LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

State Convention VOTER

Austin — April 12,1985

Welcome

The Austin Area League is proud to host the 65th Anniversary LWV-T Convention and warmly welcomes all delegates to our Capitol city. Committed to your comfort and pleasure during your stay, we urge you to call upon any of our convention committee members for assistance at anytime. They will be wearing burnt orange ribbons affixed to their badges for easy identification, and are most eager to help.

For sale in the publications room are LWV souvenir insulated beverage containers -- $2.50 or four for $9.00.

We wish everyone a great convention, and to League, congratulations!

Carol Braxton — Barbara Hankins, Convention Chairmen — Carol May

Governor's Mansion

The Austin League is very pleased to host the gala event on Friday evening at the Governor's Mansion. So that the convention members attending this event might have a more smooth-running evening, the Entertainment Committee wishes to reiterate that the buses will be leaving in shifts from the front entrance of the Hilton beginning at 5:30. Please check your individual tickets for the time assigned to you. ALSO, at the request of the Governor's Mansion security personnel, please wear your convention badges so that identification will be made easy for them.

Tours of the mansion will be conducted while the League is there. At the same time, a string quartet from Austin High School will play on the lawn under the tent where supper will also be served.

We hope you have a wonderful time and WELCOME!

Office

The Austin League will be opening the convention office each day of the convention. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. The Forum Room will be the office, and it is located just north of the convention hall, beyond the small garden area and next to the elevators. A copier is available for your use, and copies will be 10¢ each. Please feel free to visit the office if you have any questions or emergency needs.

Publications Room

The Publications Room will be open according to the following schedule:

Friday:	9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Saturday:	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
	5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thanks

A special note of appreciation is made to Texas Copy Systems Inc. for their donation of the Canon copier. The copy machine was delivered to the Hilton on Thursday for the League's use throughout the convention. The job of the office workers and Voter publishers has been made ever so much easier thanks to their generosity.

Caucus

The Dallas league will be conducting a caucus on the subject of "computerization" of leagues. They will meet in the Diamond/Ruby rooms Friday evening, beginning at 9 p.m. Look for the flyers at the door of the convention hall.

Other caucus topics to be announced. If you need a caucus room, please sign up with convention chair, Barbara Hankins or Carol May, or in the Convention Office. Be sure to give your name, League, room number and issue. To date the only request received is the Computerization Caucus, and there are three large rooms still available.

Highlights of Events

Friday - 11:00 a.m. to
11:45 in Sapphire Room
PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES WORKSHOP
Conducted by former State President and the 1985 Convention Parliamentarian. Designed to be of help in the Plenary Sessions of the Convention.

Friday - 11:00 a.m. to
11:45 in the Emerald Room
PROPOSED BUDGET CONSULTATION
Conducted by current State Treasurer. Designed to answer any questions concerning the proposed budget.

Friday - 1:00 p.m. to
5:00 in Crown Room
(Ballroom)
FIRST PLENARY SESSION
Governor White is expected to give brief remarks, and Austin Mayor, Ron Mullen is to welcome convention to the City of Austin.

Friday - 5:30 p.m. to
8:00 at Governor's Mansion
SPECIAL GALA EVENT AT GOVERNOR'S MANSION. Tours of the mansion; Supper and reception; Governor White will be present to meet and greet League members; String Quartet from Austin High; BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR CONVENTION BADGES AND CHECK YOUR TICKETS FOR THE TIME OF YOUR BUS DEPARTURE.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to
12:15 in Tiffany East
SECOND PLENARY SESSION
Includes celebration of LWV's 65th Birthday and a special recognition of long-time members (40 years plus).

Saturday - 12:30 p.m. to
2:15 in Tiffany West
LUNCHEON
Keynote Speaker: Jan Coggeshall the Mayor of Galveston; the topic will be the worth of volunteers

Saturday - 2:30 p.m. to
5:00 in Tiffany East
PLENARY SESSION

Saturday - 8:00 p.m. to
9:30 in Crown East Room
Alden Bro sseau will speak on making the most of innate leadership abilities.

Saturday - 8:00 p.m. to
9:30 in Diamond/Ruby
Ann Viner and Kirsten Fuchs to speak on teaching local league leadership the appropriate approach to members who want to gift to the League, whether on a local, state or national level.

Sunday - 8:15 a.m. to
9:30 Various rooms - BE SURE TO CHECK BULLETINBOARD
Counterpart Workshops
Discussion and forum for presidents treasurers, membership chairs and program chairs.

Sunday - 9:45 a.m. to
12:30 in Crown Room
THIRD PLENARY SESSION
Voting on issues discussed in convention.

State Board

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OBSERVERS

Douglas Mae Clack
Addie Green
Birdie Elder

The Governor's Mansion has resumed its tradition of hosting the public. We hope the following excerpts from Texas Highways February, 1984 edition "The Governor's Mansion" enrich your visit not only to the Governor's Mansion in particular but also to Austin in general.

"...Texans now have a showplace for a comprehensive collection of 19th Century American Empire and early Texas period furnishings....Texas' First Lady Linda Gale White realizes she is the first occupant of the State's Executive Mansion who didn't inherit major household worries with the job....

Resident chief executives and spouses since Governor Elisha and Lucadia Pease moved into the Austin Greek Revival mansion in 1856 have dealt with seemingly endless problems. Rooms sat void of furnishings....Within recent memory, large chunks of plaster dangerously plummeted from the ceilings, and interior wallpaper fluttered with every exterior breeze....

The multimillion-dollar rehabilitation initiated by Governor and Mrs. Bill Clements between 1979 - 1982 sought to solve all the home's shortcomings. J. Pinckney Henderson, elected in 1846 after Texas' annexation to the United States left his wife in San Augustine while he tended state business....By 1848, however, the Legislature agreed to rent a house in Austin for the governor if the price did not exceed $500 annually. In January 1854, the Legislature appropriated $14,500 for a residence and out buildings and $2,500 for furnishings "for the use of the Governor of this State." Abner Hugh Cook's low bid totaled $40,900 for the buildings and ground improvements alone. With modifications reducing the dimensions of the plans, Cook again submitted the low bid, $14,500 and agreed to pay Payne $100 for his design work....It also met the committee's requirements for "something that would be an ornament to the Capitol and creditable as a public building for our rapidly growing state."

Mrs. Pease wrote her sister in 1857 that she had "planted our garden and the peas are up and looking thrifty." ...Wartime Governor Pendleton Murrah, whose residency in the mansion is best remembered for his nephew's suicide there over unrequited love, "took his flight to Mexico" when Texas Confederate forces surrendered in June 1865....The mansion was then occupied only by remnants of its domestic staff and occasional Yankee generals till January 1870 when Republican Edmund J. Davis was elected governor....Governor James Stephen Hogg and his family moved in. The Hoggs designated Saturdays as "at home" days for relaxation and reception of guests at the mansion. "Miss Ima" later left...numerous pieces of antique furniture to the mansion, including the dining room table and the Belter set (chairs and love seat) in the upstairs hall today.

Mansion occupants found little support from Legislatures in funding more than maintenance of the structure, and to this frugality is credited the building's virtually intact original profile....The first major remodeling took place around 1900....The present-day sidewalks were built during the 1907-1911 administration of Governor Thomas Campbell, and gas heat was installed in the mansion during Governor Oscar Colquitt's two terms....The Colquitt's occupancy of the Executive Mansion was disrupted in 1914 when the house's only major addition, the conservatory and kitchen wing, was built at the back (west) side....Governor Colquitt decided to paint the entire structure white with green blinds, so that "Texans would have a White House."

In 1920, Governor William P. Hobby witnessed the remarkable addition of steam heat....Mrs. Nellie Connally oversaw a statewide project to revamp the gardens and supervised the building of the brick wall that now lines the back and sides of the mansion for privacy and security....

Not until Governor Bill Clements was the decision made to vacate and thoroughly rehabilitate. In 1979, the 66th Legislature appropriated $1 million for structural work. Mrs. Rita Clements helped found the Friends of the Governor's Mansion, which raised an additional $2 million for decorative arts and endowment....The Governor's Mansion is now able to serve efficiently legislative leaders, visiting dignitaries, "public callers," and the First Family...."

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GOV. & MRS. WHITE ENTERTAIN
LEAGUE DELEGATES AT MANSION . . .

After three days of dreary weather, the skies parted to allow the sun to shine on the gala evening at the Governor's Mansion.

Docent-guided tours of the mansion were followed by an exquisite dinner on the grounds, while an Austin High School string quartet treated us to strains of Telemann, Vivaldi and Mozart.

LWV-T is grateful to Jan and Lynn Albers for their donation of the wine served at the Governor's Mansion.

AUSTIN MAYOR RON MULLEN OPENS LWV-T 20th CONVENTION. . .

Extending the greetings of the city to the League, Mayor Ron Mullen urged continued participation of LWV in governmental affairs.

Traveling from Honduras to the home front, Governor Mark White cited the commonality of governmental problems: educational opportunity, health care, and roads.

Consistent with his position on increased taxes, the governor expressed hope of balancing the budget with an increase in certain fees, notably court fees.

Governor White stated with pride the appointment of more women and minorities than that of all previous governors combined.

League delegates burst into applause when the governor strongly stated his refusal to retreat from the No pass, No play provision of recent educational reforms.

REPORT FROM FRIDAY's FIRST PLENARY SESSION. . .

Recommended revisions of the bylaws were passed by the delegates. This allowed the selection of one additional delegate to the convention to be selected by the Wise County State Unit--Addie Ruth Green, their chairman. Congratulations!

Governor Mark White laid out his program for legislation this session (the 69th) touching on several issues dear to LWV-T--PPRC, Educational Reform, and Administration of Justice. Although there is no League support position for "No pass, no play," delegates applauded his support for that in his fight for excellence in education.

