



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WARREN COUNTY



## **Warren County League of Women Voters Election Reform/Voting Rights Study**

### **Consensus Statements**

LWVWC with LWVPA supports effective election laws that guarantee a citizen's right to vote, ensure that elections are accessible, transparent, fair, and secure, promoted universal voter participation, and provide voters with meaningful choices when they go to the polls.

LWVPA has supported bills which are now law, including registration by mail and the use of electronic voting devices, and laws to make it easier for the disabled and the elderly to vote.

With emphasis on current voting rights challenges, Warren County League of Women voters has completed a study to determine consensus statements to evaluate and restate our position on current voting rights legislation.

**Consensus Statements** – Statements and percentages reflecting 16 attending membership votes.

#### **Voter Registration**

The League of Women Voters of Warren County supports Pennsylvania's current voter registration and the addition of Automatic Voter Registration with the choice to opt out.

94% agree

#### **Early and Mail-In Voting**

The LWVWC supports no-excuse mail-in voting and early voting options, specifically including the options created by PA Act 77 of 2019, as useful tools for guaranteeing a citizen's right to vote, ensuring that elections are accessible and secure, and promoting universal voter participation.

94% agree (comment – Strongly agree with no-excuse mail-in voting. I support the type of early voting where someone can enter either "their" polling place or the more likely registered common polling places and physically vote how they would vote election day")

The LWVWC supports universal mail-in voting, through which all PA registered voters would automatically receive a ballot in the mail that they could mail in or return in person to the Board of Elections (or drop boxes if they exist).

88% agree      12% disagree

#### **Drop Boxes**

The LWVWC recommends the use of Drop Boxes to be another secure and convenient way more citizens can vote in elections.

88% agree with 12% neutral (Neutral vote comment – “This may be really important in cities, but I think the logistics in our rural area approach impossible.”)

## **Voter ID**

The LWVWC supports requiring strict voter ID, using a government issued type of photo identification.

63% disagree, 12% agree, 25% no vote

The LWVWC supports requiring non-strict voter ID, such as a driver’s license, student ID, employee ID, non-photo ID issued by government, current paycheck, current utility bill, etc.

50% agree, 31% disagree, 19% no vote

The LWVWC supports only requiring a voter who is voting at a polling place for the first time to present ID. (current practice).

82% agree, 18% no vote

This study was completed in May 2022. Since that time some state legislators have proposed changes to the election laws that restrict accessibility and limit universal voter participation. An example is Senate Bill 106 that would require presentation of a government ID at every election. Attached is the complete study that will be available on the LWV Warren County website in October and presented to the public in January.