



## CONVENTION 2021

**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'  
OF ILLINOIS

*60th Biennium: Uplifting Democracy, Equity and Our Ideals*

### **PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM**

The League of Women Voters has evolved from a mighty political experiment designed to help 20 million newly enfranchised women vote in 1920, to what it is today: a unique, nonpartisan organization that is a recognized force in molding political leaders, shaping public policy, and promoting informed citizen participation at all levels of government.

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#### **ADVOCACY AT THE STATE LEVEL: Establishing State Priorities**

To guide its work, the LWVIL Board adopts education and lobbying priorities every two years based on program planning input from local Leagues. The goal is to maintain focus on issues of primary importance identified by LWVIL.

#### **LWVIL PRIORITY ISSUES FOR THE 2021-2023 BIENNIUM**

The following pillars are aimed at working toward a better democracy:

##### **Voting Rights and Election Processes**

LWVIL will work to protect voting by mail, voter access, voter registration and election security and to standardize best practices and processes across election authorities. LWVIL will support initiatives which conform to our positions regarding campaign finance and ethics reform, redistricting, and abolishing the electoral college.

##### **Address the Climate Change Crisis**

LWVIL will advocate for the Clean Energy Jobs Act as well as other initiatives promoting renewable energy sources, opposing reliance on fossil fuels, and supporting clean air and water policies. LWVIL will fight for environmental justice so that minority communities are not adversely affected by energy policies.

##### **Equitably Meeting Basic Human Needs**

LWVIL will advocate for policies which meet basic human needs including healthcare, economic support, housing, safety, justice, and education for all residents. To support these initiatives, LWVIL will advocate for a state revenue system which is equitable, progressive, stable, responsive and simple.

## LWVIL ISSUES AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

The Issues and Advocacy Committee, working in collaboration with the LWVIL Board, is responsible for developing and implementing strategies for lobbying and advocating on issues important to Illinois residents. Their decisions are made with consideration of the League's resources, including the time and effort invested by Issues Specialists and by League members state wide. Campaigns are prioritized based on the degree to which they address threats to democracy, to the environment, and to equity in a timely way.

## TIME FOR ACTION

Based on League priorities, the LWVIL Issues and Advocacy Committee sends out regular Time for Action Alerts detailing the subject under consideration, the proposed action steps, and the individuals to be contacted. These alerts are sent to the League's online grassroots supporters, who are expected to respond with the appropriate action.

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## NON-RECOMMENDED PROPOSALS FOR NEW STUDIES

The following items were submitted and are not recommended:

- Truth in internet and social media standards:
  - *Only one League proposed as a topic for a study.*
  - *LWVUS provides resources designed to help local and state Leagues evaluate the truth of social media posts.*
- Ranked Choice Voting
  - *Based on the position adopted at the LWVUS Convention 2020, League members can advocate for Ranked Choice Voting.*