The nominating committee report was given by Jan Wilbur, chair. One change was announced: delete the name of Denise Fischer and insert that of Franci Smith of Amarillo for elected director.

Barbara Swartz, budget chair, presented the proposed budget, noting that an insertion should be made in the list of State Units on p. 3. Add: Cleburne, 9. She then moved adoption of the budget. She moved that the PMP be set at $8.75 for 1985-86 and that the exact amount for 1986-87 be set at Council next year but not exceed $10.

Lavora Arizaga presented the proposed state program and moved the adoption of the proposed program. The following indicated their intent to present a nonrecommended item for program:

* Barbara Ann Hudson, Austin Area--statewide study of municipal utility districts
* Peggy Dennis, El Paso--continuing study on domestic violence
* Carol Holgren, Richardson--determining and funding of mental health/mental retardation services in Texas
* Emily Smey, Bay Area--child care study including (1) accrediting and monitoring of day care facilities and (2) screening of employees.

Jeanette Davis presented the development report. The following additions may now be made to the listing on p. 8 (Biennial Reports) of the workbook:

* Tracor, Inc., TEF $400; $100 to local league; $300 to state
* Western Marketing, TEF $100; local, $20; $80 to state
* Gulf State Utilities, T. $1000; local $280; $720 to state
* Southwestern Bell, TEF $500; not shared
* Tandy Corporation, TEF $2000; local $400; state $1600

One member contribution of $50.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT. . . April 12, 1985

DELEGATES	117	VISITORS	4
STATE BOARD MEMBERS	16	WORKERS	9
OBSERVERS	7	STAFF	1

CONVENTION NOTES.....

The 65th anniversary celebration will be highlighted by honoring those who have been members for more than 40 years. Among the 16 in the State of Texas who have been part of the League for 40 years and in attendance this weekend are: Arthelia "Cookie" Smith, Sylvia Lester, Jeanne Slobod and Virginia Conkle.

If you are planning to leave the convention prior to Sunday's plenary session, please complete the convention evaluation form. The form can be found in the workbook (the peach-colored sheet at the back). There will be a collection box for these forms in the LWV Convention Office, the Forum Room.

LATE NIGHT NEWS FROM THE CAUCUSES. . .

STATE MUD's STUDY

Legislatively designed to provide water and wastewater facilities in areas where services cannot be extended, state law gives Municipal Utility Districts rather expansive powers to undertake certain activities which have traditionally been the domain of municipalities. A key issue which has not been adequately investigated is what effect does MUD development have on the exercise of traditional municipal responsibilities and powers such as provision of services, growth planning, financing of capital improvements and annexation. Many of the growing cities, particularly small and medium sized cities in Texas, may be losing some of their ability to manage development outside the city limits but within their extra-territorial jurisdiction as aresult of MUD development. The Sunset Commission has reccommended a study of MUD's and river authorities.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Policies and attitudes still persist that tend to minimize and overlook the seriousness of domestic violence. Many fall into the trap of blaming the victim for the beating. 40% of the women killed are murdered by their partners. It has become obvious that the <u>laws</u> in Texas are not adequate to address the duties and responsibilities of law enforcement, prosecution and the judiciary in the area of domestic violence.

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE

Indigent health care is an issue which affects all Texans, not just poor individuals in a health crisis. An indigent person is one whose income is one third of the Federal poverty level. Many individuals have no insurance coverage and therefore lack the ability to pay for necessary and appropriate health care. As both the cost of medical care and our state's population increase, greater numbers of individuals and their families will become medically indigent.

As a direct consequence of the growing number of persons unable to pay the cost of their care, hospitals and other health care providers must bear an increasing burden for charity cases, and that cost must be passed on to others who can pay for their services. For individuals and families, financial and emotional hardship unnecessary suffering, and even death can result from lack of affordable and accessible health care.

A Task Force on Indigent Health Care was appointed by the Governor. The Indigent Health Task Force has a final report dated December 1984 which may be obtained from the Governor's Office or your state legislator.

CHILD CARE

The Child Care caucus consisted of a lively discussion that reflected deep concern about the quality of care children receive. The recently approved minimum standards are just that - minimums; there is more at issue than just standards.

Therefore, these standards should not be considered a solution to an ongoing problem.

One of the major advantages of a study will be much-needed public education on this subject. Aspects that need to be considered include what the role of government should be, the relative impact of schools and other involved institutions, penalties for various kinds of violations, and perhaps most importantly, how should changes which incur cost be paid. Innovative thinking will be required to provide funding to pay for higher standards or that child care remains affordable.

MENTAL HEALTH

The Mental Health caucus agreed not to propose a separate study at this time. However, we propose that the indigent health care study item specifically includes in its focus under "services provided" care for the mentally ill and mentally retarded.

IMMIGRATION

A letter will be sent to each local League in the nation in the early fall of 1985 to ask them to consider a national study of immigration during their national program planning. It is hoped that enough local Leagues will request that study so that the n national board will designate it as a recommended item. It is planned to lobby at the national convention for adoption if an immigration study is a not-recommended item.

Updated 3-18-85.
Toss other copy.

Date/Time	Activity	Hotel Room
From Friday, 4-12-85 throughout convention to Sunday, 4-14-85 1:00 p.m.	Office	Forum
	Pubs	Caucus
	WWV-Austin Hospitality Room	Topaz
	Registration/ Information	Foyer in front of Tiffany Ballroom
Thursday, 4-11-85 12 noon to 10 p.m.	State Board (approximately 20 people)	Forum large table set up in center of room)
Thursday, 4-11-85	sleeping accommodations	Governor's Suite plus seven doubles in hotel
Friday, 4-12-85 8 am to 1:00 p.m.	Registration	Foyer (3 long tables, covered)
Friday, 4-12-85 10 am to 12 noon	Parliamentary Procedures Workshop (approx. 40 people)	Sapphire (theatre style)
Friday 4-12-85 10 am to 12 noon	Budget Consultation (approx. 25 people)	Emerald (theatre style)
Friday 4-12-85 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm	Plenary Session (approx. 275 delegates plus 8 at head table)	Crown Room (East and West) (school style)
Friday, 4-12-85 2:45 p.m.	Break (coffee & cold drinks)	Foyer

Friday, 4-12-85 8:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	To Be Announced	Sapphire (round tables)
Friday, 4-12-85 8:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	To Be Announced	Emerald (round tables set up)
Friday, 4-12-85 8:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	To Be Announced	Pearl (rounds set up)
Friday, 4-12-85 8:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	Computerization Caucus (appox. 70 people)	Ruby (round tables set up)
Friday, 4-12-85 8:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	To Be Announced	Diamond (round tables set up)
Friday, 4-12-85 8:45 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	_____	*Topaz (round tables set up)

*Use the Topaz Room last as we want to reserve this room throughout the convention for other purposes.

Friday, 4-12-85	sleeping accommodations	Governor's Suite plus 9 doubles 1 free plus 1 paid for double in hotel delegates in outlying bldg.

Sat., 4-13-85 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Late Registration	Foyer (3 long tables, covered)

Sat., 4-13-85 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (approx. 150 people	Foyer (away from registration tables)
Sat., 4-13-85 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Plenary Session (approximately ~~275~~ 230 people)	School Room Tiffany East ~~(round~~ tables w/head table for ~~eight~~ people)
Sat., 4-13-85 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Break coffee & cold drinks	Foyer
Sat., 4-13-85 12:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Luncheon (approx. 300 people)	Tiffany West (round tables w/head table set for ~~eight~~ people)
Sat., 4-13-85 2:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sat. 3:45	230 → Plenary Session (approximately 275 people) Break	Tiffany East (same set up as before luncheon) Foyer
Sat., 4-13-85 5:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Taco Buffet (approx. 50 people)	Tiara Room (round tables set up)
Sat., 4-13-85 7:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.	Leadership Workshop (approx. 100 ~~40~~ people)	**Sapphire (theatre style)
Sat., 4-13-85 7:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.	Planned Giving (approximately 60 people)	**Ruby (theatre style)

**If attendance is higher than expected, the walls of one or both of these meeting rooms will be extended to include Emerald and/or Diamond. Also, set theatre style)

Sat., 4-13-85	sleeping accommodations	Governor's Suite plus 19 doubles 1 free plus 1 paid for double delegates in outlying bldg.

6:45 Sun., 4-14-85 ~~7:15~~ a.m. to 8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (approx. 150 people)	Foyer (away from registration info. tables)
Sun., 4-14-85 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	President's Counterpart Workshop (approximately 55 ~~35~~ people)	Sapphire (round tables set up)
Sun., 4-14-85 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Treasurer's Counterpart Workshop (approximately 35 people)	Emerald (round tables set up)
Sun., 4-14-85 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Membership Counterpart Workshop (approximately 15 people)	Pearl (round tables set up)
Sun., 4-14-85 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Program Counterpart Workshop (approximately ~~35~~ 75 People)	Ruby (round tables set up)
Sun., 4-14-85 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Plenary Session (approximately ~~275~~ 230 people)	Crown Room (school room style) (head table set for ~~eight~~ people)

TO: ALL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

FROM: MARJORIE LOEHLIN, OFFICE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

RE: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS STATE CONVENTION
HILTON HOTEL AUSTIN, TEXAS
APRIL 12, 13, 14

The convention office will be located on the first floor of the hotel to the left of the hotel's registration desk near the elevators. (The main entrance to the building is on the east side.) We will use the Forum as the office and the next door Caucus room will be used for Publications. There will be signs on both doors.

The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. both Friday and Saturday and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Equipment and supplies will be brought in on Thursday afternoon, much of it from the Austin Area League office, some belonging to local League members, some of it loaned or rented.

