



2026 Policy One-Pager

The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania (LWVPA) is dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy. In 2026, we will focus on key policy priorities, including, voting rights and election protection, open primaries and fair representation. These priorities reflect our mission to foster a vibrant, inclusive democracy that represents all Pennsylvanians while remaining flexible to address emerging issues as they arise.

Protect Voters & Expand Access to the Ballot

Pennsylvania voters deserve an election system where every eligible vote counts. The League of Women Voters of PA supports statewide adoption of:

- “Notice and Cure” to allow voters to correct minor errors on mail ballots—such as a missing date or signature—so eligible voters are not disenfranchised by technical mistakes.
- Pre-canvassing of mail ballots, allowing counties to begin processing mail ballots before Election Day to improve efficiency, reduce delays in results, and prevent ballot rejection due to administrative constraints.
- Universal access to secure ballot drop boxes so voters can return their ballots safely, conveniently, and on time.
- Protect the fundamental right to vote with passage of a Pennsylvania Voting Rights Act.

Open Pennsylvania’s Primary Elections

Nearly 1.4 million Pennsylvania voters are registered as independents or unaffiliated, yet they are barred from voting in primary elections that are funded by taxpayers and often determine election outcomes.

- The League supports opening partisan primaries so that unaffiliated and third-party voters can choose which primary in which to participate, thereby fully participating in publicly funded primary elections

Redistricting and Fair Representation

The current redistricting process leads to partisanship in Harrisburg, treats voters unequally, and contributes to gridlock in the PA legislature.

- Promote a nonpartisan redistricting process that is governed by transparency and equity to ensure that the population is fairly represented.
- Provide strong, prioritized, and clear criteria for map-drawing, including keeping counties, municipalities, and communities of interest together, limiting population deviations, and ensuring districts are compact, contiguous, and geographically coherent.
- The League supports adoption of popular initiative and referendum in Pennsylvania with certain requirements and safeguards.
- Combat corruption and undue influence in government by supporting campaign finance/money in politics regulations that enhance political equality for all citizens, ensure transparency, and protects representative democracy from distortion by undisclosed contributions and big money.