

March 10, 2026

LOBBY CALL

136th General Assembly 119th US Congress

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LWVUS Statement About President's Unilateral Military Action in Iran

“The League of Women Voters is deeply concerned by the President’s decision to initiate unprovoked military action against Iran without prior congressional authorization.

“This is not about the character of any individual involved. It is about constitutional authority and the dangerous subversion of our system of checks and balances.

...

“But accountability does not start or stop in Washington. It lives with the American people.

“The 2026 primary elections begin tomorrow in Texas, Arkansas, and North Carolina. In moments like this, voters have the opportunity and the responsibility to evaluate whether their representatives are upholding the Constitution, asserting their authority, and protecting democratic checks and balances.”



Program Planning

June 25-28, 2026 Columbus, Ohio

National Convention Deadlines

- [Registration](#) and [hotel bookings](#) are now open. The early bird rate expires **March 31** and will not be extended.
- Learn about [delegate representation](#).
- [Program planning](#) responses are due **March 10**. League members can join the program planning Groups.io [here](#).
- [Breakout session/caucus applications](#) are due **March 31**.
- The LWVUS Board is [fundraising](#) to support scholarships to the Convention. [Applications](#) for scholarships are due **March 31**. Leagues are also encouraged to engage in their own fundraising efforts using [resources](#) provided by LWVUS.
- The [event website](#) is the primary hub for registration, proposals, and other convention information.

Program Planning 2026-2028

- Current LWVUS Positions can be found in *Impact on Issues*
- **Proposed Program Focus:** Women Defend Democracy: Democracy Under Siege: The campaign will focus on *Voting Rights, Election Protection, Redistricting, Individual Liberties, Immigration, and The Presidency.*
- **Proposed Concurrences:**
 - LWV Washington Protecting Immigrant Rights
 - LWV Colorado Religions Freedom
 - LWV Port Washington-Manhasset Privatization Update
- **Tips on Navigating the National Program** | Recording Here and Slides Here
- **Nuts and Bolts of Program Planning Meetings** | Recording Here (Passcode: Y4%GT597) and Slides Here

New LWVUS Toolkits/Talking Points

- [Save Act and Voter Eligibility Talking Points](#)
- [Federal Immigration Enforcement Advocacy Action Kit](#)

Upcoming LWVUS Events

- March 11, 2026, from 1:15 to 2:45 PM ET: [Corruption, Never Victimless: The Case for an International Anti-Corruption Court](#)
- March 18 3:30 to 4:30 PM ET: [Responding to Misinformation Webinar](#)
- March 19 3:00 PM ET: [What You Need to Know about the Save Acts Webinar](#)
- March 24 3:30 PM ET: [Media Literacy](#)

Current LWVUS Action Alerts



Take Action against anti-voter bills

TELL CONGRESS NO ON

- SAVE America Act
- MEGA Act

WAYS TO TAKE ACTION

- LWVUS Action [here](#)
- Go to your US House rep & Senators Moreno & Husted's website and email after choosing the 'Elections' topic: find sites [here](#)
- Congressional switchboard #: (202) 224-3121



**TELL CONGRESS
TO REJECT
THE SAVE &
MEGA ACTS!**

We don't need more barriers to voting



You can also help educate about these bills by sharing our explainers!

- SAVE America fact sheet [here](#) & SAVE Act explainer for social media [here](#) & [here](#)

One more thing...

LEAGUE IN ACTION

- Same “Tell Congress to reject the SAVE & MAGA Acts” action: lives in the app

Link [here](#)

- Help spread the facts about the SAVE Act: send the action to friends & family via text or email

Link [here](#)



LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF OHIO

**HELP SPREAD
THE FACTS
ABOUT
THE SAVE ACT!**

Friends don't let friends be the last to know

- And [here](#)'s our SAVE America Fact Sheet to share

How you can help: SB293

Call Jen immediately if you know of dues-paying members who:

- Were wrongfully flagged by the SOS/BOE in 2024 for not being a citizen
- Are very recently naturalized
- Have not provided the BMV with their proof of citizenship since becoming a citizen and/or returned to get a new ID/DL without the non-citizen demarcation

Special Note: Our initial concern is about naturalized citizens being wrongfully targeted. However, after the primary, we may broaden to include members who have a slight mismatch between Voter Registration & BMV records, which created challenges voting.

