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## MDW SC Update: Elections and Constitutional Conventions in the General Assembly this Week

# Convention of States Resolutions

This is urgently important. The Convention of States Resolution, H.3205, has been forwarded to full Senate Judiciary with a favorable recommendation, accompanied by partner bill S. 887.

If passed, H. 3205 would add South Carolina to the states calling for a federal constitutional convention under Article V of the U. S. Constitution. At this time, 17 of the 34 states needed have passed these resolutions. For information on the very great dangers posed by the uncertainties of an Article V convention and by the ultimate goals of the effort, please see a League background document and testimony from House and Senate at <https://my.lwv.org/south-carolina-state/legislative-advocacy/2021-22-effective-accountable-government-advocacy>.

The League's current action alert is posted at <https://my.lwv.org/south-carolina-state/action-alert/feb-22-h3205-constitutional-convention>. Please ask your members to reach out to their senators and ask for a NO vote on H.3205 and S.887.

## H.4919

The House Judiciary Committee meeting was to address this early voting bill this week, but the meeting was ended abruptly by the illness of the Chair, Rep. Chris Murphy. No information is currently available about rescheduling.

H. 4919 would provide two weeks of no-excuse early voting while making other changes in excused absentee voting. Amendments in subcommittee successfully addressed some of the most significant issues in the original bill, especially in polling place locations and ID requirements. The bipartisan cooperation leading to this is very much appreciated.

Some issues remain. For example, election officials have concerns about additions made to the bill in subcommittee that would affect aspects of election administration.

We continue to hope that this voter-friendly bill will move successfully through the legislative process. However, in the past 10 years we have seen promising no-excuse early voting bills become vehicles for very undesirable election changes as they move forward, ultimately leading to rejection by voting rights advocates and by failure of the bills. It remains to be seen whether H. 4919 will avoid these pitfalls. There is a long way to go.

## **H.3444**

H. 3444 remains in Senate Judiciary without action.

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