

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MISSOURI

2010 – 2011 STATE PROGRAM POSITIONS IN BRIEF

GOVERNMENT

Constitutional Revision

Adopted 1941, Updated, 1962

Support of a permanent constitutional commission in addition to other methods for initiating constitutional change

Support of specific constitutional revisions to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of state government

County Home Rule

Adopted 01-08-1971

Support of measures to extend home rule to counties

Election Process

Conflict of Interest

Adopted 12-1978

Support of financial disclosure to expose potential conflicts of interest among public officials and candidates

Legislative Reform

Adopted 1964, Updated 1967

Support of measures to improve the organization and powers of the Missouri General Assembly

Support of standards for apportionment to make congressional and legislative districts as compact, contiguous, and as nearly equal in population as possible

Presidential Nominee Selection Process

Adopted 1970, Updated 1986

Support of measures to increase the informed participation of Missouri citizens in the selection of presidential nominees

Voting Rights

Adopted 1919, Updated 1966, 1970

Support of an accurate, efficient, accessible, accountable, and uniform election process

Support of measures to ensure a secret ballot

Support of absentee voting, advance voting and measures that facilitate participation in the election process

Adopted 2010

Fiscal Policy

Adopted 1940, Updated 1973, 2003

Support of a balanced and progressive tax system to finance necessary governmental services

Opposition to revenue and expenditure limits to control the growth of state government.

Fiscal policy should be in state statutes, rather than the Constitution.

JUSTICE

Judicial System

Adopted 1940, Updated 2007

Support of a flexible unified system of courts under the Supreme Court
Support of the Nonpartisan Court Plan and an improved system of
Selection, tenure and retirement of judges

Juvenile Justice

Adopted 1974, Updated 1987

Support of measures to insure a coordinated system of juvenile justice which
treats children fairly and effectively

NATURAL RESOURCES

Hazardous and Solid Waste

Adopted 1972, Updated 1987

Support of strong provisions to fulfill state and local government's responsibility for hazardous
and solid waste management

Land Use

Adopted 1976 Based on National Positions

Support for the adoption and implementation of long range land use plans and regulations by
state, county and municipal governments which incorporate sound policy development based
upon the goals, needs and resources of each locale. *Effective land use management requires
adequate financing, involvement of professional planners and increased public information
and participation. (LWV Washington)*

Water

Adopted 1958, Updated 1984

Support of a comprehensive water policy for Missouri, one that includes the public trust
doctrine

SOCIAL POLICY

Education

Adopted 1965, Updated 1970, 1974, 1983

Support for equal opportunity in education, access to quality programs and adequate financing.

Charter Schools

Adopted 1999, Updated 2007

The League does not support or oppose charter schools. Since Missouri law permits
Charter schools, the League supports criteria for governance and operations similar to
those of traditional public schools.

Family Planning

Adopted 1988 by Concurrence with Springfield/Green Co.

Support state family planning programs and educational programs about family planning
including funding for these programs.

Public Libraries

Adopted 2007

Support of a public library system as a basic community service with a long-term assured,
stable and adequate funding source.

Support of access by all persons to public library services as a major source of knowledge
and information necessary for informed, active participation in a democratic society.