The office is the place where:

Convention workers sign in and pick up their badges.
Incoming phone calls are taken. Outgoing calls should be paid for by the persons making them.
The Convention Voter will be produced each day for distribution to those attending the convention.
Equipment and luggage may be stored.
Lost and found articles are collected.
A message center and bulletin board will be maintained.
Limited first aid items may be available.

Schedules of office and other volunteers will be posted. A schedule of assignments for office volunteers is enclosed.

Sara Thoene has agreed to be my stand-in, and either Sara or I expect to be in the office or in the building during all times when the office is open. We will both be instructed in the operation of the Canon copier which will be made available to us through Texas Copy Systems, Inc. and which will be used for preparing the Saturday and Sunday morning Voters and such additional material as may be needed during convention.

I suspect we may have some very busy times while the office is open; there may be very slow times. At this point we have no way of predicting. What we will try to do is make ourselves helpful to state board and convention delegates and enjoy the Austin Area League's hosting of state convention--the first time ever.

See you at the Hilton. . .

NOTE: This memo is in lieu of a meeting. If any of you have questions, my home telephone is [redacted]

This was sent to all office volunteers.

Some I had reached by telephone earlier, some not.

Mary

Barbara
Just a copy of
schedule used in
83 convention
Cheryl

LWV-T STATE CONVENTION
APRIL 14 - 17, 1983
LOCAL CHAIRMAN'S SCHEDULE WITH PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ASSIGNMENTS

	EVENT	PERSONNEL	EQUIPMENT
THURSDAY, APRIL 14			
1:00 - 5:00	STATE BOARD MEETING (REAGAN/BOWIE)	STATE BOARD	CONFERENCE TABLE FOR 20
1:00 - 3:00	*SET UP PUBLICATIONS ROOM (TRAVIS)	CAROLYN NORGAARD, GINNY HORN	SKIRTED TABLES PERIMETER MASKING TAPE ALLOWED SEVERAL CHAIRS
1:00 - 3:00	*SET UP OFFICE (BOARD ROOM)	HELEN HARWIG	3 SIX FOOT TABLES, 15 CHAIRS, BULLETIN/ BLACK BOARD, MISC. SUPPLIES, CHARTS FOR WORKERS, WORKERS' BADGES & VESTS, 2 TYPEWRITERS -1 RENTED, 1 ELEANOR SUTHERLAN 1 COPIER-RENTED FROM MACKERY-340-0426 CONTACT: PAUL YOUNG - DELIVERY THURS. PM CHARGE FOR DELEGATE, (OTHER THAN LOCAL/ USE - 10¢/COPY & STATE BOAR
6:00	DINNER AT DIANA'S 3504 HARVARD 528-0690	STATE BOARD LOCAL BOARD FOOD ASSIGNMENTS- KATHY CALHOUN-943-6738	SPIRITED COMMUNICATION & EXQUISITE CUISINE
FRIDAY, APRIL 15			
9:00 - 1:00	REGISTRATION (GRAND BALLROOM LOBBY) ***SET UP BALLROOM-FLOOR COM. MUG SALES	ELAYNE SMITH DONNA BUJA KAY IRVIN, TREASURER MARION GHOLSTON, CREDENTIALS	SKIRTED TABLES, CHAIRS, SIGN HOLDERS, BULLETIN BOARD - ANNOUNCEMENTS & MESSAGES
9:00 - 11:30	TOUR OF CITY HALL & PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD BUS AT ENTRANCE TO NORTH PARK LOBBY	MOLLY VAN ORT	MINI-BUS
10:00 - 12:00	PARLIAMENTARIAN AVAILABLE (BOWIE)		TABLE AND CHAIRS

* OFFICE AND PUBLICATIONS ROOM SCHEDULES AND PERSONNEL ATTACHED SEPARATELY

*** JULIE LOWENBERG IN CHARGE OF FLOOR COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, APRIL 15	EVENT	PERSONNEL	EQUIPMENT
1:00 - 5:00	FIRST PLENARY SESSION (GRAND BALLROOM) Sybil Hotz - S.A.	PAT SABIN & ELAYNE SMITH LOOKOUTS FOR MAYOR EVANS - SIGNAL DIANA BY NOTE FROM PAGE UPON ARRIVAL PAGE-LA RENE PIKE; USHERS-KATHY CALHOUN, IONE STALLWORTH DOORKEEPERS-MARY FUGGER, JOYCE CAMPBELL MIC ATTENDANTS-KATHRYN FRITZ, BARBARA SOHAL PROJECTOR-LYNNE LOEFFLER, BETTY THOMPSON TIMEKEEPER - FRAN FARIS TELLERS - GENIE FRITZ - HEAD JANE GREENE, KEN GJEMRE, BEA SUTHERLAND SUBSTITUTE - SALLY EATMON	PODIUM MIC, 2 FLOOR MICS, OVERHEAD PROJECTOR; CLASSROOM TABLES & CHAIRS; ALL APPROPRIATE SIGNS; PRESS TABLE, MOTIONS TABLE LOWER SCREEN BEHIND PODIUM (HOOVER'S - DANNY KELLEY THROUGH NORTH PARK SWITCH BOARD)
2:45 COFFEE BREAK			NORTH PARK CONCESSION
5:45 - 6:45	PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION (POOLSIDE/ INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM-CONVENTION CENTER)	BECKY SYKES & MARDI JONES	CASH BAR, CHIPS & DIPS, CHEESE BOARD MARDI WILL AUCTION OFF "FREE DINNERS" !!!!
6:30	DOT RIDINGS ARRIVES D/FW OZARK - #609	PAT SABIN WILL PICK UP AND GET SETTLED IN HER ROOM WITH DINNER	NORTH PARK WILL PROVIDE WINE AND WELCOME TO TEXAS FOOD BASKET IN HER ROOM
6:45 - 8:30	FREE FOR DINNER		
8:30 - 10:00	LL PRES. & DOT RIDINGS (REAGAN-BOWIE) CABLE TV (TEXICAN A & B) PROGRAM FROM A TO Z (AUSTIN)		THEATER -- SET UP W/ TABLE THEATER -- W/ PODIUM & MIC, BULLETIN/BLACKBOARD THEATER -- W/ TABLE
10:00	CAUCUSES - NOT IN AUSTIN, DIVIDE REAGAN/BOWIE AND TEXICAN A & B REQUESTS - SAN ANTONIO - LIBRARY ISSUE		

SATURDAY EVENING

6:00	BUSES DEPART NORTH PARK	TOUR GUIDES: SYKES, BERGSTRESSER, STEIN AND JONES	BUSES-233-9294 - ED TOURS
7:00	ARRIVE WALL'S	CASH BAR - SABIN AND SYKES	ROBYN-WALL'S CATERING 691-4444 JIM NOVAK - MANAGER
8:00	DINNER		
9:00	"ADVICE TO WOMEN"	BARBARA MATERKA WILL INTRODUCE EXEC. PRODUCER/DIRECTOR JAC ALDER	SHANNON NEAR AT THEATER 3 651-7225
10.00	BUSED BACK TO NORTH PARK	WE MAY RETAIN ONLY 2 BUSES AND SHUTTLE THE SHORT DISTANCE	

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

6:00 - 9:00 COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE TERRACE LEVEL IN LOBBY

7:45 - 9:30 CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (TEXICAN A & B) SABIN

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8:15 A.. COUNTERPART INTERFACE (TEXICAN A AND B) 10 ROUND TABLES

B. TREASURERS & BUDGET WORKSHOP (REAGAN-BOWIE) THEATER STYLE, BLACKBOARD TABLE IN FRONT OVERHEAD PROJECTOR

9:45 - 12:30 THIRD PLENARY SESSION (GRAND BALLROOM)

Signs to come

PAGE - MICHELLE JOTTENAND
USHERS - KATHY CALHOUN, DOROTHY KERVAHN
DOORKEEPERS - JOYCE CAMPBELL, NANCY KIRK
MIC ATTENDANTS - JO-LOU GAUPP, BETTY THOMPSON
PROJECTOR - MARIE SMITH, LYNNE LOEFFLER
TIMEKEEPER - ANN FREEMAN
TELLERS - JOYCE LOCKLEY - HEAD, LILLIAN COOPER, BARBARA LISCHER, DIANE GALLOWAY
SUBSTITUTE - SALLY EATMON

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xxx 8:00 - 9:30 PICK UP LEAGUE DISPLAYS FROM PUBLICATIONS ROOM

xxxx 12:30 - ?? LOCAL CHAIRS BE SURE ALL THEIR EQUIPMENT ETC. CLEARED. PLEASE TURN IN A RECORD OF YOUR PREPARATIONS AND WRITTEN SUGGESTIONS TO PAT SABIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A M N !!!!!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 16	EVENT	PERSONNEL	EQUIPMENT
7:30	BREAKFAST - STATE BOARD WITH DOT RIDINGS (AUSTIN)		20 PERSONS B-1 BREAKFAST
6:00 - 9:00	COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE TERRACE LEVEL OF LOBBY		
7:45 - 8:50	LATE REGISTRATION GRAND BALLROOM LOBBY	ELAYNE SMITH DONNA BUJA	
	FLOOR SET UP	KAY IRVIN MARION GHOLSTON	ABOVE
	MUG SALES	JULIE LOWENBERG GINNY HORN	
9:00 - 12:15	SECOND PLENARY SESSION	PAT SABIN WILL SEE THAT DOT GETS TO D/FW FOR 12:15 DEPART, DELTA #1006	ABOVE
11:15 COFFEE BREAK		PAGE - CORRINE KEHOE USHERS - KATHY CALHOUN, CAROL GALBRAITH DOORKEEPERS - LIL BURNS, JANET DAMTOFT MIC ATTENDANTS - ELLA WILLIAMS, BETTY THOMPSON PROJECTOR - JEANNE CLINCHY, LYNNE LOEFFLER TIMEKEEPER - GENIE FRITZ TELLERS - GAY BUELL - HEAD , DONNA JOHNSON, MARGIE BESKITT, TERRY BROWN SUBSTITUTE - SALLY EATMON	NORTH PARK CONCESSION
12:30 - 2:15	LUNCHEON WITH JIM WRIGHT AND MOLLY IVINS! (SYDNEY-LONDON-CON.CENTER)	SABIN, JONES, RICE OVERSEE JONES FOR DOORPRIZES!	SIGNS & TABLE DECORATIONS
2:30 - 5:00	PLENARY CONTINUES	PAGE - CORINNE KEHOE USHERS - KATHY CALHOUN, MICKEY MARIBO DOORKEEPERS - LIL BURNS, JANET DAMTOFT PROJECTOR - JEANNE CLINCHY, JILL JORDAN TIMEKEEPER - SALLY EATMON TELLERS - JODY FURNISH - HEAD, ALMA AYERS, LARENE PIKE, MARDI JONES SUBSTITUTE - LYDIA RICE	

