



Appendix C: Steps for League Studies

Excerpt from 10 Steps* to a League Study by LWV of Ohio

Step 1: Interested members check to see if there is already a local, state, or national League position that will allow the League to take action.

Step 2: Interested members let the Board know that they want a new Study on a topic. The Board asks the membership.

Step 3: If the members agree, a Study committee is formed.

Step 4: The committee undertakes the Study, gathering materials on all sides of the issue.

Step 5: The committee, usually after Board approval, shares their information with the members.

Step 6: The committee develops a set of consensus questions, and the Board approves them.

Step 7: Members are invited to take part in the agreement process (consensus or concurrence).

Step 8: The committee drafts new League position statements based on the consensus.

Step 9: The Board agrees that consensus was reached and approves the new language.

Step 10: The League can take action using the new position statements.

** Seriously, 10? Why so many? Can't the board just say, "Let's do it"?*

Well, that's the beauty and the frustration of the League. We are a true grassroots organization, and the study topics and position statements bubble up from the members themselves. That can sometimes take a long time. On the other hand, this process allows for true member participation, education, and buy-in, making our positions stronger and our actions more powerful.