

Testimony

House Privileges and Elections Sub-Committee on Campaign Finance January 31, 2024

HB111

President and Vice President; binding of electors; filling vacancies

The League of Women Voters considers HB 111 to be essential. We need a Code chapter prescribing the processes and requirements for selecting and, if necessary, replacing electors for president and vice president of the United States, as well as setting forth their duties.

HB907

Voting equipment and systems; State Board approval process, printed receipt for cast ballot

The League of Women Voters strongly urges you to reject this bill. Ballots would no longer be secret. Receipts showing how voters voted would open our elections to bribery and fraud. In addition, the cost of new voting machines that are capable of printing receipts would be exorbitant, since they do not now exist.

HB1314

Political campaign advertisements; advertisements sponsored by a person or nonparty committee

The League of Women Voters supports HB 1314. Voters should be able to easily see that a sample ballot is in fact a "Sample Ballot," and know who or

what entity authorizes and pays for them. Otherwise, sample ballots can mislead voters.

HB1441

Voter registration; proof of citizenship

The League of Women voters strongly opposes HB 1441. Many citizens do not have proof of citizenship and asking them to find it to register to vote is an impediment to voting. The League conducts voter registration drives. We do not see too many people carry around their birth certificates. It also discriminates against people who can't afford to travel overseas easily and do not have passports. There is no evidence that non-citizens vote in any remotely significant numbers; this is another unfounded conspiracy theory. This bill would suppress voting by legitimate, qualified voters. The League of Women Voters opposes this bill because it suppresses voting. There is no evidence that noncitizens attempt to vote except in rare, one-off situations. Those who do are generally caught and lose their right to vote. Voter fraud is a felony.