

Summary of the LWVTN Advocacy Committee Actions for 2026

Purpose of Legislation	LWVTN Position	LWVTN Action	Final bill status
Elections: HB1497/SB1630 Reschedule all local elections to match federal election calendar	Questioned	•Questions for comm.members	Did not pass
Elections: HB687/SB336 Remove court cost payments as pre-requisite for voting rights restoration	Support	•Questions for comm. members	Passed
Elections: HB886/SB777 TN would require party affiliation on voter registration card	Oppose	•Questions for comm. members	Did not pass
Immigration/Education: HB793/SB836 Intended as challenge to public education for undocumented students	Oppose	•Action alert (3/2)	Did not pass
Immigration/Education: HB1711/SB2108 Requiring proof of citizenship for “public benefits” including schools, hospitals, social services	Oppose	•Action alert (3/08) • Action alert (3/20) •Action alert (3/28) •Action alert (4/11)	Did not pass
Immigration/Education: HB1710/SB1915 Requiring proof of citizenship for “public benefits”	Oppose	•Action alert (3/08) •Action alert (4/10)	Passed
Education: HB1881/SB1585 Expansion of voucher program; removes evaluation accountability for ESA students receiving vouchers	Oppose	•Action alert (4/21)	Passed with significant modifications
Education: HB2532/SB2247 Expansion of voucher program	Oppose	•Action alert (3/22) •Action alert (3/28) •Action alert (4/10) •Action alert (4/11)	Passed with significant reduction in voucher \$\$
Open Gov’t: HB1640/SB1881 Broad closure of public records of TN Homeland Security	Oppose	•Action alert (3/14)	Passed

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Environment: HB2392/SB2653 Creates state review board to determine local impact of data centers	Support	•Action alert (2/28)	Did not pass
Environment: HB0600 /SB0269 Creates “TN Waste to Jobs Act”	Support	•Action alert (3/8)	Did not pass
Environment: HB1827/SB2053 Requires local approval for data mines & quarries	Support	•Action alert (3/21)	Did not pass
Environment: HB1847/SB2128 Hold data centers responsible for infrastructure costs	Support	•Action alert (2/28) •Action alert (3/8)	Passed
Public Health policies: HB1334/SB1777 Creates pilot program: Caring for Caregivers Act	Support	•Letter to committee •Letter to committee	Passed
Public Health Policies: HB1835/SB1911 Summer EBT Feeding Program	Support	•Letter to committee •Meeting legislators •Letter to governor	Passed
Public health policies: HB1866/SB2010 Requires health care worker rather than AI to affirm/deny medical necessity claims	Support	•Letter to committee (3/2)	Did not pass

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