off in a radio debate at 7 pm October 9 on WCPT AM-820 and WIND AM-560. WCPT also airs on several FM frequencies: 92.7 FM in the northern portion of the listening area. The 8th District includes parts of northwest Cook County, central DuPage County, and eastern Kane County.

Duckworth, a former assistant secretary of Veterans Affairs in the Obama administration, and Walsh, a high-profile Tea Party congressman from McHenry, will face off in the November 6 election in a nationally watched race.

Information from the *Daily Herald*, August, 28, 2012

"Your Voter Information" on Cook County Clerk's website

Redistricting Confusion? The Who, What, When

Confused about which districts you live in and for which candidates you will vote? You're not alone, because the districts were redrawn after the 2010 Census. Many voters will vote in districts other than those they voted in during previous elections. These changes pertain to the election of U.S. Representatives, State Senators, and State Representatives.

Go to the Cook County Clerk's website at www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections. By submitting your address, you can use the search tool called "Your Voter Information". This allows you to verify your voter registration and find your polling place. Moreover, it allows you to see your sample ballot, listing all the offices (with their district numbers) for which you will vote. There is a long list of Judges! (Check out voteforjudges.org for judicial evaluations). Also this site lists the referenda that will be on your ballot. There is no reason you should be surprised when you vote.

Election Alert

A Constitutional Amendment referendum on Illinois Public Pensions will be on the November ballot. See article, next page.

Online voter registration

Did you know? Illinois citizens *can* register online!

A citizen can find a voter registration application at the Illinois State Board of Elections website <http://ovr.elections.il.gov/default.aspx>. The applicant must have a printer or provide an email address to complete her/his online application. Also the applicant will have to give her/his driver's license ID number or the last four digits of the Social Security Number. The application process can be done in languages other than English. [Those who registered online should error on the side of caution when they go to the polls to vote and take two pieces of ID with them at least one ID having the address used on the registration application.]

National Voter Registration Day

Be proud! Deputy voter registrars from the League of Women Voters participated in our nation's first nonpartisan National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, September 25. Illinois League members were in 4 of the 5 Cook County courthouses. During a video press release Clerk David Orr thanked League's members and Krista Grimm of LWVCC.

<http://www.cookcountyclerk.com/newsroom/newsfromclerk/Pages/OrrPreckwinkleNVRD.aspx>

Deputy voter registrars from LWV Arlington Heights-Mount Prospect-Buffalo Grove registered 40 new voters at the Rolling Meadows Court House. Cathy Boykin, Cathy Duoba, Heidi Graham, and Julie Sass worked the busy morning shift. Heidi provided printed signs since the Clerk's Office failed to supply any signage. Heidi and Julie recruited applicants by walking through the courthouse with printed 8 x 11 inch signs that asked, "Do you have a minute? Register to vote."

In the afternoon Pat Budin, Nancy Duel, and Judith Royal registered new voters, signed up a county employee for our League's email announcement list, helped a woman fill out a restraining order application, and were serenaded by a new voter. Leaguers are multi-taskers!

A heartfelt thank you to all who registered new voters at the courthouse on September 25, and to Heidi Graham who registered at Prospect High School, and Pat Lindner who registered at Cedar Village earlier in the month.

More to Tell Your Friends and Family

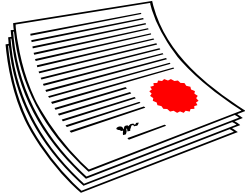
For Information about Candidate forums and meetings across Cook County, go to the LWV Cook Co website at: <http://www.lwvil.org/CandidateMeetings2012.asp>

ABC 7 CHICAGO TO PARTNER WITH LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS FOR 2012 CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES DEBATES AIRING OCTOBER 14

ABC 7 Chicago, the station that has broadcast candidate debates for more than two decades, will partner with the League of Women Voters of Illinois for two, half-hour debates with the candidates of the 10th and 11th Congressional Districts. ABC 7's Kathy Brock, Ron Magers and Political Editor Charles Thomas will ask questions and facilitate a round-table conversation with the candidates. Questions coming directly from voters in the 10th and 11th districts will also be discussed.

