



## 2019 Statehouse Day Policy Asks

Since 1920, the League of Women Voters of Ohio has worked to improve the function of Ohio's electoral and participatory democracy. From securing mail-in voter registration in the 1970s to recruiting poll workers today, we avidly support democracy reforms.

- **COMMISSION TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT**  
Ohio was critical to suffrage, and the first US President elected by women was Warren Harding from Marion, Ohio. This suffrage commission will not only celebrate Ohio's rich history in the women's suffrage movement, but support public programming that will encourage all Ohioans to remember that their right to vote is a sacred, civic duty that should not be squandered.

ASK IN THE SENATE: Thank you for passing SB 30

ASK IN THE HOUSE: Please vote yes on SB 30.

- **IMPROVING VOTER ROLL ACCURACY AND SECURITY**  
Ohio should adopt Automatic Voter Registration, which is a secure, efficient way to streamline and modernize voter roll maintenance. When eligible Ohio citizens interact with government agencies (such as BMV or JFS), they would be registered to vote or have their existing registration information updated, unless they opt-out. This common-sense reform improves the accuracy and security of our voter registration database and saves money.

ASK IN BOTH HOUSES: Introduce and pass Automatic Voter Registration legislation.

- **IMPROVING ELECTIONS THROUGH GREATER SOS CAPACITY**  
Please support Secretary of State LaRose's 2020-2021 budget ask of \$1,984,196 from the General Revenue Fund (GRF) in each fiscal year. As Ohio's Chief Elections Officer, Secretary LaRose and his office are critical to ensuring the accuracy, security, and accessibility of elections. This allocation will help ensure that Ohio's elections are secure today and in the future through increased cyber security capacity, and it will provide critical training to poll workers.

ASK IN BOTH HOUSES: Support the Secretary of State's Budget in full.

➤ **SLOW DOWN EFFORTS TO REDUCE POLL WORKERS**

SB 22 would permit boards of elections to reduce the minimum number of poll workers from four to two in multi-precinct polling locations that utilize electronic poll books. Poll workers are integral to ensuring our elections run smoothly, but we are concerned that this change will result in long lines or otherwise negatively impact voters. We share the common goal of using technology to create government efficiencies and save costs. We also acknowledge that poll worker recruitment can be challenging--but instead of reducing the required number of poll workers, the Ohio legislature needs to better incentivize service.

ASK IN THE HOUSE: Pause SB 22 and improve poll worker incentives.

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