



# FORGING THE FUTURE

MAY 16 & 17, 2025 STATE CONVENTION, GREENVILLE, SC



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

# Pre-Convention Event

## LWVSC Program Planning

### May 14, 2025

## **Points to cover:**

- **Overview of “Program” and “Program Planning”**
- **Board-recommended policy position changes**
- **Recommended priorities for educational purposes**
- **General mention of non-recommended changes**
- **Q&A**

# What is the League's "Program"?

It's our education and advocacy platform. It includes:

- our policy positions and
- our priorities for action, advocacy and education

At the state level, our policy positions are in our "Program & Action Agenda" document.

One way to think of it is that our “Program” is our plan of action – it’s what we’re about, and what we plan to focus on and do.

We consider and adopt a state-level “Program” every 2 years at our state convention.

# What is “Program Planning”?

It's how we arrive at adopting our Program every 2 years.  
It primarily involves:

- Local Leagues send feedback to the LWVSC about state-level policy positions and priorities
- The LWVSC board decides on and communicates its recommended policy position changes and priorities

# **What are local Leagues asked to do as part of Program Planning?**

**Three things:**

- **Evaluate existing policy positions**
- **Decide if they want to propose a “study”**
- **Submit their top-three proposed priorities for educational purposes**

# Policy Position Evaluation: *What* is it?

For all of our existing policy positions, local Leagues are asked whether they should be (1) retained as they are, (2) dropped or (3) revised.

Note: Any substantive revisions to add or remove elements of policy positions can only be made after a “study”.

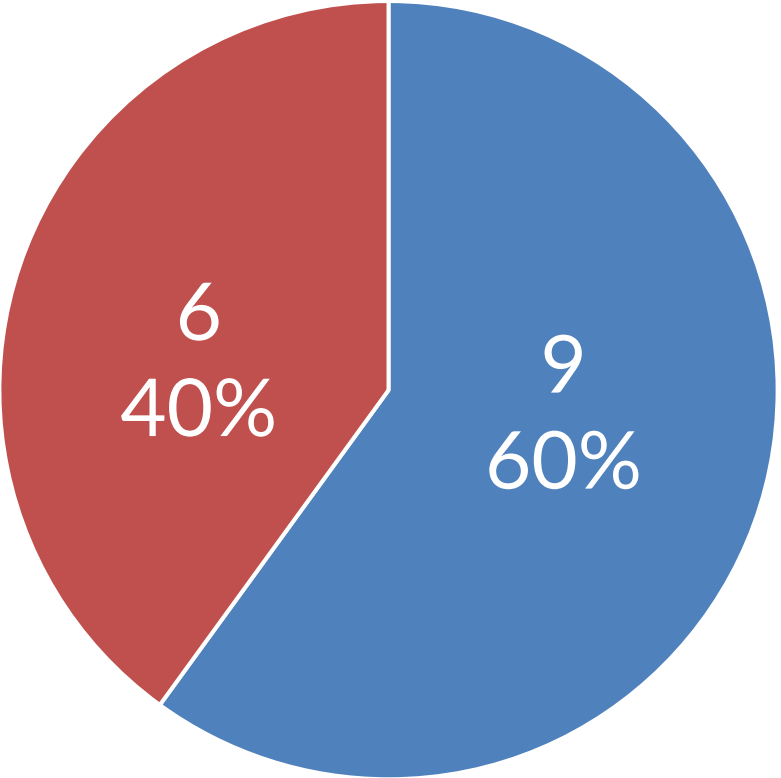
# Policy Position Evaluation: *Why*?

Without a system for checking in on our policy positions, they can easily become irrelevant. “Program Planning” is our check-in system.