PUBLICATIONS ROOM -- TRAVIS
CAROLYN NORGAARD - CHAIRMAN

FRIDAY

9:00 - 12:30	GAY BUELL, SANDRA STEVENS
8:00 - 10:00	CAROLYN NORGAARD

SATURDAY

8:00 - 9:00	CAROLYN NORGAARD
4:30 - 5:30	KATHY WENGER

SUNDAY

8:00 - 1:00	CAROLYN NORGAARD GINNY HORN

OFFICE - BOARD ROOM

HELEN HARWIG, CHAIR

FRIDAY

8:30 - 11:00 - MICHELLE JOTTENAND, HELEN HARWIG
11:00 - L:30 - DIANE WEBBER, GERT PICOVSKY
1:30 - 4:00 - PAT PENZEL, JO LOU GAUPP
4:00 - 5:00 - HELEN HARWIG
3:30 - 5:00 - MARGARET CONE
4:00 - 7:00 - JUDY MAHON
6:00 - 10:00 - JACKIE DAVIS, HELEN HARWIG

SATURDAY

8:30 - 11:00 - LUCY POLTER, HELEN HARWIG
11 - 1:30 - LARENE PIKE, MARY ANN MC CULLOUCH
9 - 11:00 - RENIE MEAD
3:00 - 4:00 - KATHY WENGER
3:30 - 5:30 - CHERYL PHILLIPS .
2 - 5:30 - ALEX MASON
5:00 - 7:00 - JEANNETTE EARLY, PAT MACON
6:00 - 10:00 - JACKIE DAVIS, HELEN HARWIG

SUNDAY

8:00 - 1:00 - HELEN HARWIG, JACKIE DAVIS

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	Registration	Foyer
10:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Optional tour of Austin/St. Ofc.	
11:00 - 11:45	Parliamentary Procedure Workshop	Sapphire Room
11:00 - 11:45	Proposed-Budget Consultation	Emerald Room
11:45 - 12:45 P.M.	Lunch on your own	
1:00 - 5:00	FIRST PLENARY SESSION (anticipate visit from Governor during Friday afternoon plenary session)	Crown Room E. & W.
5:30 - 8:00 P.M.	Reception and supper at Governor's Mansion	
9:00 - 10:30	Caucuses *	

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

7:45 - 8:50 A.M.	Late Registration	Foyer
8:00 - 8:45	Continental breakfast (in Foyer) or breakfast on your own	
9:00 - 12:15 11:30	SECOND PLENARY SESSION Celebration of LWV's 65th Birthday Recognition of Long-time Members	Tiffany East
12:30 - 2:15	Luncheon - Speaker: Jan Coggeshall, Mayor of Galveston	Tiffany West
2:30 - 5:00	SECOND PLENARY SESSION (cont.)	Tiffany East
6:00 - 7:30 P.M.	Supper in hotel or on your own Taco Bar (pre-register)	Tiara Room
8:00 - 9:30	Workshops: "You, the Leader" Planned Giving	Sapphire Room Ruby Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 - 8:00 A.M.	Continental breakfast (in Foyer) or breakfast on your own	
8:15 - 9:30	Counterpart Workshops: Presidents, Treasurers, Membership, and Program	
9:45 - 12:30 P.M.	THIRD PLENARY SESSION	Crown Room E. & W.

LWV-Austin Area Hospitality Room: Topaz Room
Convention Office: Forum Room
Publications Room: Caucus Room
* Caucus Rooms: 1.-Ruby Room
2.-Sapphire Room
3.-Emerald Room
4.-Pearl Room
5.-Diamond Room
-(Topaz if needed)

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

1:00 - 5:00 P.M.	FIRST PLENARY SESSION (anticipate visit from Governor some time during this session)	Crown Room E. & W.
1:00	Call to Order Welcome: Christina Little, President, LWV-Austin Area Ron Mullen, Mayor of Austin	Lois Carpenter
1:30	Organization of Convention Appointment of Parliamentarian Appointment of Committees: Timekeeper, Tellers, Credentials, Elections, Courtesy Resolutions	Lois Carpenter
1:35	First Credentials Report Explanation of Rules & Procedures Adoption of Order of Business Adoption of Convention Rules Introductions: Convention Liaison, Local Convention Co-Chairmen, State Board, Associate Directors, Field Service Representatives, Staff, Special Guests	
2:00	Roll Call of Local Leagues & St. Units Secretary's Report Treasurer's Report	Margie Morrill Margie Morrill Jeanette Vanderwater
2:15	Explanation of Bylaws Amendment Process State Bylaws Committee Report Debate; Vote	Eleanor Sutherland Eleanor Sutherland
2:45	Break	
3:00	Nominating Committee Report Nominations from the Floor	Jan Wilbur
3:15	Presentation of Proposed Budget (questions for clarification only)	Barbara Swartz
3:30	Explanation of Program Adoption Presentation of Proposed Program Notice of Intent to Present Not-recommended Program Items	Lavora Arizaga Lavora Arizaga
4:00	Development Report	Jeanette Davis
4:20	Legislative Report	Evelyn Bonavita
4:40	Explanation of Action Motions Appointment of Action Motions Comm. Action Motions	Lois Carpenter
4:55	Announcements	Margie Morrill
5:00	Recess	

Proposed Order of Business (cont.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

9:00 A.M.	SECOND PLENARY SESSION	Tiffany East
	Call to Order	Lois Carpenter
	Credentials Report	
	Presentation and Vote for consideration of Not-recommended Program Items	Lavora Arizaga
9:30	Program Debate	Lavora Arizaga
10:15	Budget Debate	Barbara Swartz
11:00	Break	
11:15	President's Report	Lois Carpenter
11:30	Celebration of LWV-T's 65th Birthday; Recognition of Long-time Members	Myrtle McMahan
12:05	Action Motions	
	Announcements	Margie Morrill
12:15	Recess for Luncheon	
12:30 - 2:15 P.M.	Luncheon - Keynote Address: Jan Coggeshall, Mayor of Galveston	
2:30	SECOND PLENARY SESSION (cont.)	Tiffany East
	Call to Order	Lois Carpenter
	Credentials Report	
	Vote on Per-member Payment (PMP)	Barbara Swartz
	Vote on Sharing Formula	Jeanette Davis
2:50	Program Debate	Lavora Arizaga
3:45	Break	
4:00	Program Debate Continues	Lavora Arizaga
4:50	Action Motions	
	Announcements	Margie Morrill
5:00	Recess	

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

9:45 A.M.	THIRD PLENARY SESSION	Crown Room E. & W.
	Call to Order	Lois Carpenter
	Credentials Report	
9:50	Vote on Program	Lavora Arizaga
10:30	Budget Debate and Adoption	Barbara Swartz
10:50	Directions to National Council	Lois Carpenter
11:10	"I Wish the League Would"--Directions to the State Board	
11:40	Report of Action Motions Committee	Lavora Arizaga
	Vote on Action Motions	
11:50	Courtesy Resolutions Report	
	Introduction of Convention Committee Chairmen	
12:00	Invitations to Council '86 and Convention '87	
12:10	Election of Officers	Jan Wilbur
	Introduction of New State Board	
	Unfinished Business	
12:25	Announcements	Margie Morrill
12:30	Adjourn	

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PREPARING FOR CONVENTION

Whether this is your first or fifteenth convention, you are in for an exhilarating though exhausting time. The better prepared you are for what is to come, the more you can give and the more you will get from your convention experience.

HOMEWORK There is a lot you can do before packing your bags for Austin.

. Study thoroughly this convention workbook which contains background material and proposals for discussion and vote.

. Read up on the proposed state program and find out what your League thinks about it. Remember, delegates go to the convention informed but not instructed. All the discussion and debate that goes on at convention should figure in to your vote. Begin early to prepare your case, line up your troops and plan your strategy. (See "How to Lobby" at the end of this section.)

. Convention decisions on League financial matters are not made lightly. Delegates adopt the LWV-T budget; then the state board, as trustees of the LWV-TEF, adopts the LWV-TEF budget after being guided by convention recommendations. If you want more or different services, how should the income side of the budget be changed? If you want to cut the state budget, what services or activities are you willing to give up?

. Read carefully the full list of bylaws proposals to see if you and your League want to support or oppose them.

KNOW THE PARLIAMENTARY ROPES Review "Tips on Parliamentary Procedure" in this workbook and check with the parliamentarian for additional information. Convention business is conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, except in situations covered by the bylaws or convention rules. All motions must be written with a ballpoint pen by the maker on forms provided by ushers, and copies are shown on large screens visible to all.

