LWV is switching to a new member portal for all Leagues across the country effective February 1, 2025. There is no action that members need to take right now, but we want to provide you with an overview of what these changes mean for you.

This year, you will still renew in the usual way. When the system launches in January 2025, you will receive an email to log in to the portal, but you will not be asked to renew again until a year after your most recent renewal. You will be given the option to sign up to auto-renew annually, and your membership will last a year after your last renewal. Once you have access to the portal, you will be able to update your own information, including contact information.

When it comes time to renew, you will receive an email reminder. With this change there will only be only Individual and Lifetime memberships. Under the new system Individual dues will be pay-what-you-can model with the recommended dues rate for all Leagues across the country at $75 (The minimum dues rate is $20).

Under the current system, LWV of Berrien & Cass Counties pays a fixed rate per member to LWV of Michigan League and to LWVUS. Under the new system, a percentage of dues will go to the state and national League. This means that when you renew, if you would like to make an additional **donation** directly to LWV of Berrien & Cass Counties as some members choose to do when they renew, you will need to make a separate contribution either by check made out to the LWVBCC or from the LWVBCC webpage. A higher dues amount benefits the League as a whole and allows us to offer the option of lower dues to increase our member base but does not exclusively support the local League.

There will still be the option to renew by check for members who don't use the internet, but members who are able to access the portal and renew that way are encouraged to do so.

On a member level, we hope these changes will make managing your membership easier. On a League level, this is expected to increase membership around the country and increase our ability to empower voters and defend democracy. We will keep you informed as we have new and relevant information.