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S. 95, Constitutional Amendment for the Comptroller General to be Appointed by the Governor

The League of Women Voters of South Carolina supports more effective implementation of state policies through appointment of the Comptroller General by the governor, subject to legislative approval.

The League also supports giving the governor the power to remove the appointee in this office for cause, without legislative consultation.

These are long-standing positions of the League, paralleling similar positions for several other constitutional officers. They were adopted following statewide study by League members, who found that the need to ensure a high level of professional qualifications and performance in this highly technical position is best met by appointment in consultation with the legislature rather than by popular election. The ability to remove an individual who fails to meet the high professional standards required in this position is also crucial. Recent events support the League's assessment.

We urge this subcommittee to forward this bill with a favorable report.

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