CONVENTION RULES Study the proposed convention rules in this workbook. They set convention procedures not covered by the bylaws. They are adopted by majority vote at the beginning of the convention and may be amended, rescinded, or suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote. (For example, "I move to suspend the rules to allow delegates to speak for more than two minutes on this motion.")

PROGRAM PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION The proposed program will be presented Friday afternoon by a state board member who will explain it briefly and move its adoption. All debate and further action on program will be postponed until the time specified in the Order of Business. Immediately after the Proposed Program is presented, it will be in order for delegates to state their intention to present one or more of the new program issues not recommended by the board by stating, "I intend to move for consideration the following issue. . . ." A brief statement about the issue (no longer than one minute) may be made at this time.

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Preparing for Convention (cont.)

On Saturday morning at the appropriate time in the Order of Business, a delegate who gave "notice of intent" the previous day may then say: "I move for consideration the following (give exact wording)." The mover may speak in its behalf for no more than five minutes. The vote for consideration is taken immediately. There is no debate or questioning for clarification. If an issue is voted consideration by a majority vote, the issue is before the convention, to be considered on the same basis as the proposed program.

DEBATE Use the microphones. During consideration of all the program before the convention, both discussion and debate are in order. In the early stages a time will be set for discussion, i.e., to give proponents an opportunity to explain the motion under consideration and the reasons it is being proposed, and to respond to questions. When it appears that the convention can move along to the debate stage, microphones are usually designated as PRO and CON so that delegates can hear each point of view presented alternately.

VOTING Most votes are voice votes. If in doubt, the chairman will call for a standing vote (a division of the house). If the chairman is still in doubt, tellers will count the votes. No one may enter or leave the room while a standing counted vote is being taken. Any voting delegate may request a counted vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS If there are no nominations from the floor on Friday following the presentation of the Report of the Nominating Committee, voting for officers, members of the board, and nominating committee will be by voice vote on Sunday morning. If additional nominations are made, voting by ballot will take place in the convention foyer or other designated place on Saturday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

BUDGET, PMP, AND BYLAWS The proposed Order of Business provides for discussion of the proposed budget and PMP on Friday. The proposed PMP, which must be voted on first, is adopted by a 3/5 vote. The action on the budget, which requires a majority vote, will take place on Friday morning.

On Friday, the chairman of the state bylaws committee will present the board's recommendations on amendments to the bylaws. Amendments proposed by Leagues and sent to the state office by the deadline but not recommended by the state board may also be offered at this time. All amendments must be adopted by a 2/3 vote.

HOW TO LOBBY FOR STATE PROGRAM ISSUES If you wish to get a not-recommended issue on the program, plan your strategy early. Work with other Leagues that share your interest. (A list of these issues and the Leagues recommending them was sent on green paper in the February mailing to local Leagues.) Be sure to have ready a notice of intent on Friday afternoon. As you plan your strategy, assess the amount of support you have and consider whether it is sufficient to justify your efforts.

If you want to schedule a caucus on Friday or Saturday evening, ask the convention office for an available room and ask the secretary to mention it during the scheduled announcement time at the end of each plenary session. When your caucus meets, get your arguments organized, plan strategy, and select advocates to present arguments on the convention floor.

State board members will not attend caucuses unless invited.

Tips on Parliamentary Procedure

Some basic rules of parliamentary procedure which will be useful at Convention are discussed below but it is not possible to cover them all. Consult the Parliamentarian if you have special questions or problems.

Main Motions and Their Appendages

All business at the Convention is accomplished by making, debating and acting upon motions. Once a topic has been introduced by a main motion, seconded and stated by the Chair, it must normally be disposed of before the Convention can proceed to other business. Exceptions to this general rule occur when the Order of Business provides for introduction of particular motions at one meeting while action is postponed to a later time. This is the case with League program and budget. However, once a main motion is properly before the Convention for action, no other business can be brought up.

While a main motion is on the floor, several subsidiary and incidental motions can be made in connection with it. Some of these are discussed below in their order of precedence. This means that each succeeding motion can be made while the prior ones are pending.

To Amend: Debatable Majority Vote Required

I move to amend the motion by striking out the words "evaluation of."

You can amend a motion by inserting, deleting or changing words if they are germane, that is related to the subject of the motion. You cannot insert a negative to accomplish what could be done by voting against the motion. A motion can be amended several times but each amendment is considered individually and disposed of before proceeding to the next. An amendment can itself be amended but there cannot be an amendment to an amendment of an amendment. Substantial changes in the wording of a motion should be done through amendment by substitution. Consult the Parliamentarian on this. Once all amendments have been acted upon, a vote on the motion itself, as amended, is taken.

To Refer: Debatable Majority Vote Required

I move to refer this matter to a committee of three appointed by the Chair with instructions to report back to the Convention tomorrow morning.

This motion, not often used at League Conventions because of time pressures, is appropriate if you want more information about a main motion or think it needs more extensive rewording than can be done by amendment on the floor of Convention.

To Postpone Definitely: Debatable Majority Vote Required

I move to postpone consideration of this motion until Thursday morning.

This motion can be used to delay consideration of a matter until other decisions have been made or new information is available. The time to which postponement is sought must be specified.

To Limit or Extend Debate: Not Debatable Two-thirds Vote Required

I move that debate on this question be limited to one minute per speaker.

Use this motion when debate on a topic threatens to go on too long or many people wish to be heard.

I move that the limits of this debate be extended by 15 minutes.

When the time allotted for debate on a particular motion is up and you feel that the matter has not been fully explored, this motion is available.

To Close Debate: Not Debatable Two-thirds Vote Required

I move the previous question.

When debate does not seem to be shedding additional light, you may move to end it by calling the question. You must be recognized by the Chair before making this motion, which means you must be

standing in your turn at a microphone. As soon as this motion is made and seconded, debate ceases and a vote on closing debate is taken. If the motion carries, a vote is immediately taken on the question under consideration.

To Lay on the Table: Not Debatable Majority Vote Required

I move that we table this motion on candidates' meetings.

This motion postpones consideration of a matter indefinitely until the convention is ready to take it up again. You can make it any time up to the moment the final vote is taken. When a main motion is tabled it carries with it all pending amendments and other connected motions. Although it is not debatable, you may give a brief explanation of your reasons before making the motion.

I move that we take from the table the motion on candidates' meetings.

If adopted, this brings the motion previously tabled before the Convention again.

Miscellaneous Motions

These motions (or questions) are not necessarily related to the Main Motion and do not fall within the order of precedence. They may be made as appropriate or necessary. They are "red card" motions which may interrupt other business. Consult the parliamentary aides at the microphones.

Questions of Privilege: *Question of Privilege, please! It is too noisy. I request that the delegates be asked to stop talking among themselves.*

Parliamentary Inquiry: *Parliamentary Inquiry, please! Is it in order at this time to move for reconsideration of the motion to amend the budget?*

Point of Information: *Point of Information, please! How many recognized local Leagues are there at present?*

Point of Order: *Point of order, please! The motion to consider this not-recommended item is out of order because notice of intent was not given on Saturday.*

These questions are raised as the occasion demands. There is no debate or vote and the Chair rules immediately on the request or provides the information sought.

Appeals: *I appeal the decision of the Chair.*

Any ruling of the Chair can be submitted to the Convention for final determination by this motion which requires a second. The appeal must be taken immediately after the contested decision and is usually debatable. It requires a majority vote; a tie vote sustains the Chair's ruling.

Voting: *I call for a division.*

A single delegate can require a standing vote if unsatisfied with a voice vote or a show of hands.

I move that the vote on this question be counted.

This motion, if seconded, is put to the Convention. If a majority agrees, the vote in question must be taken by means of the mechanical tabulations cards.

Reconsideration: *I move that we reconsider the vote on the motion to adopt the not-recommended item on agricultural subsidies.*

This motion can be made only by one who voted with the prevailing side (the side that won) although it can be seconded by any delegate. It must be made on the same day or the next day after the original motion was carried or defeated. A motion to reconsider can be made at any time during the permitted days but a vote on the motion may be postponed to an appropriate time in keeping with the Order of Business. The motion is debatable if the original motion was debatable and requires only a majority to pass even though the original motion needed a larger vote. If the motion to reconsider passes, the original motion is again before the Convention for action. A vote can be reconsidered only once.

From: LWVUS Convention Workbook '80

PROPOSED RULES AND PROCEDURES

A motion to adopt these rules will be made shortly after the convention opens. Amendments may be offered at that time and require a majority vote. The rules as a whole (either amended or as listed below) require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

1. Admission to the convention shall be limited to persons displaying official badges which must be worn at all meetings of the convention.

2. Voting members, observers, and visitors shall sit in areas so designated. Although they may enter the convention hall after the convention has started, they shall not be seated during an address.

3. Only delegates (Art. VIII, Sec. 2, Bylaws) may vote. Delegates must pay the total registration fee; however, such registrations are transferable within the local League provided there is one person present to cast each ballot. One-half of the host League badges will be assigned on a permanent basis, and one-half may be assigned on a rotating basis.

4. Only delegates, observers, and those authorized by the chairman or the convention may address the assembly. During debate on a motion, no person may speak more than once on that question until all others who wish to speak have done so. After the original presentation, debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker.

5. A speaker shall use a microphone to announce name and League when addressing the assembly.

6. Main motions, or amendments of substantial length, must be written in ballpoint pen on forms provided for that purpose. Two copies shall be sent to the projector operators, one copy each to the president, secretary, and parliamentarian on the podium, and one copy retained.

7. No announcements shall be made which do not relate to the business of the convention or the welfare of the members. All announcements shall be made by the secretary.

