



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TENNESSEE

2018 LWVTN LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY ISSUES

ELECTIONS: SUPPORT FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

- Increase access to voting.
- Lessen the discriminatory effects of the Photo ID law and support its repeal.
- Support an open and independent redistricting process.

OPEN GOVERNMENT: ENSURE CITIZEN ACCESS

- Support open government through access to public records, open meetings, public notice by printed and electronic means, and general government transparency.
- Support right to take electronic photos of public records.
- Support transparency and accountability of privatization through feasibility studies and follow up evaluations to ensure clear savings and comparable service.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE: SUPPORT REVENUES AND ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Support safety net services, such as mental health, child protection, disability and food services.
- Oppose privatization of core government services that ensure the common good or protect basic needs.
- Oppose reduction of revenue sources without replacing them with other sources of revenue.
- Support multi-source long term funding for transportation including regional mass transit.
- Support vigorous collection of out-of-state sales and other taxes.

EDUCATION: PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION

- Support the policies and funding needed to provide quality public education, pre-k through high school.
- Oppose public funding of for-profit charter schools or their management by for-profit companies.
- Oppose public funding of private school vouchers.

HEALTH CARE REFORM: ASSURE COMPREHENSIVE, AFFORDABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE HEALTH CARE OPTIONS FOR ALL TENNESSEANS

- Oppose repeal of the Affordable Care Act and efforts to undermine its implementation; carefully evaluate proposed changes to this law.
- Support the enrollment of eligible, uninsured Tennesseans in ACA health plans or TennCare.
- Maintain the current level of TennCare benefits for children, families, and disabled adults; and expand TennCare to include all adults with income up to 138% of poverty.
- Study other proposed options to assure comprehensive and affordable health coverage for all Tennesseans.

ENVIRONMENT: SUPPORT FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE AIR, LAND, AND WATER QUALITY

- Restrict mining of natural resources that harms the human and natural environments.
- Restrict discharge of toxic substances into the air, land, or waters.
- Support development of infrastructure for renewable, sustainable energy.

IMMIGRATION: ENSURE THAT IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES ARE TREATED FAIRLY

- Support policy changes that allow Tennessee immigrant youth fair access to higher education.