

The League of Women Voters of Ohio
Legislative Update
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[HB1](#)

BIENNIAL BUDGET (SYKES, V) To make appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011 for the operation of state programs.

Current Status: 7/17/2009 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**, eff. 7/17/09
appropriations; other sections subject to referendum 10/16/09

Comments: The League supported additional revenue to maintain social services. Several letters were sent to the conference committee members and General Assembly to generate additional revenue to support social services. The League has sent out an action alert.

Categories: Budget and Appropriations, State Government

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB3](#)

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES (FOLEY, M) To address the current mortgage foreclosure crisis.

Current Status: 1/12/2010 - Senate Finance and Financial Institutions, (First Hearing)

Comments: This bill would provide a moratorium on mortgage foreclosures. It passed the House on May 20 with 3 Republicans joining the majority. LWVO support is based on national League principles that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination and our national urban policy in that it is intended to stabilize neighborhoods.

Categories: Financial Institutions, Housing

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB5](#)

TRANSITION FUNDS (OKEY, M) Permit individuals elected or appointed to state office to establish transition funds to receive donations and to make expenditures for transition activities and inaugural celebrations.

Current Status: 1/13/2010 - Consideration of Senate Amendments, House refused to concur in Senate amendments; Vote 48 - 50

Comments: This bill provides limits on contributions and requires disclosure of funds collected by an elected official prior to the person taking office. It passed the House on a 95-0 vote on May 27. The League supports this bill. Elections Specialist Peg Rosenfield testified in support of this bill on May 13, 2009.

Categories: Campaigns & Elections, State Government

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB7](#)

BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS (HARRIS, M) To require a building or structure erected or constructed using state capital moneys to adhere to certain sustainability

standards.

Current Status: 1/12/2010 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance and Financial Institutions

Comments: This bill would require building erected or constructed using state capital monies to meet certain sustainability standards.

Categories: Construction, Land Use, State Government

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB9](#)

RENTAL PROPERTY FORECLOSURE (CELESTE, T) To require that notice of foreclosure and related sale of residential rental property be given to tenants at that property.

Current Status: 1/12/2010 - Senate Finance and Financial Institutions, (First Hearing)

Comments: This bill would require notice be given to tenants prior to foreclosing on a rental property. It passed the House by a 53-42 vote. LWVO support is based on national League principles that no person or group should suffer legal, economic or administrative discrimination and our national urban policy in that it is intended to stabilize neighborhoods. The League has sent out an action alert.

Categories: Housing

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB26](#)

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT (WILLIAMS, B) To prohibit corporal punishment in all public and chartered nonpublic schools.

Current Status: 11/17/2009 - Referred to Committee Senate Highways and Transportation

Comments: The League supports this bill and has sent out an action alert.

Categories: Education

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB36](#)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS (DYER, S) Require expanded minutes for legislative committee meetings or a transcribed record of committee proceedings in lieu of minutes, and to require sworn testimony of all witnesses testifying before legislative committees.

Current Status: 5/20/2009 - House State Government, (First Hearing)

Comments: The League supports more comprehensive committee meeting minutes.

Categories: Political, State Government

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB89](#)

OFFENSE PENALTIES (ZEHRINGER, J) To provide that the purposeful killing of a judge or magistrate in specified circumstances is aggravated murder; to increase the penalty for felonious assault, aggravated assault and assault in specified circumstances.

Current Status: 3/24/2009 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary

Comments: None
Categories: Crime & Punishment
Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB92](#) **ELECTIONS (MECKLENBORG, R)** To require absent voter's ballot identification envelope statements to be completed for absent voter's ballots to be counted, to generally prohibit same day voter registration and application for absent voter's ballots.

Current Status: 9/30/2009 - House Elections and Ethics, (First Hearing)
Comments: There are no provisions that the League favors as well as opposes in the bill.
Categories: Campaigns & Elections
Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB113](#) **SCHOOL ENERGY MEASURES (FOLEY, M)** To authorize school boards, for on-site renewable energy generation measures and in the same manner as for energy conservation measures, to enter into installment contracts subject to specified terms of payment.

Current Status: 1/12/2010 - Referred to Committee Senate Energy and Public Utilities
Comments: None
Categories: Education, Energy & Utilities
Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB176](#) **SEXUAL/GENDER DISCRIMINATION (STEWART, D)** To prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Current Status: 9/22/2009 - Referred to Committee Senate Rules
Comments: None
Categories: Crime & Punishment
Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB235](#) **CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF A DELINQUENT CHILD (HEARD, T)** Regarding the transfer for criminal prosecution of an alleged delinquent child.

Current Status: 10/7/2009 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)
Comments: None
Categories: Children and Family Issues, Crime & Punishment
Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB260](#) **ELECTION LAW (STEWART, D)** To revise the Election Law.

