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MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK IN SC: SEC VOTER ROLLS

This is a reminder that a House ad hoc oversight committee will take public testimony on June 30 at 9:00 AM in Room 110 of the Blatt Building on SEC maintenance of South Carolina's voter registration rolls. Those who wish to testify must sign up on-line. Full information, including the method of submitting written testimony, is available [HERE](#). Written testimony can be submitted instead of, or in addition to, oral testimony.

An updated LWVSC background document on the SC voter rolls is posted [HERE](#). LWVSC written testimony is posted [HERE](#).

Oral testimony must fit within the 3-minute limit imposed by the committee. Written testimony can be submitted by email to the committee at HCommLegOv@schouse.gov. Written testimony can be an alternative to oral testimony but may also be submitted to expand on oral testimony.

The League is making the following recommendations:

1. No change should be made that would increase the probability that a voter will be removed from the active voter rolls in error.
2. The error-prone practice of using voting frequency backed up by documents sent through the US Postal Service as an indicator of voter movement should be ended immediately.

3. There should be a statutory mandate to provide voter registration information and assistance to persons who are leaving incarceration or who have been legally declared mentally competent.
4. The practice of providing inactive as well as active voter lists through electronic poll books must be continued, both as a sound practice and as a matter of conformity with federal court rulings.
5. Poll workers should be required to tell voters who have been removed from the active voter list that they remain on the inactive list and can vote immediately.

Any future meetings of the committee may be devoted to committee discussion, so the June 30 hearing may be the only opportunity for public oral testimony. Please speak out on the importance of maintaining voter access to the ballot.

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