The debates will air commercial free immediately following "This Week with George Stephanopoulos" on Sunday, October 14, 2012. Also, both debates will be streamed live on abc7chicago.com on October 13 at 10:30 and 11 am. The 10th Congressional District debate between current U.S. representative Robert Dold (R) and challenger Brad Schneider (D) will be moderated by ABC 7's Ron Magers. The 11th Congressional District debate between current U.S. representative for the 13th district Judy Biggert (R) and challenger Bill Foster (D) will be moderated by ABC 7's Kathy Brock.

The League believes these debates provide voters "with accurate, timely and useful nonpartisan information" according to LWVIL President Jan Dorner.



The League of Women Voters of Illinois Opposes HJRCA 49 The Constitutional Amendment Referendum on the November 6 Ballot

September 17, 2012

After reviewing the General Assembly's proposal, relevant League positions and precedents, and researching supporting documentation, League of Women Voters of Illinois Board of Directors has decided to oppose HJRCA 49, the Constitutional Amendment referendum proposal that will be on the November 6, 2012 ballot.

The Amendment Proposal

The measure would amend the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Constitution requiring a three-fifths majority vote of each chamber of the General Assembly, or the governing body of a unit of local government, school district, or pension or retirement system, in order to increase a benefit under any public pension or retirement system.

Rationale for Opposition

Our objection is squarely focused on the proposal's 3/5 majority vote requirement, not on pension reform issues. We are acting under our Representative Government position to "Promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive."

The Illinois League has a strong record supporting measures to make our democracy more, not less, representative. Our interest in and experience with constitutional amendments are extensive, including detailed study and active participation in the 1970 Constitutional Convention where we strenuously advocated for simple majority votes on constitutional matters.

As an organization that has been active in the legislative process, we have witnessed first hand what the Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure confirms:

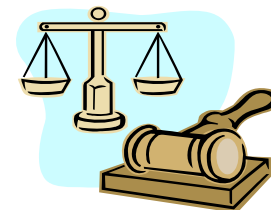
Some people mistakenly assume that the higher the vote required to take an action, the greater the protection of the members. Instead the opposite is true. Whenever a vote of more than a majority is required to take action, control is taken from the majority and given to a minority.

The Illinois Constitution is not the place for a provision that is this specific to a single issue and to one remedy for a larger problem. If the legislature determines this needs to be done, a statute which can be modified more easily is the appropriate course to take.

That Long List of Judges

Yes, it is definitely worth a true citizen's effort to become educated and then vote for that long list of judges.

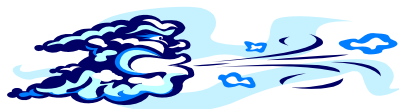
The defense of democracy often depends on the caliber of our courts and judges. Surely this has been demonstrated in the current battle over voter suppression. Nearly 60 judges are up for retention on the November 6 ballot, and, in addition, there are some contested races to fill judicial vacancies.



Help is at hand

VoteForJudges.org, a project of the Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice, offers non-partisan information about all of the judicial candidates in Cook County... A dozen bar groups evaluate judicial candidates and the Chicago Tribune offers endorsements. You will find judicial evaluation results and endorsements under the Judicial Evaluations and Results tab, so that you have the information you need to vote for qualified judicial candidates.

ADVOCACY and ISSUES



Defending the Clean Air Act

In September, LWVUS joined members of the environmental community in sending two letters to the U.S. House of Representatives to defend the Clean Air Act. The [first letter](#) refers to H.R.3409, the Stop the War on Coal Act of 2012. The bill fundamentally weakens the Clean Air Act and takes aim at an array of laws that keep the American public safe. The [second letter](#) was sent to a subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee regarding H.R. 6172, a bill that would rewrite the Clean Air Act and block the Environmental Protection Agency from setting any standards for power plant carbon pollution.

About the Graduated Rate Income Tax Project

The League is partnering with the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability on this GRIT project. We share the common belief that the economy is of paramount importance to Illinois families and one of the best ways to achieve economic growth is by having a well educated population. Having a structural deficit weakens our ability to provide for a strong economy. Having an inefficient revenue system is the basis for that structural deficit and LWVIL will be working to educate the public on the importance of a graduated rate income tax to Illinois' fiscal health.

