

2019 LWV Ohio Statehouse Day State Policy Speed Dating Panel Summary

Panel discussed talking points to address with legislators that afternoon.

Jen Miller

- Senate Bill 30: Commission to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment; would support public programming that will encourage all Ohioans to remember that their right to vote is sacred and a civic duty. Thank Senate for passing SB30. Ask House to vote yes on SB 30. E
- Encourage both Houses to introduce and pass Automatic Voter registration legislation. Such a law would streamline and modernize voter roll maintenance.
- Encourage both Houses to support Secretary of State LaRose's budget for 2020-2021 to improve elections . These funds will help ensure that Ohio's elections are secure today and in the future through increased cyber security capacity and will provide critical training to poll workers.
- Ask both Houses to pause SB 22 which would reduce poll workers. Instead of reducing the number of poll workers due to the difficulty of having enough workers it is suggested to have better incentive to serve.

Peggy Berry

- Encouraged the League members, when talking to Legislators, to encourage a NO vote on SB23. This bill prohibits abortions once a heartbeat is detected. The League is against the bill because we believe it is a personal choice and there are no exceptions.
- Ask both chambers for a NO vote on Bill SB 33 would expand definitions of "criminal trespass", "criminal mischief", "critical infrastructure facility", and "economic harm". The law would penalize whistleblowers and those posting signs for events.
- Ask more people get involved in protecting our environment.

Sarah Warner

- When talking to your legislators, encourage them to vote yes on HB 60 and HB 19. These bills would eliminate taxes on feminine hygiene products (HB19) and diapers (HB 60).
- Ask all legislators to vote yes on SB 43. This would increase domestic violence prohibitions. Passage of SB 43 strengthens the ability of the judiciary to restrict firearms access for offenders convicted of domestic violence. The bill also adds increased penalties for strangulation.

Susie Kaeser

- In 2015 the Legislature passed HB 70, which added high stakes testing to local schools. Those not meeting state standards were put under state control. HB 124 would return control to the local schools. Also vote yes on HB 154 that would halt Distress Commission process.