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**LAST CHANCE
THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS THIS WEEK!**

LWVCT needs your help to advocate for moving important legislation onto the floor for discussion and a vote!

The Senate passed a **Net neutrality bill**, Substitute for Raised S.B. No. 336, LCO 5029, and now it needs to be heard in the House.

Early Voting HJ 28 has passed in the House, **Voter Privacy – HB 5173** has not reached the floor in the House or the Senate. It is critical that we make a final advocacy push to urge legislative leadership to bring the bills to the floor for consideration and a vote. We need to persist in our efforts to urge that these important issues are heard and that our legislators are on record for their votes of support or opposition.

The Call to Action has two parts:

- 1. If your legislator is part of legislative leadership**, urge them to bring these three bills to the floor for discussion and a vote.

Urge **Senate** to schedule **Early Voting** and **Voter Privacy** bills:

Senator Martin Looney, Senate President Pro Tempore
Senator Bob Duff, Senate Majority Leader
Senator Leonard Fasano, Senate Republican President Pro Tempore

Urge **House** to schedule the **Voter Privacy** bill and the **Net Neutrality** bill that passed in the Senate, the Substitute for Raised S.B. No. 336, LCO 5029.

Representative Joseph Aresimowicz, Speaker of the House
Representative Matthew Ritter, Majority Leader
Representative Themis Klarides, Minority Leader

- 2. Contact your legislators** to ask them to politic for bringing these bills to the floor and/or remind them that the League believes passage of these bills is critical to protect and enhance the right to vote and deserve their support.

Contact info for House members <https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/hlist.asp>

Contact info for Senate members <https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/slist.asp>

HJ 28 - RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT EARLY VOTING.

The League believes that every citizen should be protected in the right to vote, and therefore encourage efforts to maximize voter participation and early voting.

In order to be a referendum questions on the ballot in 2020, this legislation must pass in two legislative sessions. If it doesn't pass now, CT will not permit early voting before 2021. This bill allows the legislature to establish two to five days, for in person early voting within 14 days of the election. **We have heard that some legislators are saying they would vote for no excuse absentee, but not early voting**, they worry that some political catastrophe might occur between the time someone votes early and election day, leaving the voter to regret their vote. However, people already cast their absentee votes early. Opponents of no excuse absentee worry about having a greater number of absentee ballots that may be susceptible to "outside influence" on the absentee voter.

HB 5173 – AA PROTECTING THE PRIVACY OF VOTERS.

The League worked with the Secretary of State's office on several issues related to privacy issues and the CT voter lists. This bill removes the voter's day and month of birth from the list that is available to the public. Removing a key ingredient for identity theft. The League of Women Voters is dedicated to the use of voting procedures that are secure and ensure the integrity of, and voter confidence in all aspects of registration and the voting process. While voter privacy is of particular importance to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or trafficking, current concerns about cyber-security have led to general apprehensions about privacy of their information.