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Please complete and return this form to the LWVMD Program Chair Elaine Apter (aptere@verizon.net or 3210 N. Leisure World Blvd. #321, Silver Spring, MD 20906) by April 21, 2014. Do not send to the League office. Be certain that your board has affirmed whether your members did or did not reach consensus on each question. Also, please include both majority and minority opinions.

League: _____ Date: _____

Number of Members participating: ____ Recorder's Name: _____

Recorder's Phone #: _____ Recorder's Email: _____

ELECTION PROCESS STUDY UPDATE, PART II: CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

1. Should the Maryland State Board of Elections have the authority to develop and maintain a Permanent Absentee List?

Consensus For ____ Against ____ No Consensus ____ Majority/Minority Comments:

If consensus for #1, answer 1A. If no consensus or consensus against #1, go to question 1C.

1A. Do you support a Permanent Absentee List where the voters on the list receive an absentee ballot for elections?

Consensus For ____ Against ____ No Consensus ____ Majority/Minority Comments:

If no consensus OR consensus against #1A, go to question 1B; otherwise go to #2.

1B. Do you support a Permanent Absentee List where the voters on the list receive an absentee ballot application for elections?

Consensus For ____ Against ____ No Consensus ____ Majority/Minority Comments:

1C. Should absentee voters be required to apply to receive an absentee ballot for each election cycle (both Primary and General)? [This would mean no Permanent Absentee List.]

Consensus For ____ Against ____ No Consensus ____ Majority/Minority Comments:

2. Should LWVMD support having a requirement that signatures on absentee ballots be verified before being accepted for counting?

Consensus For ____ Against ____ No Consensus ____ Majority/Minority Comments:

3. Should voters have access in the polling place to personally-procured [or provided] information and materials (e.g. sample ballots, voters' guide, campaign literature) to assist in marking the ballot?

Consensus For ____ Against ____ No Consensus ____ Majority/Minority Comments:

If consensus for #3, answer 3A. If no consensus or consensus against #3, go to Concurrence Question #1.

3A. Should these materials be available in any format accessible to the voter?

Consensus For _____ Against _____ No Consensus _____ Majority/Minority Comments:

If no consensus OR consensus against 3A, go to question 3B.

3B. Should these materials be restricted to a paper format?

Consensus For _____ Against _____ No Consensus _____ Majority/Minority Comments:

CONCURRENCE QUESTIONS:

1. We support the option to use Instant Runoff Voting for single seat or executive office elections, both at the county and local level. This would require the winner to receive a majority of the votes cast.

Consensus For _____ Against _____ No Consensus _____ Majority/Minority Comments:

2. To fill vacancies in any county offices, when special elections are held, we support a single election requiring a candidate to receive a majority of votes (using Instant Runoff Voting) instead of conducting both special political party primaries and a special general election.

Consensus For _____ Against _____ No Consensus _____ Majority/Minority Comments:

3. We support using a single election, instead of both a primary and general, which requires a majority of votes (using Instant Runoff Voting) in order to be elected to a nonpartisan position. The election should be concurrent with the general election.

Consensus For _____ Against _____ No Consensus _____ Majority/Minority Comments:

4. We believe all voting equipment (hardware and software) for use in Maryland should allow alternative ways of casting and counting ballots and be usable for all county and municipal elections.

Consensus For _____ Against _____ No Consensus _____ Majority/Minority Comments:

Comments or Questions for the Resource Committee:

Direction or comment to the Board from the League:
