# **League of Women Voters Presents – Civics 101**

#### **Historical Documents:**

- A summary of the Constitution

#### **Branches of Government**

- 1. Major differences between the two houses of Congress
  - How a Bill Becomes a Law
  - Official records of Congress
  - Current Legislative Activities
- 2. The President of the United States
  - Presidential Election Process
  - <u>Electoral College</u>
  - o <u>Popular Vote</u>
  - National Popular Vote
  - Gerrymandering

## **Budget:**

- The Federal Budget
- Current and past budget information

# **Federal vs. State Government Powers**

### **Civil Rights**

- o 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights (1868)
- o Civil Rights Act (1964)

#### **Contact:**

How to Contact your Elected Officials

Policy Issues
Political Glossary
Voting and Elections

#### **History:**

• 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Voting Rights (1870)

- 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Women's Right to vote (1920)
- Voting Rights Act (1965)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Minimum voting age (197)

# **How to Vote, Requirements, Elections and Dates:**

- How to Vote
- Cómo votar
- Voter, Registration, Requirements and Deadlines
- Absentee and Early Voting
- Midterm, State and Local Elections
- Find My State and Local Election Office Website
- Research Who to Vote For
  - o How to Judge a Candidate
  - o Election Information You Need
  - o On-line Voter Guide
  - o <u>Campaign Finances</u>

# **Major Political Groups**

- o **Democrats**
- o **Republicans**
- o <u>Libertarian</u>
- o Green

Non-partisan groups that can help – LWV <u>– Local, State and National Chapters</u>

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