

Procedure for Resolutions

- a. Resolutions express the will of the convention and are not intended to modify a position. Resolutions shall conform to *all* of the following criteria:
 - 1) Be within League program.
 - 2) Not circumvent the program process.
 - 3) Involve a single, short-term action by this Convention.
 - 4) Deal with a topical, current, time-sensitive issue.
 - 5) Be pertinent to Texas.
- b. Procedure for Submission
 - 1) A resolution may be proposed by a League or a delegate by completing and submitting the required Resolution Submission form (a) online or (b) to the convention registration desk by 12 noon on the day of the first plenary.
 - 2) The League offering the resolution shall have registered Convention delegate(s).
- c. The Resolutions Committee
 - 1) Shall have been appointed by the LWVTX president at least 4 weeks prior to Convention, consisting of two members of the LWVTX Board of Directors and three registered Convention delegates who have either served on the board of the LWVUS, LWVTX, or a local League.
 - 2) Shall meet after the submission deadline to consider whether each proposed resolution meets the requirements as to form, notice, and criteria.
 - 3) Criteria for Committee Approval of Proposed Resolutions. The proposed resolution must conform to *all* of the following criteria:
 - (a) Requires time-sensitive state governmental action.
 - (b) Addresses a single topic or issue.
 - (c) Is consistent with League bylaws, Principles, and current League positions in the LWVTX *Program Perspectives* and the LWVUS *Impact on Issues*.
 - (d) Is consistent with League positions, and the corresponding position is identified on the proposed Resolution Submission Form.
 - (e) Is consistent with the current stated legislative priorities.
 - (f) Is likely to have an impact on the single topic or issue as described on the Resolutions Submission Form.
 - (g) Can be implemented using existing League resources.
 - 4) The representative of the League submitting the proposed resolution shall have an opportunity to explain the resolution to the Resolutions Committee if the representative so requests.
 - 5) Resolutions recommended and not recommended by the Resolutions Committee shall be posted by 8 a.m. on the second day of the Convention.
- d. Procedure for Adoption of Resolutions
 - 1) Debate and action on proposed resolutions shall take place after action on the proposed program, concurrences, and not-recommended program items at the second plenary.
 - 2) The chair of the Resolutions Committee shall report the Committee finding on all submitted proposed resolutions to Convention at the second plenary.
 - 3) *Recommended resolutions.* Any proposed resolution recommended by the Resolutions Committee may then be moved for Convention consideration by a delegate of the League that submitted it. A majority vote shall be required to adopt a recommended proposed resolution.
 - 4) *Not-recommended resolutions.* Any proposed resolution not recommended by the Resolutions Committee may be moved by any delegate. Presentation shall be limited to 3 minutes. Any delegate may request a statement from the Resolutions Committee giving the reasons for not recommending it. A two-thirds vote shall be required to adopt a not-recommended resolution.

Examples of Resolutions from Past Conventions

- A. LWVTX write a letter to the Texas State Board of Education recommending that (a) coverage of voting responsibility and the practical aspects of voting are included in the government curriculum, and (b) a minimum of 5% of the questions in mandatory or discretionary end-of-course government tests address voting and elections. (2014)
- B. LWVTX write a letter to members of the Texas House Homeland Security and Public Safety Interim Committee urging repeal of the Texas Driver Responsibility Program that involves traffic surcharges on fines relating to driving without a current inspection sticker, driving with expired insurance/no insurance, etc. This practice is double jeopardy in fines and has a disproportionate impact on the work poor, particularly women. (2014)
- C. LWVTX members, acting as individuals, encourage their federal elected officials to support comprehensive immigration reform that would provide for family reunification; meet the economic, business, and employment needs of the United States; and ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. Publish this resolution in the next *TEXAS VOTER*. (2010)
- D. LWVTX write letters to the chairs of the Texas legislative committees responsible for dedicated funds during their fall 2010 budget meetings, urging them to reserve dedicated funds for their original purposes, not to bolster the General Fund. (2010)
- E. LWVTX submit comments by June 2, 2010, to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service regarding a Habitat Conservation Plan being formulated by the Aquifer Recovery Implementation Program. (2010)