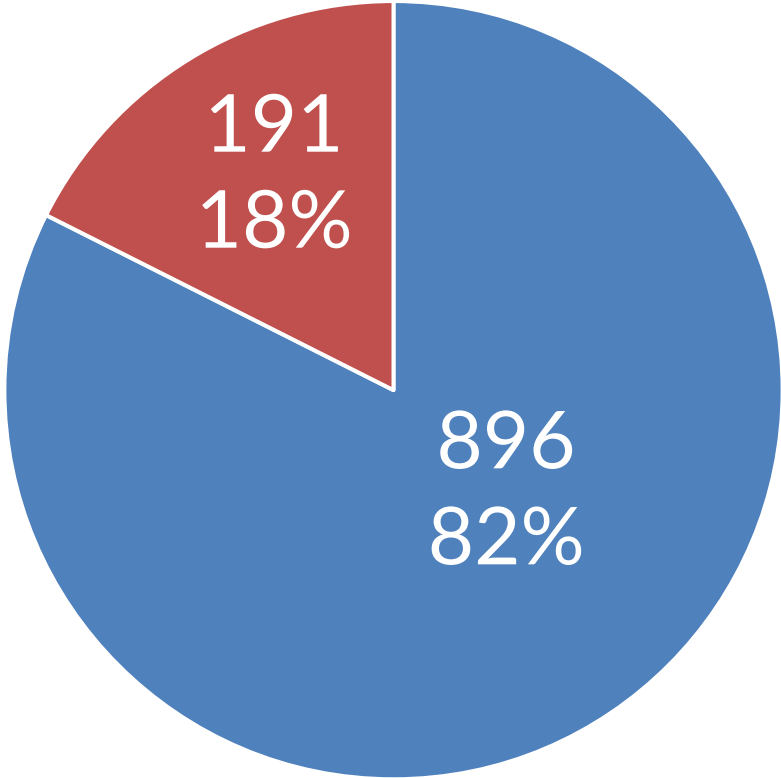
# Local League Participation – 2025 Program Planning

Participating Leagues



■ Participating ■ Non-Participating

Participating Members



■ Participating ■ Non-Participating

# LWVSC Board Recommendations

## Program Planning 2025

# Board Recommendation R1:

Adding the following to “Electoral Democracy – Election Management”:

15. Having election and voting systems that are candidate-neutral (for example, using randomized candidate order on ballots where practical).  
*(Based on suggestion from Oconee-Pickens)*

# Board Recommendation R2:

Deleting the current language in item #2 of “Effective and Accountable Government – Executive and Regulatory” and replacing it with new language as follows:

~~2. Appointment by the governor, subject to legislative approval, of the following government officials: Secretary of State, Treasurer, Comptroller General, Attorney General, and Commissioner of Agriculture.~~

2(a) Appointment by the governor of offices that are primarily administrative or functional in nature, currently including the offices of Secretary of State, Comptroller General and Adjutant General.

2(b) Direct election by voters of offices that have substantial policy-making authority and/or that serve particular constituencies, currently including the offices of Superintendent of Education, Attorney General, and Commissioner of Agriculture.

2(c) Establishment by the General Assembly of appropriate required qualifications of educational, professional and experience-related accomplishment for each of the constitutional offices (i.e., Superintendent of Education, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Comptroller General, Commissioner of Agriculture and Adjutant General).

## Board Recommendation R3:

Deleting item #2 of “Human Services – Education – Governance – Early Childhood (EC) through grade 12” and renumbering the rest of the section accordingly:

~~2. Gubernatorial appointment of the State Superintendent of Education, with the advice and consent of the General Assembly. The appointee must have substantial administrative and/or teaching experience of P K-12 public education.~~

## Board Recommendation R4:

Modifying item #1 of “Human Rights and Human Services – Health Care” as follows:

1. Support for a basic level of equitable, inclusive quality care has been affirmed by the LWVUS. LWVSC supports access to this basic level of quality health care, which should include, at a minimum, preventive care, mental health care, adequate access in rural areas, prescription drug coverage, contributions (e.g., premiums, deductibles, and co-pays) based on income, and access to children’s health care.

*(Based on suggestion from Charleston)*

## Board Recommendation R5:

Modifying item #3 of “Environmental Policy – Natural Resources” as follows:

3. Independent safety oversight at federal or state nuclear facilities.  
*(Charleston)*

## Board Recommendation R6:

Deleting item #9 of “Environmental Policy – Natural Resources” :

~~9. Changes in state law to remove the mandate for the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to carry out conflicting missions: protection of public health and the environment and promotion of economic development. Similar changes should be made in the SC Atomic Energy Act. (Charleston)~~



# Recommended Priorities for Educational Purposes

- **Electoral Democracy**  
(voter rights, access and services, redistricting, etc.)
- **Education**
- **Health Care**

# Non-Recommended Items

**Common reasons for the LWVSC Board not to recommend proposed items were:**

- The issue was already covered by existing national or state policy**
- The proposed change was so substantial that it would require a study**

# Any questions?