

### HOUSE PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SUBCOMMITTEE

4:00 PM, Monday, February 10, 2025

# SB760 (Favola) - Elections; deadline for receipt of absentee ballots and certain other information, etc. **SUPPORT**

#### TESTIMONY

The League supports SB760. As we all know, the US Post Office service is not as reliable as it was in the past, particularly for deliveries in the morning hours. This simple adjustment to require delivery of the ballots to the local elections offices, from noon to 5 p.m. on the Friday after the election, will help ensure that voters' ballots will be counted.

### SB814 (Rouse)- Election of certain governing bodies; conversion to single-member districts. SUPPORT

#### TESTIMONY

By allowing a local jurisdiction to adopt an ordinance to convert one or more at-large seats of such body to single-member districts, this bill would provide the much-needed clarity to localities that are subject to court ordered establishment of single member districts.

# SB1009 (Salim)- Elections; conduct of election, ranked choice voting, locally elected offices, report. SUPPORT

#### TESTIMONY

The League of Women Voters of Virginia supports SB1009, which includes the expansion of ranked choice voting to any race for a local office. We believe that ranked choice voting, or RCV, would make our elections more accessible, would promote nominees with broad support, and would ensure that every voter's voice is heard, particularly with the specific rules provided in this bill for conducting such elections.

#### SB 1174 (Suetterlein) - Elections; prohibited activities; distribution of referendum materials. SUPPORT

#### TESTIMONY

We support SB 1174, relating to referendum elections, for the same reasons that we support a prohibited zone for all election activities outside a polling location. Voters deserve this protection for all types of elections.