

Discussion Questions

Election Laws Position Update, Part 2

The local Leagues are asked to determine whether the report supports the recommendations found at the end of each section. Your packet included a Feedback Form for collection of your input. To foster discussion, you may wish to use some or all of the questions below.

Section E – Ranked Choice Voting

1. Do you think RCV would be difficult to explain to voters?
2. Why do you think the plurality method of voting (first past the post) is so often used in the U.S.?
3. Have you ever lived and voted in a state or city with an electoral method that was not plurality?
4. Ranked choice voting methods are said to increase civility in elections since candidates have to campaign for second, third, and subsequent place choices. What impact do you think this would have on voters? ...on the many citizens who do not vote?
5. What is the impact on satisfaction of public service when the public servant is elected with less than 50% support from the constituent voters?
6. Have there been elections where you did not vote for a third-party candidate because you were concerned you were wasting your vote?

Section F – Voter Suppression

1. How does your definition/understanding of voter suppression compare with the description in the report?
2. Do you think voter suppression is a serious problem in the US? In Virginia?
3. For the November election, what method of voting did you use? (early in person, absentee via USPS, absentee via drop box, in person Nov 3). What was your experience like? Did you experience any problems (long lines, confusion, intimidation)?
4. Do you think early voting and mail voting could be ways to counter voter suppression?
5. What can be done to counteract disinformation? Who should be responsible for combatting disinformation?
6. What can and should the LWV do to counteract voter suppression?
7. Does the report and recommended addition of language to *Positioned for Action* help focus advocacy around voter suppression?

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General Questions

Does this study have the right amount of depth to facilitate your review and consideration? And to facilitate review by policymakers? If not, do you have feedback as to whether the study group should add detail or edit further to shorten the document?

Please comment on any of the study group recommendations that struck you, that you agree with, or that need revision.

What actions or advocacy would you like to see LWV-VA take in view of the information presented in this study?

Were you given enough information on this topic? Were you given enough time to consider it?

Is there something you would like to comment on that has not been mentioned?