Scope and Focus

The LWVIL Graduated Rate Income Tax Project will educate Illinoisans about the issues of a progressive as opposed to a flat tax; work to lobby for a bill to change the Illinois Constitution, and; ultimately support and promote the approval of the amendment which will permit the graduated tax rate in Illinois.

Project Timeline

Present to December 2012: Train presenters and begin to educate voters.

Legislative Session January 2012 - May 31, 2013: Propose amendment for Illinois Constitution in either House or Senate

Legislative Session January 2014-May 31, 2014: Second opportunity to get proposed amendment.

November 2014, General Election: First opportunity for amendment to be placed on ballot.

GRIT Project Materials

(Available at <http://www.lwvil.org/GRITProject.asp>)

The Case for Creating a Graduated Income Tax in Illinois

Power Point for Presenters

Glossary of Terms (under development)

Sources for Additional Information

Campaign Financing

Check next month's *League Links* for information on methods of reform: Disclose Act, Federal Election Commission, and Constitutional Amendment



From Public Citizen email 9-22-12

"Democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic state itself." President Franklin D. Roosevelt

A recent survey by the Associated Press and the National Constitution Center shows that 83% of Americans think there should be limits on how much money corporations can give to the outside groups that run so many of the dirty campaign ads polluting our airwaves.

It's not about political parties: 85% of Democrats, 81% of Republicans and 78% of Independents support limiting corporate influence in elections. And it's not about income groups: Among people with household incomes over \$100,000, the number actually goes up to 90%.

Overwhelmingly, We the People — across political and income spectrums — want special interest out of politics. Yet a staggering amount of money is being spent on behalf of candidates from both major parties, seemingly bent on taking us back to the age of the Robber Barons.

VOTER SUPPRESSION

The following is based on an article By MIKE BAKER, Associated Press – September 2, 2012 and various LWWUS *Leaders Update* articles



Court Cases Are Running out of Time

Before voters get a say in this year's presidential race, lawyers and judges are having theirs. A series of court battles in several states may determine, over the next several weeks, everything from how people cast their votes, when polling locations will be open and what ballots will look like. The legal fights have entered an urgent phase, two months before the November 6 election. Mike Baker

Over the past several months, we have highlighted court cases about voting rights that Leagues are involved in around the country. Many of these cases will have a direct impact on who can vote and how they can vote in November. LWWUS and LWV AHMPBG *League Links*



PA and SC Awaiting Decisions on Voter Photo ID Laws

With 40 days to go before the election, there are still two states that do not know if their new **voter photo ID law** will be in effect. In **South Carolina**, final arguments were heard August 27 by a three-judge panel in Washington, DC, which will decide if the SC law is discriminatory under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. [The Texas Voter ID law was struck down earlier this summer.]

In **Pennsylvania**, the State Supreme Court sent the case back to a lower state court saying it will tolerate "no voter disenfranchisement." The hearings began in late September to determine how cumbersome the new law is and whether the state is doing enough to get photo ID cards to voters who need them. The League of Women Voters of PA is participating in this suit. The court has until October 2nd to make its determination.

The *News Hour*, the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post* have all covered the Pennsylvania lawsuit challenging voter photo ID. Like the successful Wisconsin court challenge, the case in Pennsylvania involves the League of Women Voters and focuses on the state constitution. This time, media coverage has been interesting as well because it focuses not just on the need for voters to obtain government issued photo ID, but also on the underlying documents that states are now requiring before issuing that ID. For the 758,000 eligible voters in Pennsylvania who do not have the required ID this is a very big issue, and it is going to be a burden for all voters in every state that has enacted ID requirements.

Even though **Wisconsin's** Voter ID Law was thrown out by the State Supreme Court, Wisconsin's attorney general is making a late push in the courts to reinstate the voter ID requirements.

Along with South Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, there are unresolved cases in Florida, Ohio, Iowa and Nevada. Those are among the most competitive states and any factor could tip the balance.



