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LWV of Tennessee celebrates delay of possible voter registration restrictions

New civil and criminal penalties for registering voters blocked until 2021 trial

Nashville, Tenn.—Following a decision from a federal judge Thursday, organizations working to register voters in Tennessee will do so unimpeded through 2020. The state’s restrictions on registering voters will be blocked until February 2021—the trial date set to address two challenges to the law.

In September, U.S. District Judge Aleta Trauger issued a preliminary injunction in the case challenging a recently passed Tennessee law that leveled civil fines and criminal penalties on organizations that register voters. The state has not appealed that decision.

Removing barriers

“This delay is a victory for Tennessee voters,” said **Marian Ott, president of the League of Women Voters of Tennessee**. “The League can continue to register voters without threat of penalties and communicate with voters without cumbersome and chilling disclosure requirements.”

Tennessee is ranked 44th in the nation for voter registration. The League of Women Voters of Tennessee urges the state to remove barriers to voting rather than add restrictions.

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