Tell Congress Federal Immigration Enforcement Has Gone Too Far

Communities across the country have lived in terror as federal immigration enforcement agents have patrolled, surveilled, detained, disappeared, injured, and killed civilians, as well as denied people's constitutional rights by attacking and arresting peaceful protestors. Yet Congress — our elected officials — has played a pivotal role in funding and enabling this government-manufactured crisis, and they must act to stop these attacks.

We need you to stand with the League to demand that:



Reject additional funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), or immigration detention;



Investigate ICE, CBP, and the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS's) use of force;



Impose additional DHS guardrails and accountability measures on immigration enforcement; and



Take steps to protect the constitutional rights of civilians to peacefully protest and assemble without having their lives threatened or taken.

Speak up now.



For Leagues involved in actions concerning ICE activities:

NOW AVAILABLE: Civic Action Toolkit During ICE Activity and Related Blog:

- **With immigration enforcement activity increasing in our communities, it can create fear, confusion, and barriers to participation in civic life. Leagues can now review our [civic action toolkit](#) on the League Management Site to learn how to show up safely, lawfully, and in solidarity during ICE activity.**
- **LWVUS has a new [blog](#) post describing what's happening with ICE and how to respond, including Know Your Rights information. Please feel free to share this with your networks!**



Around the Ohio Statehouse

Legislative Schedule & Expectations

8 weeks of work, Primary Break (May 5), then 8 more weeks before Summer Break.



First 8 Weeks
(Work Session)



Primary Break
(May 5)



Second 8 Weeks
(Work Session)

Meetings: Mar. 10-11

-  No Senate Committees
-  No Senate Session
-  House Committees

Meetings: Mar. 17-18

-  House Session

Action Alert: No Article V Convention

Hearings on Constitutional Convention in both chambers today

This is a threat because

- A Convention can't be limited to 1 issue
- There are no established rules or guidelines

Rights in danger

- State's rights
- Voting rights
- Privacy rights
- Civil liberties & civil rights



**TAKE
ACTION**

Tell Ohio lawmakers:

PROTECT

THE US CONSTITUTION

S. B. No. 63: Prohibit use of ranked choice voting; withhold funding for use

Sponsors: Gavarone, DeMora

On the way to the Governor's desk

Ohio lawmakers send bill banning ranked choice to the governor

- “The Ohio Senate voted Wednesday to prohibit ranked choice voting in statewide elections and withhold state funding for governments that try it at the local level. The bill now heads to Gov. Mike DeWine...”
- “It’s the second time the Senate has voted on the idea... The measure’s passage was never really in doubt. It passed easily, 24 to 7.”
- “DeWine pointed... to examples of ranked choice tabulation taking days or even weeks.”



[S. B. No. 63](#) Prohibit use of ranked choice voting; withhold funding for use; Sponsors:

Gavarone, DeMora **Ask for Veto**

In accordance with the League of Women Voters' position of promoting political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government, the LWVO supports legislation that assures that the candidate preferred by a **majority** of voters wins the election.

Therefore, LWVO supports Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), including instant runoff voting (IRV) for any federal, state or local election as an alternative to plurality elections. LWVO supports the right of local governments and municipalities to choose RVC (IRV) for their own elections.

LWVO supports adequate voter education on all aspects of RCV. For all elections LWVO supports an administrative plan based on best practices as well as good, appropriate software and complete transparency of the tabulation process and data.