Florida and **Ohio** are locked in litigation tied to changes in **early voting rules**. Republicans in **Florida** approved a law last year that reduced the number of early voting days to eight from as many as 14. [A panel of three federal judges determined that the changes could hurt participation by blacks, and restored early voting cuts in the 5 counties under Voting Rights Act jurisdiction. On September 24, another federal judge let the early voting cuts stand in the remaining Florida counties. Also, Florida's **restrictions on third-party voter registrations** was struck down August 29th.]

Ohio officials have struggled for months over early voting rules. The Obama campaign sued over a law that prevented most people from using early voting on the weekend and Monday before Election Day; a federal judge on August 31st agreed to restore those voting days. The Ohio state's attorney general is working on an appeal.

Florida and **Iowa** are dealing with suits related to the efforts by election administrators to **purge voting rolls** of ineligible people. In late September, the court upheld the U.S. Department of Justice's suit challenging **Florida's** purge, which had included a list found to contain more than 500 people, most with Latino surnames, who were citizens. A Hispanic civic organization also sued, alleging that the purge is an attempt to remove legitimate minority voters from the rolls. In late September, Florida's Dept. of State agreed to notify the 2625 residents, who were mistakenly removed from the voter rolls this year because the state classified them as noncitizens, that they will be returned to the rolls and allowed to vote in November.

Civil rights activists in **Iowa** are seeking to block the state's Republican secretary of state from using emergency rules to try and purge voting lists of noncitizens. The groups contend that Secretary of State Matt Schultz was abusing his power when he declared a state of emergency in a bid to disenfranchise Latinos. Schultz says the emergency declaration, which allowed the purge to proceed without public oversight or input, was necessary to help maintain fair elections.



Additional News on Voter Suppression



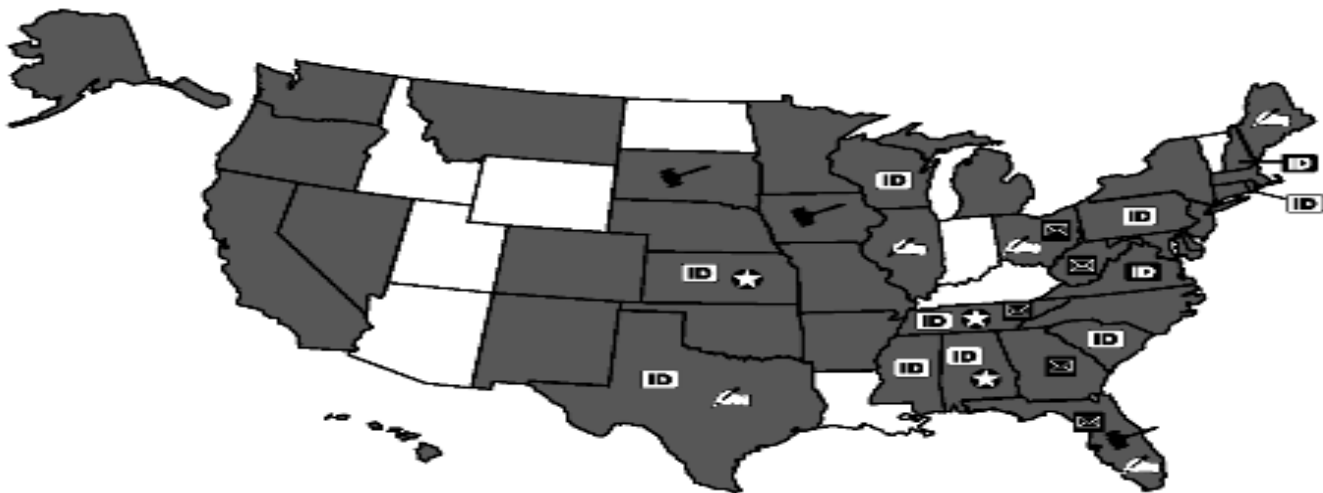
Elections: Texas Voter Photo ID Law Struck Down!

A U.S. Federal District Court found that the Texas voter photo identification law violates Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. This is great news for Texas voters and America. As President Elisabeth MacNamara noted: "The importance of this case cannot be overstated: It is a landmark decision for voting rights in America and helps ensure America's elections treat all citizens equally, and are free, fair and accessible." The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWVTX) joined the lawsuit in support of the DOJ decision.

