



# 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.*