[**Ohio lawmakers send bill banning ranked choice to the governor: Read full article for responses**](#)

[**Ranked choice voting favors moderate candidates over divisive ones. Ohio lawmakers want to ban it**](#) By Marilou Johaneck

Call to Action from OVRC:

[Contact Governor DeWine](#)
[and urge him to veto](#)
[Senate Bill 63](#)

Ohio lawmakers send bill banning ranked choice to the governor

BY: NICK EVANS - MARCH 5, 2026 6:12 PM



SB 19 (Brenner) — Academic intervention

- **NOTE:** *Appears to have been added into the Senate version of the state budget, then removed in the final version*
- **SB 19 STATUS:** 3rd hearing in House Education Committee on Tuesday 3/10/26; Possible amendments
- **WHAT IT DOES:**
 - Changes academic intervention services at public schools and establishes math improvement and intervention plans
 - [Bill breakdown](#); [Read testimony here](#)
- **Substitute bill provisions: Looks good; problem in the details**
 - Require the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce (DEW) to create a universal K-3 diagnostic assessment for math and reading.
 - Task DEW with reviewing core math curricula and creating a list of high-quality materials.
 - Require schools to report K-8 math curricula and instructional materials being used.
 - Mandate that DEW includes on school report cards whether reading and math curricula used in school buildings are high quality.
 - Require districts to enroll seventh graders who score accomplished or advanced in math achievement in eighth-grade Algebra I starting in 2026-27.
 - Mandate that the State Board of Education assess the math proficiency of new applicants for education licenses.
- **NOTE — OEA is an opponent on this bill** (started out as Interested Party pre-substitute bill)
 - Testimony here: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/sb19/committee>

SB 82

SB82

- Adds election officials to the list of public service workers whose home address and family information are protected from public records disclosure
- Would allow elections officials, board of elections employees, and precinct election officials to keep their personal information private
- Other public service workers already included: judges, prosecutors, law enforcement & other first responders

Why this matters

- Election workers across the country face increasing harassment, including threats of violence, stalking, doxxing, and abuse on social media and by text.
- Ohio already has a law (passed in 1953) that criminalizes threats or interference against election workers, but additional protections are needed
- 10 states—Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin—already allow election workers to keep their home addresses and personal information confidential
- SB82 would provide the same protection in Ohio

House Concurrent Resolution 19

- [House Concurrent Resolution 19](#): Urge Congress to Uphold Federalism in Elections
- A “messaging” bill to further promote the idea of foreign campaign spending in elections ala [HB 1 \(135th Special Session\)](#)
- We can use this to get our message out about federalism in elections, too
 - **State sovereignty over voter rolls, voting machines, polling locations, ballot chain of custody.**
- Why?
 - [Sec. LaRose just handed the feds our unredacted voter list](#)
 - [DHS “investigating” fraud at Dayton High School](#)
 - Recent [election records](#) and [equipment](#) seizures by federal agents



“We should take over the voting in at least many – 15 places. The Republicans ought to nationalize the voting.” – President Donald J. Trump, February 2, 2026

H.B. 577

- Photo ID copy required for absentee ballot.
 - Still to provide either an DL number or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number (SSN-4) in addition to a copy of a photo ID.
- Requires an account and multi-factor authentication for using online voter registration system.
- Requires the Secretary of State to provide public access to the Statewide Voter Registration Database (SWVRD) through an interface that allows a search for a particular elector by name and through an interface that allows a bulk data download

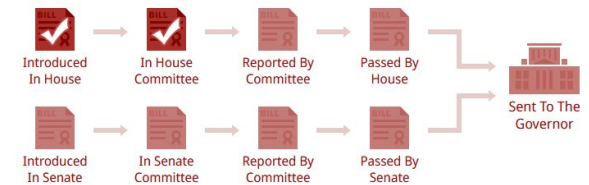
Primary Sponsors



Require photo ID for absent voting; revise voter registration law
[[Show Long Title](#)]

Current Version

[As Introduced](#) [PDF](#)



Keeping Up on Tax Bills

[Is it time for Ohio to embrace the land value tax?](#)

By Rob Moore

Could switching to land value taxes in Ohio help relieve property tax burdens and spur more development? Land value taxes take away disincentives to develop land by taxing only the value of the land, not the property built on it.

