

## LWV Florida 2019 Legislative Priorities

### 1. Government - Election Law

- a. Support automatic registration (opt-out system), same day voter registration, and improved on line voter registration.
- b. Extend deadlines for signatures cures, recounts and post mark delays caused by the postal service. Support a standardized ballot design and state funding for hardware and software to improve the recount process in close elections.
- c. Support home rule for counties and municipalities and oppose any preemptive legislation to counter home rule.
- d. Support statewide use of an Open Primary election system that allows for the broadest possible voter participation.
- e. Support the election of the President and Vice President by direct popular vote via the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

### 2. Education

- a. Support adequate funding for public school facilities and operations for the 2019-20 school years to meet the needs of Florida's schools. Support curriculum that is developed by educational experts and is science based.
- b. Support a statewide assessment and accountability system that provides the same data at appropriate intervals to measure student progress for all schools that receive public funds, directly or indirectly.
- c. Support higher standards for early childhood education, for both staff and programs.
- d. Oppose any legislation that would subvert the control of local elected school boards to approve the necessity for any additional schools.

### 3. Gun Safety

- a. Support comprehensive universal background checks.
- b. Support a ban on all semiautomatic assault weapons and high capacity magazines.
- c. Oppose any legislation that would expand the right to carry a concealed weapon, to carry a weapon on a school or college campus and to have open carry in the state of Florida.
- d. Support retrieval of firearms from anyone with restraining or protective orders and/or convictions regarding stalking or domestic violence against them.
- e. Oppose any effort to arm teachers, or anyone who is not a law enforcement officer.

### 4. Natural Resources

- a. Advocate for aggressive water policy legislation.
  - BMAP and BMP implementation
  - Conversion of septic to sewer
  - Tertiary waste water treatment
  - Innovative and aggressive water conservation
  - Universal water fees study
- b. Support full funding of the Florida Forever land acquisition program and proper implementation of the Water and Legacy Conservation Amendment adopted in 2014.
- c. Support the ban of advanced well stimulation treatments (fracking) including but not limited to hydraulic fracturing and matrix acidizing.
- d. Support legislation that would promote the use of solar power and electric cars.
- e. Support legislation to address climate change through energy conservation and greater use of renewable energy sources, and to promote compliance with the goals of the Paris Climate Accord.

## 5. Health Care

- a. Support expansion of health care access and affordable coverage for low income, uninsured, and under insured under an expansion of Medicaid.
- b. Oppose any barriers to abortion access including gestational limits, state mandated counseling or extended waiting periods.
- c. Oppose any state funding of anti-abortion women's health centers (known as crisis pregnancy centers).
- d. Support funding of critical health care services such as KidCare, mental health clinics, substance abuse, family planning services and expanded dental care.