8. There shall be no resolutions, except those of a courtesy nature, presented to or adopted by the convention.

9. ACTION MOTIONS. Ideas for legislative or governmental administrative action by the convention on League program may be made during designated times on the agenda. These ideas will be referred to the Action Motions Committee and presented as part of its report on Sunday morning. The Action Motions Committee shall be appointed by the presiding officer at the first meeting on Friday and shall consider and report on all action proposals submitted to it by members of the convention prior to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. If the Action Motions Committee reports unfavorably on any motion, it shall be in order for the Committee to explain its reason for disapproving the motion.

10. The procedure for program adoption shall be:

a) The proposed program shall be presented and moved for adoption by a state board member at the first meeting on Friday. No questions for clarification will be entertained and no debate will be allowed at this time. Further action will be postponed until the meeting set in the Order of Business.

b) A notice of intent to move for consideration of any item listed in the advance notice of program recommendations shall be given at the first meeting on Friday afternoon. One minute is allowed for each notice of intent. No questions for clarification and no debate are allowed.

c) Any item listed in the advance notice of program recommendations, but not specifically recommended by the board, may be moved for consideration at the Saturday morning meeting provided that notice of intent shall have been given at the first meeting on Friday afternoon. Presentation of such motions for consideration shall be limited to five minutes and a vote shall be taken immediately thereafter. No questions for clarification will be entertained and there shall be no debate at this time. A majority vote will place a not-recommended item before the convention without a further motion. A delegate may request the state board to give its reasons for not recommending an item. Such a statement shall not exceed three minutes.

d) Items voted consideration (in the order in which they were presented) and proposed program will be taken up one at a time for debate and possible amendment during the regular order of business on Saturday.

e) All program votes will take place on Sunday morning. The result of each vote will be announced before the next vote is taken. Adoption of a not-recommended item requires a two-thirds vote.

11. When a vote is in process, the doors to the convention hall shall be closed and no one may enter or leave the hall.

(Convention rules are adopted by majority vote on Friday, but may be altered at any time in the convention by a two-thirds vote. Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised will control general conduct of the meetings.)

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SONDRA FERSTL: Texas VOTER [redacted]

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1984-1985

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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,

AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1985 - 1987

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Lois Carpenter	Midland
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DIRECTORS

Evelyn Bonavita	Austin Area
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Margie Morrill, Chairman	Corpus Christi
Diana Clark	Dallas
Ruth Lauer	Lubbock

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Wilbur, Chairman	Houston
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BUDGETS FOR 1985-1986

In developing the following budgets the interdependent relationship of the local Leagues and the state League was kept in mind at all times. The budget committee is aware that money is tighter in Texas now than it has previously been. An earnest attempt has been made to keep all expenses at a minimum while continuing to give local Leagues the services they require. The recommendation for 1985-86 per-member payment (PMP) will be to keep it at $8.75 with the minimum for smaller Leagues to remain at $250.

Significant changes in the LWV-Texas budget are as follows:

The dues for members at large (MALs) and state unit members (also MALs) were raised to $30. This has been $25 for several years while the costs of serving these members have risen. The recent increase in postage will exacerbate the situation.

The number of DPMs ordered each year has been going up, while the number of Standing Order subscriptions has decreased. For this reason, it was decided to discontinue Standing Orders and keep the price of a DPM at $25. The postage increase will make it difficult to break even, however.

We have not budgeted an amount from reserves this year. That was done in the past three years for various sound reasons, but the budget committee feels that it is time to have a balanced budget. Reserves do have a way of running out.

With the purchase of new and up-to-date equipment for the office recently, an increase in maintenance costs naturally follows. There has been an increase in phone charges, and the postage will go up. Rent is now paid to LWV-TEF; while it looks like it has gone down considerably, note that TEF is no longer reimbursing T on this item. (TEF now owns the office space, so no longer pays a share of rent.)

The percentage reimbursement from TEF for N--State Office and R--Public Relations has been increased to 50% (from 40%). This more accurately reflects the time and money spent for educational activities.

Development expense (04b) has been raised considerably. Part of this is for the Annual Report which is now put out biennially; an amount was also added for a development committee to more actively seek out funding. This seems to be a necessary expense in these days of tight money.

Considering the League position on election projections, it is unlikely that ABC Election Night Reporting will continue to be a source of funding. It will therefore be recommended that the PMP be raised in the second year of the biennium. A motion will be made to approve a 1986-87 PMP not to exceed $10.00, the exact amount to be determined at 1986 State Council.

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Although the LWV-T and LWV-TEF budgets are interrelated, only the LWV-T budget is adopted by convention delegates. The TEF budget will be adopted by the TEF Board of Trustees at its June meeting. However, there are a couple of items that you should look at. In order to balance the budget, a special fund raiser is required. The exact type has not been determined, but it is obvious that it will have to be very successful. The price for the Public Subscription Service was raised. It is felt that the public should pay more than the basic cost of this service; it does not add much, but every little bit helps. With the plea for contributions for the Capital Fund Drive to purchase the office, it was felt that member contributions would be less for each operating budget. Also please note that the budget allows for only one new study to be adopted at convention. Any additional study would require additional funding.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact any member of the 1985-86 Budget Committee:

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GLOSSARY:

LL = Local League
PMP = Per-member Payment
SU = State Unit
MAL = Member at Large
LLP = Local League President
VS = Voters Service
CI = Citizen Information
DPM = Duplicate Presidents Mailing
TEF = LWV-Texas Education Fund

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LOCAL LEAGUE SUPPORT FOR 1985-86 BUDGET
Membership January 1, 1985

LEAGUE	Life Member or joined through LWVUS (no PMP)	Household	Total	Per-member Payment
Abilene			33	$ 288.75
Amarillo			43	376.25
Arlington		2	100	866.25
Austin Area	3	7	343	2,944.38
Bay Area	1	7	124	1,045.63
Baytown		1	60	520.63
Beaumont		10	143	1,207.50
Brazos County		2	122	1,058.75
Corpus Christi		10	152	1,286.25
Dallas	9	37	561	4,668.13
Denton	1	9	99	818.13
Edinburg/McAllen	1	1	43	363.13
El Paso		2	89	770.00
Gainesville		1	14	250.00 *
Galveston	1	5	68	564.38
Houston Area	25	9	604	5,026.88
Irving	2	2	54	446.25
Kerrville Area		4	53	446.25
Lubbock	1	6	155	1,321.25
Marshall/Harrison Co.		7	43	345.63
Midland		1	33	284.38
Montgomery County		1	46	398.13
Odessa		1	14	250.00 *
Orange Area		2	22	250.00 *
Pearland		4	34	280.00
Plano		8	71	586.25
Richardson			67	586.25
San Antonio Area	5	4	208	1,758.75
San Marcos		8	40	315.00
Sherman		2	68	586.25
Tarrant County		16	173	1,443.75
Tyler		6	56	463.75
Victoria		10	72	586.25
Waco Area	3	9	78	616.88
Wichita Falls	1		36	306.25
	53	194	3921	$33,326.31
State Units: Bowie County (Texarkana)			19	
Burleson Area			12	
Cherokee County (Jacksonville)			24	
Gregg County (Longview)			25	
Pasadena			21	
Wise County (Bridgeport)			13	
Members at large not in state units			43	
TOTAL LWV-TEXAS MEMBERSHIP 1/1/85			4087	

* Minimum payment allowable

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
PROPOSED BUDGET 1985-86

INCOME	ACTUAL 83-84	BUDGET 84-85	PROPOSED 85-86	EXPLANATION
A. Support				
1. Local League (PMP)	$28,927	$31,790	$33,326	Based on $8.75 PMP for 3921 members with a League minimum of $250.
2. Members joining through LWVUS	61	15	105	Based on 12 members @ $8.75 each
3. Dues, MALs & State Units	3,000	3,375	4,950	Based on 165 members at $30 each (increase in dues).
4. Provisional Leagues	125	500	200	Fee for one new provisional.
Subtotal A	32,113	35,680	38,581	
B. Interest	1,725	1,600	1,600	Interest on investments & savings.
C. Sale of Publications				
1. Duplicate Presidents Mailings	2,110	2,500	3,000	120 DPMs @ $25 each.
Standing Orders	552	600	0	Discontinued due to little demand.
2. Pubs on Hand	1,590	1,500	1,500	
3. Legislative Newsletter	0	1,500	0	Program Perspectives, We Support, etc.
4. Advocacy Papers	0	700	0	With no legislative session, no need
5. Action Briefs	0	400	0	for Newsletter or Advocacy Papers or Action Briefs.
6. We Support	504	0	600	Published in odd-numbered years, after
7. Program Perspectives	105	0	150	LWV-T convention.
8. Non-pub Sales	77	100	50	Misc. sales, such as Texas pins.
Subtotal C	4,938	7,300	5,300	
D. Contributions				
1. Member	1,575	1,095	1,032	Contributions by League members.
2. State Fund Raising	4,050	8,250	8,560	Non-member contributions prior to local League sharing.
3. Board Members Unreimbursed	1,522	2,400	2,300	Expense for food, phone, travel, etc.
Subtotal D	7,147	11,745	11,892	
E. Contractual	0	4,500	0	ABC Election Night Reporting, not done in off-years.
F. State Convention/Council				
1. Convention	0	12,000	0	Not held in spring of '86.
2. Council	4,107	0	4,500	Receipts from registration fees, etc.
3. Legislative Day	0	750	0	No legislative session in 1986
Subtotal F	4,107	12,750	4,500	