Voter ID Laws Could Disenfranchise 1 Million Young Minority Voters

An estimated 700,000 young minority voters could be barred from voting in November because of photo ID laws passed across the country in recent years, according to a new study by the Advancement Project called "Segregating American Citizenship."

MAP Courtesy of Brennan Center for Justice



	Legislation introduced
	Photo ID requirements passed
	Voter ID restriction passed
	Proof of citizenship passed
	Restrictions on voter registration passed
	Restrictions on early/absentee voting passed
	Executive or legislative action making it harder to restore voting rights



NEWS FROM LWVUS

Reuters Story Cites League President on Florida League's Voter Registration Efforts

The story, "Groups race against time to get Florida voters registered," was widely carried by media outlets: "Elisabeth MacNamara, president of the League of Women Voters, said 30 local leagues are registering voters in Florida, trying to make up for lost time. ... 'They are targeting under-served communities,' she said. 'They're working at bus stops, community colleges, baseball games, naturalization ceremonies and other events.' "

Time is running out to register to vote! To make sure we get as many people registered as possible, the League of Women Voters Education Fund is currently running online ads in targeted states to direct potential voters to VOTE411.org and its voter registration tool.

The League, the Media and National Voter Registration Day

The League received incredible media coverage stemming from National Voter Registration Day (a huge success as noted above). Our 249 participating Leagues across the country garnered a great deal of visibility. League President Elisabeth MacNamara wrote a new Huffington Post blog post on NVRD, which was quoted in subsequent articles. LWVUS Sr. Director for Elections Jeanette Senecal was interviewed on the local Fox affiliate and by Jennifer Granholm of The War Room, Current TV. Deputy Executive Director Zaida Arguedas appeared on Univision in both national and local news stories. On Monday, we joined Voto Latino, Fem 2.0, actress Rosario Dawson and other partners in a Tweet Chat to set the stage for the nationwide event. On National Voter Registration Day, we continued to use social media to bolster the day. The official hash tag #925NVRD trended, meaning it was one of the most popular topics on Twitter throughout the day. Many celebrities and comedians (including BB King, Christina Aguilera, Glenn Beck, the Dave Matthews Band and Stephen Colbert) promoted NVRD alongside thousands of other prominent tweets, social media updates, and mainstream news stories and TV spots all day long. Check out LWVUS voter registration photo album on Facebook.

The LWV Effort to Promote Truth in Campaign Advertising

Leagues around the country are working hard to ensure that voters receive fact-based, nonpartisan information about elections. The massive flood of non-candidate (3rd party) TV ads now washing over our airwaves threaten to spread misinformation and are leaving voters confused and disgusted – which may drive them to not vote at all. LWVUS, in partnership with the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, is launching the Truth in Campaign Advertising project, aimed at urging TV stations to minimize the level of misinformation in campaign ads.

League Opposes H.R. 5912

The League joined other coalition partners in a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives in opposition to H.R. 5912, a bill that would repeal the presidential public financing system.

League Supports Office of Congressional Ethics

The League joined with coalition partners in a letter to House Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi, expressing support for the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) and urging them to ensure its uninterrupted operations in the next Congress by reactivating the agency and appointing the necessary board members.



NEWS FROM LWVIL

Affordable Care Act

LWVIL is one of a number of organizations partnering with the Campaign for Better Health Care (CBHC) to train women to speak out in support of the Affordable Care Act (aka "Obamacare"). This is an outstanding opportunity to learn the most effective messages and tools for building support of health care reform in our communities.

See also articles on GRIT and Congressional debates.



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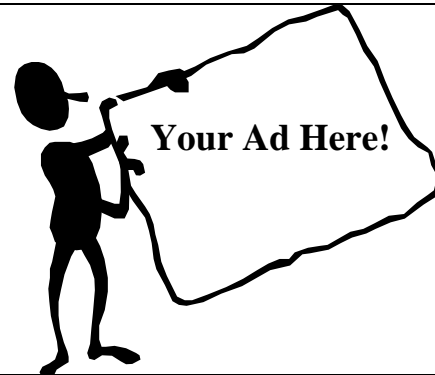
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