

Concurrence Form



Death With Dignity Study 2018

The League of Women Voters of Maryland Death with Dignity Study Group has reviewed the history as well as much of the pro and con literature about DWD from its inception to the current day and summarized it in the DWD Study Fact Sheet.

We propose a concurrence process with the League of Women Voters of Utah who completed an in-depth study in 2016 and formed a position on this important topic.

Having a position on DWD would enable the League of Women Voters of Maryland to speak on the topic when a bill is introduced in the 2019 Maryland General Assembly legislative session.

The League of Women Voters of Utah released a two-point consensus position statement based on their 2016 Death with Dignity study. The study provided information about laws in the five states that were currently allowing terminally ill persons to request physician aid in dying, as well as a detailed history of death with dignity through the ages.

CONCURRENCE QUESTION

League members throughout Maryland are involved in this study and may respond to the question differently from your local League. Concurrence is Yes or No as written. Please give us your opinion on the question so statewide consensus can be determined.

CONCURRENCE QUESTION: Should the League of Women Voters of Maryland concur with the Death with Dignity consensus position as written?

League of Women Voters of Utah (LWVUT) position states:

1. The League of Women Voters of Utah believes state laws should grant the option for a terminally ill person to request medical assistance from a relevant, licensed physician to end one's life.
2. The League of Women Voters of Utah believes such legislation should include safeguards against abuse for the dying and/or medical personnel.

_____ **Support concurrence with LWVUT Death with Dignity position statement**
_____ **Oppose concurrence with LWVUT Death with Dignity position statement**

The complete LWVUT Death with Dignity study can be found: http://lwvutah.org/studies/DeathwithDignity_Final%201-19-16.pdf

LWVMD Death with Dignity supporting documents, background materials, and resources are available online at: https://www.lwvmd.org/fact_sheets

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