	ACTUAL 83-84	BUDGET 84-85	PROPOSED 85-86	EXPLANATION
INCOME (continued)				
G. In-kind Assistance	$ 0	$ 1,000	$ 1,000	Work contributed by non-members, i.e. auditor, typesetter, PR, etc.
H. From Reserves	1,748	6,970	0	This is not a deficit budget; no need to use reserves.
TOTAL INCOME	$51,778	$81,545	$ 62,873	
EXPENSE				
N. State Office				
1. Equipment Maintenance	$ 1,592	$ 1,600	$ 2,000	Mainly contractual, includes mimeo, copier, word processor, typewriters, et
2. General Supplies	580	1,000	1,000	Supplies not charged to specific budget item.
3. Postage	523	1,200	1,400	Bulk mail fee; postage not charged to specific budget items.
4. Telephone	1,786	1,400	1,650	Basic charges; calls not charged to specific items; has gone up.
5. Insurance & Bonding	497	600	550	Premium on fire, liability, burglary, bonding, workers comp.
6. Rent	6,838	7,240	4,785	No TEF reimbursement on this; now paid to TEF.
7. Salaries	20,400	21,360	22,430	$1155 for exec. sec.; $714 for part-time sec.; includes 5% raise.
8. Payroll Taxes	1,616	1,670	1,780	Social Security, Unemployment.
9. Audit & Tax Reports	250	500	500	To prepare reports.
10. Office Overhead	(6,565)	(7,315)	(7,219)	20% of N-1 thru N-9, charged to various committees @ 11¢/page.
11. Equipment Purchases	7,063	1,000	100	No purchases planned.
12. TEF Reimbursement	(14,120)	(12,100)	(12,095)	50% of N 1-5 & 7-11 (rent not included)
Subtotal N	20,460	18,155	16,881	
O. Board & Administration				
1. President				
a. Travel/per diem & representation	371	1,000	700	Trips to state office and other League business.
b. Telephone	1,615	1,500	1,600	League phone in pres. home.
c. Postage & Supplies	60	100	100	
2. Secretary & Treasurer	821	750	800	Phone, supplies, postage, computer time, includes amt. to complete 84-85 records.

	ACTUAL 83-84	BUDGET 84-85	PROPOSED 85-86	EXPLANATION
EXPENSES (continued)				
3. Board of Directors				
a. Tools	$ 575	$ 600	$ 650	National DPMs, other tools for new board members.
b. Board Meetings	8,491	9,060	9,300	Four 3-day meetings, one 1-day mtg.; 18 board members.
c. Board Mailings	2,754	2,300	2,600	Postage, supplies, etc., for weekly mailings from state office.
d. Unreimbursed Expense	339	400	400	No TEF reimbursement on this.
4. Administrative Committees				
a. Budget	249	400	400	6 persons, travel, etc.; 1 mtg.
b. Development	1,829	700	1,835	Includes cost of Biennial Report & Development Committee expenses.
c. Interim Committees	0	300	300	VP, ad hoc meetings as needed.
d. Nominating & Bylaws	17	465	50	Phone, supplies.
5. TEF Reimbursement	(6,941)	(7,030)	(7,335)	40% of O-1 through O-4.
6. Unreimbursed Expenses	583	400	600	
Subtotal O	10,763	10,945	12,000	
P. Convention/Council				
1. National Council/Convention	1,911	1,500	2,000	Natl. Convention '86, 3 delegates.
2. State Council	4,016	0	4,500	All costs, including travel, food, lodging, for budget chmn., nom. comm., and others invited by state bd. No expenses of state board.
3. State Convention	0	12,000	0	No convention in '85-'86.
Subtotal P	5,927	13,500	6,500	
Q. National Services (PMP)	1,144	1,035	1,100	PMP for SUs & MALs; 75% pd by LWV-T, 25% by TEF; includes bonus for over 10% growth.
R. Public Relations				
1. Vice President Expense	44	375	375	Travel, phone, supplies.
2. Texas VOTER	3,204	4,000	4,000	4 issues, no color.
3. Publications				
a. Director's Expense	41	50	50	Phone, supplies.
b. Marketing Expense	223	200	400	Expect to increase marketing activity to increase income from pubs.
c. DPMs	3,152	2,500	3,000	Matched by Income C-1.
Standing Orders	260	600	0	No longer offered
d. Publications on Hand	1,829	1,000	1,500	Matched by Income C-2.
e. We Support	555	0	600	Matched by Income C-6.
f. Program Perspectives	262	0	260	Some are given away.

	ACTUAL 83-84	BUDGET 84-85	PROPOSED 85-86	EXPLANATION
EXPENSES (continued)				
g. Advocacy Papers	$ 0	$ 800	$ 0)	None anticipated.
h. Action Brief	0	400	0)	
4. TEF Reimbursement	(1,050)	(1,850)	(2,410)	50% of R1 through R3b.
5. Unreimbursed Expense	1	400	100	
Subtotal R	8,521	8,475	7,875	
S. Organization				
1. Vice President Expenses	269	300	300	Travel, phone, supplies.
2. Field Service	1,656	2,000	2,300	Representatives, consultant, director's expenses.
3. Workshops	445	2,500	450	One workshop.
4. New Leagues & Units	465	300	360	Start-up costs--travel, phone, etc.
5. Membership	128	250	200	Director's expenses not charged elsewhere.
6. Provisional Leagues	187	400	300	Expenses for advisor, mailings, etc.
7. State Unit Director & Advisors	231	625	800	DPMs, mailings, meetings.
8. Mailings to SU Chairmen	281	410	420	Same as LL Pres. mailings.
9. Mailings to MALs	1,614	1,400	1,980	Monthly mailings; new-member packets.
10. Mailings to LL Presidents	2,110	2,000	2,000	Ten monthly mailings.
11. TEF Reimbursement	(992)	(1,080)	(2,225)	25% of S1-4; 6-10.
12. Unreimbursed Expense	300	400	400	
Subtotal S	6,694	9,505	7,285	
T. Program				
1. Vice President Expenses	160	500	500	Travel, phone, supplies.
2. Program Action	1,060	4,000	1,500	Program Directors' expenses (phone, travel, testimony, etc.)
3. Coalitions	90	200	125	Dues; many coalitions are TEF.
4. Unreimbursed Expenses	299	400	700	
Subtotal T	1,609	5,100	2,825	
U. Legislative Office				
1. Lobby & Office Expense	0	10,580	300	Contingency for poss. special session, (dir. exp.)
2. Accrual for Next Session	0	0	4,700	
3. Special Legislative Session	0	650	650	Leg. office; includes Legislative Newsletter if special session
4. Unreimbursed Expense	0	400	100	
Subtotal U	0	11,630	5,750	
V. In-Kind Assistance	0	1,000	1,000	Outside professionals, see G.

	ACTUAL 83-84	BUDGET 84-85	PROPOSED 85-86	EXPLANATION
EXPENSES (continued)				
W. Local League Share of State Fund Raising	$ 720	$ 1,500	$ 1,657	In accordance with sharing formula adopted at convention.
X. Contractual Services	0	700	0	
TOTAL EXPENSES	$55,838	$81,545	$62,873	

Budget

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS EDUCATION FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET 1985-86

INCOME	ACTUAL 83-84	BUDGET 84-85	PROPOSED 85-86	EXPLANATION
A. Contributions				
1. Fund Raising, Unrestricted	$ 7,800	$ 8,000	$11,400	Total to be raised; includes LL share.
2. Special Fund Raiser			6,765	New category, due to need.
3. Member Contributions	3,321	1,000	500	Seems a realistic figure.
4. Tributes & Memorials	75	200	75	Realistic.
5. Restricted Grants	15,270	50,000	50,000	Total to be raised less fees & LL share if applicable.
6. Local League Restricted Funds	13,609	11,100	13,000	Held for LLs, total less administrative fee.
7. Unreimbursed Expenses	226	2,750	1,100	Unreimbursed board member expenses.
Subtotal A	40,301	73,050	82,840	
B. Interest	7,223	7,300	6,000	Interest on investments.
C. Administrative Fees				
1. Local League Projects	251	450	250	5% fee charged on local projects.
2. Grants, Restricted	690	1,000	500	
3. Texas Government Handbook	248	150	10	25¢ ea. on remainder of 1st edition.
Subtotal C	1,189	1,600	760	
D. Sale of Publications				
1. Voters Guides	4,633	3,000	4,500	Nov. '85 and May '86 elections.
2. Public Subscription Service	1,380	2,000	3,000	120 @ $25 each (price increase).
3. Current Issue Publications	2,393	5,500	4,000	1 new study, update, Focus.
4. Publications on Hand	895	500	500	TEF pubs from previous years.
Subtotal D	9,301	11,000	12,000	
E. Office				
1. Rent			12,435	League office + suite next door.
2. Contributions			65,000	1/2 balance due; pay off in following year.
3. Renovation			15,070	In reserve, for renovation.
Subtotal E			92,505	
F. In-Kind Assistance	0	2,500	2,500	Outside professional work donated.
G. From Reserves	1,261	7,350	2,435	Restricted funds to be used this yr.
TOTAL INCOME	$59,275	$102,800	$199,040	

