

League of Women Voters® of Virginia

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Senate Joint Resolution 266 (Senator Lucas), which authorizes the General Assembly to provide by law for the restoration of civil rights for persons convicted of nonviolent felonies that have completed service of their sentences, has been sent to the full Senate floor after passing out of the Senate Privileges and Elections committee (10-Y, 5-N)!

It is important, now more than ever, to email or call your Senate member and urge them to vote in favor of this resolution.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia believes that the voting rights, of the over 400,000 felons in Virginia who are ineligible to vote, should be restored automatically upon the completion of the requirements of their sentence. Further, the process should be easy to understand, accessible, transparent and fair with information about the process made available to all.

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Update: We are pleased to let you know that another measure (SB 724) that would expand absentee voting to those 65 years and older has passed the Senate! It now heads to the House of Delegates where it will be heard in the Privileges and Elections committee. We will keep you updated as to when the bill will be before the committee so that you may contact your legislator and urge them to vote in favor of the bill.