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CALL TO ACTION!

NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE

Action Request

The National Popular Vote (NPV) legislation passed by the Colorado General Assembly and signed by the governor is under attack. Petitions repealing the legislation that passed in the 2019 session of the state legislature are being circulated. The latest information is that the opposition has gathered 100,000 signatures. The required number of valid signatures is about 124,000; they have until August to gather a target goal of 200,000 to insure they have enough valid signatures.

It is critical that League members and friends publicize in one form or another the importance of retaining the National Popular Vote legislation passed this last session of the state legislature. We are in danger of losing a hard-won piece of important legislation. Between now and August the emphasis should be on encouraging people not to sign the petition. Should the repeal get on the ballot, the League will then join a campaign to fight the ballot initiative.

It is a lot easier and, particularly, less expensive to defeat a petition drive than to run a campaign, so please do what you can over the next month and a half to defeat the petition drive and educate your friends about these three reasons to retain the National Popular Vote legislation to achieve a popular vote for president:

1. The person with the most votes should win
2. Every vote should be equal – instead of the current system whereby voters in swing states, aka battleground states, have far more influence in an election than voters in any other state.

Here is a link to a [National Popular Vote Toolkit](#) with information that was distributed at the pre-convention workshop at the end of May.

It contains background information and a presentation for use in giving educational forums, writing letters to the editor, providing flyers, etc.

Please contact Toni Larson (303-249-2064) or Linda Sorauf (408-710-6164) if you have any questions.

Think Before You Ink!

Selection of the President LWV Position

Statement of Position on Selection of the President, as announced by the National Board, January 1970, revised March 1982, updated June 2004 and revised by the 2010 Convention:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the direct-popular-vote method for electing the President and Vice President is essential to representative government. The League of Women Voters believes, therefore, that the Electoral College should be abolished. We support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the president until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished. The League also supports uniform voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. The League supports changes in the presidential election system—from the candidate selection process to the general election. We support efforts to provide voters with enough information about candidates and their positions, public policy issues and the selection process itself. The League supports action to ensure that the media, political parties, candidates, and all levels of government achieve these goals and provide that information.

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