Current Status: 12/2/2009 - Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs
Comments: None
Categories: Campaigns & Elections

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB318](#)

INCOME TAX FREEZE (SYKES, V) Postpone for two years the last of scheduled income tax rate reductions, create the Construction Reform Demonstration Project, provide for delay in all day kindergarten.

Current Status: 12/22/2009 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**, Some sections eff. 12/22/09; others 3/23/10

Comments: None

Categories: Budget and Appropriations, Construction, State Government, Taxation

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB332](#)

CONTRACEPTIVE BENEFITS (STEWART, D) Prohibits certain insurers from limiting or excluding coverage for prescription contraceptive drugs and devices and related outpatient services.

Current Status: 10/7/2009 - Healthcare Access & Affordability, (First Hearing)

Comments: None

Categories: Health Care

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HB377](#)

BALLOT INTEGRITY ACT (GARRISON, J) Specifies that the act is to be known as "The Ballot Integrity Act" (Section 3), along with election petitions-license circulators and public input on ballot titles.

Current Status: 11/18/2009 – Elections & Ethics, (First Hearing)

Comments: None

Categories: Campaigns & Elections

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[HJR8](#)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY TERM LIMITS (YATES, T) Proposing to amend Section 2 of Article II and Section 9 of Article V of the Ohio Constitution to eliminate the term limits and restrictions on returning to office that apply to members of the General Assembly.

Current Status: On May 4, 2010 special election. If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this proposal, it takes effect January 1, 2011.

Comments: None

Categories: Elections

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[SB6](#)

SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (COUGHLIN, K) To create the Special Education Scholarship Pilot Program.

Current Status: 3/17/2009 - Senate Education, (Fifth Hearing)

Comments: The League opposes this bill.

Categories: Education

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[SB8](#)

ELECTIONS CLARIFICATIONS (SEITZ, B) To require absent voter's ballot identification envelope statements to be completed for absent voters that their ballots will be rejected if they do not complete the required statement, prohibit same day voter registration.

Current Status: 1/20/2010 - House Elections and Ethics, (Third Hearing)

Comments: The League opposes this bill and have testified against it.

Categories: Campaigns & Elections

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[SB10](#)

TRANSITION ACCOUNTS DISCLOSURE (WIDENER, C) Permit individuals elected or appointed to state office to establish transition funds to receive donations and to make expenditures for transition activities and inaugural celebrations.

Current Status: 2/25/2009 - Senate Government Oversight, (First Hearing)

Comments: The League supports this bill.

Categories: Campaigns & Elections, State Government

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[SB13](#)

FORECLOSURE ACTIONS (MILLER, D) Require a clerk of courts to notify tenants when a foreclosure action is filed, to prepare a publication to assist owners and tenants of foreclosed properties.

Current Status: 6/24/2009 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & REPORTED OUT**, Senate Judiciary - Civil Justice, (Sixth Hearing)

Comments: This bill is similar to HB 9 and requires notification to tenants prior to foreclosure.

Categories: Housing

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[SB61](#)

U.S. SENATE VACANCY (HUSTED, J) Require Governor to call a special election to fill a vacancy in the representation of Ohio in the United States Senate.

Current Status: 3/31/2009 - Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)

Comments: None

Categories: Political, State Government

Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[SB170](#)

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS (FABER, K) To limit to \$500 the amount of political contributions that may be made by or accepted from the principals and key employees of an entity applying for a license to operate video lottery terminal games in this state.

Current Status: 12/9/2009 - Senate Government Oversight, (Second Hearing)
Comments: None
Categories: Political
Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[SB191](#) **CAMPAIGN FINANCE** (SCHURING, K) To require each campaign committee that receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds \$100 to identify the individual's employer on the campaign committee's campaign finance statements.

Current Status: 12/1/2009 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (Second Hearing)
Comments: None
Categories: Campaigns & Elections
Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[SB223](#) **ALTERNATIVE ENERGY** (STEWART, J) To Expand energy improvement projects/solar energy loans-for alternative energy.

Current Status: 1/12/2010 - Energy & Public Utilities, (First Hearing)
Comments: None
Categories: Energy & Utilities
Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[SJR4](#) **REDISTRICTING** (COUGHLIN, K) To revise the redistricting process for General Assembly districts.

Current Status: 5/26/2009 - Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (Third Hearing)
Comments: This bill would add members to the apportionment board and require a larger majority for adoption of a plan.
Categories: General Assembly, State Government
Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

[SJR5](#) **REDISTRICTING PROCESS** (HUSTED, J) To revise the redistricting process for General Assembly and Congressional districts.

Current Status: 1/13/2010 - House Elections and Ethics, (First Hearing)
Comments: This bill would provide a bi-partisan commission to draw district lines for the Ohio House and Senate and Congressional seats. The League testified in support of this bill with some changes.
Categories: General Assembly, State Government
Position: [Click Here for League Position](#)

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