REVENUE ROUNDTABLE

PROPERTY TAXES

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January 16

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New Feature for Lobby Calls

Introduction to and review of resources and local League programs:



Books



Podcasts



Videos



**Local League
Programs**

LWV Wisconsin Webinars: The ‘Constitutional Crisis’

In the fall of 2025, the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin created 3 webinars that provide excellent background on **Why** the LWVUS declared that the US is in a “Constitutional Crisis.” Each webinar in the series features an outstanding speaker who provides a very informative 45-55 minute presentation, followed by another 30-45 minutes of very insightful questions from the LWV audience. (Links to the webinars are on the next slide.)



Media recommendations: LWV Wisconsin

Speaking about the Executive Branch, Attorney Lauren Miller- Carolounis, is Counsel at the Brennan Center of Law and was a special assistant attorney in Cook County, Illinois.

Speaking about the Legislative Branch, Professor Eleanor Powell, is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and co-founder of Women in Legislative Studies.

Speaking about the Judicial Branch, Attorney Steven Vladeck, a Professor of Law at Georgetown University, who focused on the Shadow Docket orders in the U.S. Supreme Court.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. WATCH THE WEBINAR



Well worth the **60-90 minutes** to watch each webinar.

2. ASSIGN AS READING



Would make **excellent reading assignment** for your LL's **Advocacy & Education** or **Voter Service Committee**.

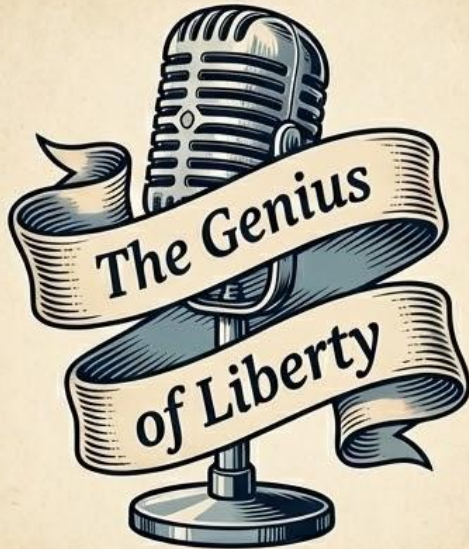
3. TREAT AS A BOOK CLUB



Or **treat each individual webinar as a "book"** to assign and discuss in an **ongoing Book Club series**.

PODCAST RECOMMENDATION

From Clare Wagner, President, LWV Cincinnati Area



For an upcoming Lobby Corp meeting, I recommend this sweet podcast, **The Genius of Liberty**. It was made in 2019 and mentions in episodes of about 6 minutes each, many Ohioans involved in suffrage.



