

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
Resolution Submission Form**

**Name of League:** LWV San Antonio Area

**Resolution:**

LWVTX write a letter to the Senate Public Education and House Education Committees recommending that a bill be passed supporting the teaching of age-appropriate, comprehensive, science-based sex education in Texas public schools and to eliminate the "no promo homo law" that currently exists in Texas sex education so that sex education can be fully comprehensive science-based sex education in Texas public schools, and to eliminate "no promo homo" law that currently exists in Texas sex education so that sex education can be fully comprehensive.

**Name of position:**

"LWV US believes that access to health care includes ... health and sex education programs."

"LWV TX position on health care for those of lesser means also supports advocacy for access to comprehensive reproductive health services."

**Background information:**

Several bills were proposed during the 85<sup>th</sup> legislature that would have required an abstinence-only curriculum; several were also proposed advocating a science-based sex education curriculum. Neither gained traction.

**Evidence that the issue is a current legislative priority:**

A quarter of Texas public schools no longer teach sex education. Nearly 60 percent of Texas public school districts used an abstinence-only sex education curriculum, and a quarter taught no sex education at all, according to a study released from the Texas Freedom Network.

**Evidence that the issue is time sensitive and requires Texas state government action:**

Texas' teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease rates continue to be high. Because Texas has avoided mandating that schools teach science-based sex education, districts and schools have the option to avoid teaching children how to prevent pregnancies and the spread of disease or to provide unscientifically sound curricula that advocate abstinence only (which multiple studies note does not work) or outright false information, such as that various birth control methods cause cancer.

**Address the resolution to:** (Mark all that apply)

- The Governor
- The Lieutenant Governor
- The Speaker of the House
- **Other:** members of the Senate Public Education and House Education Committees

Please note that the original wording of the resolution was amended at the convention.