

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RESOLUTION
OPPOSING EXPANSION OF EDUCATION SAVING ACCOUNTS**

The LWVAZ supports funding of a public school system that results in the uniform opportunity for all students to master the attitudes, knowledge, and skills necessary to thrive in a competitive changing world. This Resolution opposes the expansion of ESA with the passage of SB1431 for the following reasons:

WHEREAS, the Arizona Constitution states that the Legislature shall enact such laws as shall provide for the maintenance of a general and uniform public school system;

WHEREAS, The Arizona Constitution shall make appropriations, met through taxation, to insure the proper maintenance of all state institutions and provide for their development and improvement;

WHEREAS, the LWVAZ opposes tax “credits” and funding schemes that divert and distort the distribution of funds intended to ensure a quality of education for all children;

Whereas, the cost of ESA is covered exclusively by our state’ General Fund, hurting the ability to fund our public schools and other programs;

WHEREAS, Arizona ranks 48th in school funding, has the third highest class size in the country, and has a growing teacher shortage due to low pay and unacceptable working conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the League of Women Voters of Arizona oppose the passage and signing of SB1431 into law and urge its reconsideration and repeal.

Adopted by the League of Women Voters at their Convention in Surprise, Arizona held on April 29, 2017.

Signed,

President
League of Women Voters of Arizona

date