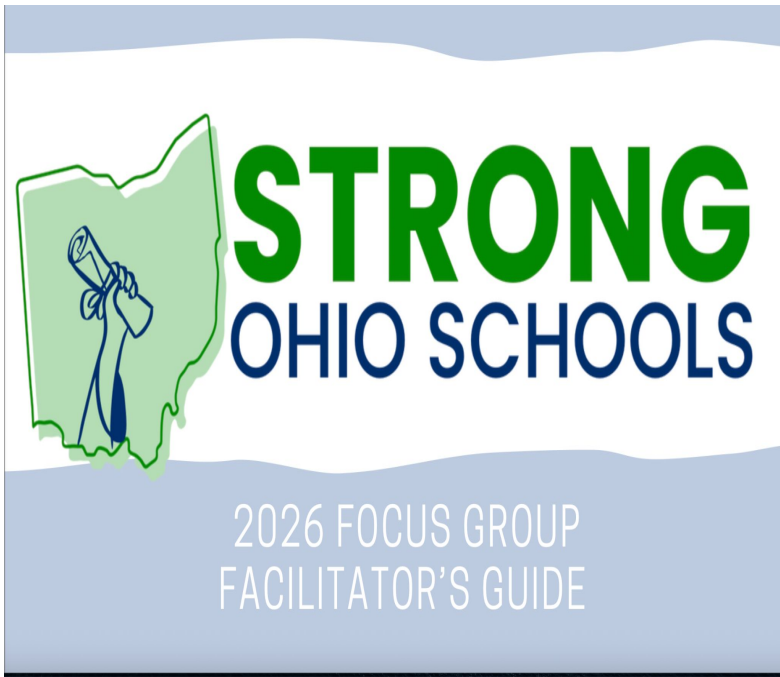
MERCANTILE LIBRARY BLOG

<https://www.mercantilelibrary.com/blog/2019/10/09/the-genius-of-liberty-podcast>



AVAILABLE ON SOUNDCLOUD

Other Resources



QUESTIONS TO GUIDE ACTION

What are the most pressing issues facing Ohio schools today?

What are the purposes of public education?
What ideas do you have for how schools could better serve students / communities?

“Adult” Survey

bit.ly/StrongOhioSurvey



“Youth” Survey

bit.ly/sosyouthsurvey



Webpage



By Mar. 25th send responses to:
ccollins@honestyforohioeducation.org

FYI: How We Can Use Positions and Toolkits Even After Peak Time of Advocacy

<https://youtu.be/NAK9WFJqk2Q>



Safe Ohio Schools

Study, Position/Recommendations, Actions

March 8, 2026

Rockdale Temple Justice Collaborative, Cincinnati

**Safe Ohio Schools: Study,
Position/Recommendations - March 8, 2026**

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EVENTS

Statehouse Day!

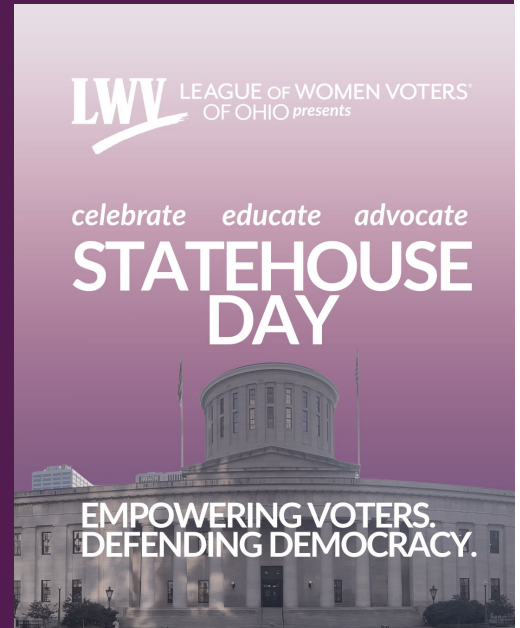
- Special celebration of the Ohio Women's Monument
- Keynote lunch with elections experts
- Meet with lawmakers on our advocacy priorities

Date: March 25

Time: 9am-2pm; some lobby visits may go as late as 5pm.

Location: The Ohio Statehouse & The Plaza Hotel on Capitol Square

- **Register [here](#)**



Other upcoming events

The Election Before the Election:

Ohio Primaries & Why They Matter

- Online on March 18 @ 7pm
- Register [here](#)
- Help us promote our event through our [Mobilize link](#) & [Facebook event page](#)

Only about 1 in 5 registered voters vote in our primaries.

Find out why & why this is a big deal.



**THE ELECTION BEFORE THE ELECTION:
OHIO'S PRIMARY & WHY IT MATTERS**

This voter has a lot of power!



Wednesday, March 18, @ 8pm



No Kings Mobilization

- LWVUS is joining No Kings as a national partner on Saturday, March 28. Leagues are welcome to lean in locally and participate in activations with partners on the ground in a nonpartisan manner. For Leagues who decide to mobilize for No Kings, please utilize our Protest Safety Guidance and Guidance for Leagues About Nonpartisanship and Partnerships.

Next Lobby Call
March 24,
NOON

Update on Bills currently in Committee with messaging!!