

League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy. 2025 Policy One-Pager

In 2025, the League of Women Voters of PA remains committed to strengthening democracy by focusing on key priorities. As we navigate an ever-changing and divided political climate, our efforts will center on nonpartisan election administration and funding, voting integrity, representation, social policy, and environmental sustainability. While this summary outlines our primary areas of focus, it is not exhaustive and does not preclude action on other important issues. These priorities reflect where we anticipate dedicating our time and resources to foster a more inclusive, resilient, and responsive democracy.

Election Administration and Funding

- Adequately fund, staff, and equip election offices at the state and county levels, including in the state budget to support modern operations and adequate systems to comply with requirements.
- Authorize pre-canvassing of ballots to allow for more efficient election administration.
- Support Notice and Cure policies and systems, which would facilitate the curing
 of ballots that have clerical or administrative errors and to reduce the number of
 voters who are disenfranchised due to technical errors.
- Adopt the use of ballot drop boxes and/or Satellite Election Offices (SEO) in every county.
- Ensure officials uphold their duty to defend our democracy by honoring the will of the voters and acting to combat mis- or disinformation.

Voting

- Allow in-person early voting, which would improve access and convenience for every eligible voter, including how and when they are able to cast their ballots.
- Oppose hurdles to voting, such as unnecessarily restrictive voter ID rules and hard-to-understand absentee/mail voting rules.
- Continue advocating for removing the date requirement on mail-in ballots, which
 is immaterial to the act of voting and results in thousands of ballots being thrown
 out each election cycle.



Representation

- Promote a nonpartisan redistricting process that is governed by transparency and equity to ensure that the population is fairly represented.
- Adopt an open or modified-open primary election system that grants equal participation to all registered voters, including unaffiliated voters.
- Advocate for adoption of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact in the Commonwealth.

Social Policy

- **Healthcare**: Protect the right to make private healthcare decisions without interference from the government. In particular, support the constitutional right of privacy of individuals to make reproductive choices.
- **Education**: Ensure a quality public education system for every child in Pennsylvania, which rests on an increase of state funding for k-12 education and distributing this funding equitably.
- **Gun Safety:** Enact reasonable gun control laws, including limiting the accessibility regulating ownership of weapons by private citizens, in order to reduce the incidence of gun violence, gun accidents, and gun-assisted suicide.

Environmental Policy

- Addressing Climate Change: Ensure the passage of much-needed policies to reduce dependence on fossil fuels either via Pennsylvania participation in RGGI, or a reasonable alternative, to preserve environmental sustainability across the state.
- **Environmental Protection:** Protect our air, water, and land and actively work to combat the effects of climate change through legislation and policy.
- Environmental Justice: Ensure the meaningful involvement of all citizens in environmental policy decisions, the equitable treatment/consideration for frontline communities, and mindfulness of environmental decisions on public health.