EXPENSES	ACTUAL 83-84	BUDGET 84-85	PROPOSED 85-86	EXPLANATION
N. Shared Services & Administration				
1. Shared Services				
a. Office Overhead	$11,294	$12,100	$12,095	LWV-T N-12 % of expenses used
b. Trustee Expenses	6,941	7,030	7,335	LWV-T O-5 for
c. VOTER and Pubs	1,050	1,850	2,410	LWV-T R-4 TEF
d. Mailings & Workshops	992	1,080	2,225	LWV-T S-11 activities.
2. Administration	18	100	50	Supervision of LL accounts.
3. Capital Expenditures	2,285	520	0	None foreseen.
4. National PMP for MALs	380	345	370	25% of total as allowed by LWVUS.
TEF Handbook	516			
Subtotal N	23,476	23,025	24,485	
O. Public Relations, Unrestricted				
1. VS/CI Chair	44	175	150	Travel, phone, supplies.
2. Voters Guides	5,081	3,000	4,500	Cost, matches D-1.
3. Public Subscription Service	1,287	2,000	2,400	
4. Voters Service Pubs & Projects	852	500	600	Voters Guides to MALs & SUs; other selected projects.
5. Unreimbursed Expenses	59	250	100	
Subtotal O	7,323	5,925	7,750	
P. Program, Unrestricted				
1. Research on New Items	2,475	0	1,500	One new study
2. Information & Education-- Previous Studies	0	1,650	1,500	Research, updates, workshops, pub purchase on old program.
3. Coalitions	210	150	200	Dues
4. Publications	2,208	5,500	2,600	1 F&I, 3 Focuses, 1 Update (tentative)
5. Unreimbursed Expenses	167	2,500	1,000	
Subtotal P	5,060	9,800	6,800	
Q. Publications & Projects, Restricted	14,428	50,000	50,000	Matches A-5; debate Tx. Govt. Handbook, other
R. Local League Restricted Funds				
1. Projects	5,276	8,550	6,500	Approved projects, less 5% fee.
2. Purchases	3,712	3,000	6,500	Purchase of pubs, etc.
Subtotal R	8,988	11,550	13,000	Matches A-6.
S. Office			92,505	Loan repayment, insurance, redecorating, owners' maint. fee; matches E.
T. In-Kind Assistance	0	2,500	2,500	Matches F.
U. Local League Sharing			2,000	LL share of state fund raising--20% of Income A-1.
TOTAL EXPENSES	$59,275	$102,800	$199,040	

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PROPOSED NEW STUDY ITEM:

--- HEALTH CARE FOR THE INDIGENT

Focus: Who are the indigent
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Who provides such health care?
Who pays for such health care?
What services are provided?
What are the alternatives?

ACTION ITEMS IN BRIEF:

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A. Action to reduce the incidence of domestic violence and to alleviate its effects.
B. Action to achieve equitable intestacy laws.
C. Action to achieve fair treatment for women under the divorce and sex offense laws.

II. GOVERNMENT

A. Action to achieve an effective method for drawing boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts through legislative action and constitutional revision.
B. Action to achieve flexibility within a coordinated finance structure, equitable taxation, and increased accountability.
C. Action to achieve an efficient, effective, and responsive state governmental system through constitutional revision and legislative action.
D. Action to achieve more flexible structures and adequate powers at the local level.
E. Action to achieve revision of the Texas Constitution.
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Proposed State Program -- Action Items in Brief (cont.)

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PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM
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DETAILS OF POSITIONS

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Who is eligible for indigent health care?
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What are the alternatives?

I. WOMEN UNDER TEXAS LAW

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND TO ALLEVIATE ITS EFFECTS. STATE FUNDING SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SEED MONEY, CAPITAL FUNDS, AND OPERATING COSTS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- local and regional residential centers for victims
- nonresidential support services
- counseling programs for offenders and all other members of the affected household
- mandatory inservice training for police officers who deal with domestic violence
- expanded training in police academies to deal with domestic violence
- special training for prosecutors, judges, probation officers, and others in the criminal justice system who deal with domestic violence
- public information about domestic violence.

B. INTESTACY

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS EQUITABLE INTESTACY LAWS WHICH INCLUDE THESE PROVISIONS:

- the surviving spouse should inherit all of the community property when the decedent had no children or when the surviving spouse is the parent of all the children of the decedent
- the surviving spouse should not inherit all of the community property when the decedent is survived by minor children not of the surviving spouse
- the surviving parent of a minor child should be required to obtain court permission to dispose of the child's property when it is valued at more than $50,000

C. DIVORCE AND SEX OFFENSE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS CHANGES IN TEXAS LAWS THAT WOULD:

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- enable a court to award post-divorce payments to a spouse when appropriate
- provide that sexual intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse with one's spouse without the consent of that spouse shall be a criminal offense punishable on the same basis as rape or sexual abuse of any other person

II. GOVERNMENT

A. REDISTRICTING

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING REDISTRICTING PROCEDURES:

- the formation of a commission which would have the initial responsibility, following the decennial census, of formulating a redistricting plan designating boundaries for the congressional districts and the state house and senate districts
- the commission should be appointed, bipartisan, small in size, and composed of an odd number of members
- the state legislature should be responsible for the final approval of the redistricting plan
- districts should be apportioned on the basis of equal population
- districts should be single member and contiguous
- consideration should be given to ensuring that the districts be compact, that district lines coincide with boundaries of local political subdivisions, and that districts not be drawn to dilute the voting strength of minority populations
- consideration should not be given to retention of incumbents, political party strength, nor to communities of interest
- districts should not be apportioned on the basis of numbers of electors
- specific provisions should be made for automatic court review of redistricting measures, preferably giving the Texas Supreme Court original jurisdiction
- definite time limits should be set for when the commission begins its work, when the legislature gives final approval, and when court action must be initiated
- if a commission is not initially responsible, the legislature should conduct the work of redistricting during a special session called for the sole purpose of redistricting. The special session should operate within a short, strict time frame.

B. FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR FLEXIBILITY WITHIN A COORDINATED STRUCTURE; EQUITABLE TAXATION; AND INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY INCLUDING:

- removal of provisions relating to dedicated funds, ad valorem tax exemptions, dollar amount of debt limitations, and other such specific wording from the constitution and making them statutory
- reorganization of fiscal responsibilities and offices to eliminate duplication and to strengthen and clarify lines of accountability
- budget execution to be a joint responsibility of the executive and legislative branches of state government
- change to a program or performance budget format
- application of appropriate fiscal management and business practices to conduct state business
- an equitable system of taxation which assures an adequate revenue, is easily administered, and is consistent with economic and social goals
- appraisal of taxable property at full market value; state supervision to ensure equitable and uniform appraisal and taxing procedures

C. EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL

1. THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS MEASURES TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING:

- governor limited to two terms which may or may not be successive
- constitutional provision for the succession to the office of the governor if the governor is unable to perform the duties of the office
- cabinet-type executive department, with only the governor, lieutenant governor, and the attorney general elected
- the governor having the power, with safeguards prescribed by law, to remove appointive officers of the executive department and citizen appointees to boards and commissions
- reorganization of state boards and commissions along functional lines by grouping them in areas of responsibility

2. THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS MEASURES TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND RESPONSIVENESS OF THE LEGISLATURE INCLUDING:

- annual sessions of sufficient length and scope to permit efficient handling of legislative business
- adequate compensation for legislators and elimination of salary amounts from the constitution
- increased power of the legislators in relation to the power of their presiding officers to include (a) greater voice in determining committee membership, and (b) bills referred to committees of appropriate jurisdiction

3. THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS AN EFFECTIVE JUDICIAL STRUCTURE FOR TEXAS, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE:

- a single system of centrally administered statewide courts with a uniform fiscal policy
- assignment of judges according to special training and docket needs
- selection of district and appellate judges by a combination of nomination by a nonpartisan commission, initial executive appointment, and nonpartisan, noncompetitive elections
- effective removal procedures

D. STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS MORE FLEXIBLE STRUCTURES AND ADEQUATE POWERS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL; COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL STATE PLANNING, INCLUDING REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS AND

- state financial and technical assistance to regional councils
- flexible government structures for counties and municipalities, together with legislative and financial powers adequate to provide local services
- authorization for cities and counties to combine efforts on regional problems enabling performance of services without overlapping costs and taxation, in perference to single-purpose districts
- provisions for greater accountability to and regulation by the state of single-purpose districts

E. TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS REVISION OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION. PRINCIPLES FOR A GOOD CONSTITUTION INCLUDE:

- a bill of rights
- a framework of basic law
- clear separation of powers with responsibility definitely assigned

- qualifications for voter eligibility and guarantees of fair elections
- provisions for justice with a minimum of delay
- a coordinated finance structure capable of flexibility
- maximum home rule for municipal and county governments with coordination of overlapping functions
- provisions for support of public education
- provisions for support of public health and welfare services
- provision for amendment and revision
- basic policies regarding state employee selection, retention, and promotion

F. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS ACTION TO ACHIEVE CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY INITIATIVE AND STATUTORY REFERENDUM BY PETITION WITH PETITION SIGNATURES REPRESENTING STATEWIDE DISTRIBUTION EQUAL TO 10-15% OF THOSE VOTING IN THE LAST GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION AND THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

- legal review of a proposal before signatures are gathered
- signatures gathered by volunteers
- full disclosure of funding sources and amounts
- adequate voter education, including public notices

Amplification of position:

In implementing the above position, the following should be considered:

- the attorney general and secretary of state were most frequently mentioned to review a proposal before signatures are gathered
- while direct initiative and referendum is preferable, indirect initiative is acceptable
- types of public information suggested included public hearings, public service announcements, information mailed to every voter, and debates

G. VOTING RIGHTS

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS THE RIGHT OF EVERY CITIZEN TO VOTE, IMPROVED VOTER REGISTRATION PROCEDURES, UNIFORMLY ENFORCED ELECTION PROCEDURES, CLEARLY STATED ELECTION LAWS, AND THE RIGHT TO A SECRET BALLOT. SPECIFIC MEASURES INCLUDE:

- adequate safeguards against fraud (voter's personal signature on the registration application, as well as on the registration card; signature identification at the polls; and accurate and current registration lists periodically revised)
- no declaration of party affiliation when registering
- revision of election laws to ensure enforcement
- recodification of the election laws to eliminate obsolete matter and to clarify ambiguous provisions
- supervision of all local elections (held by all governmental units) by a single county election authority responsible to a central state authority
- mandatory uniform training for all election personnel
- automatic restoration of voting rights to felons upon completion of their sentence and/or probationary period
- provision for jointly conducted primaries

III. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

A. EQUITABLE SYSTEM OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS AN EQUITABLE SYSTEM OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN TEXAS WITH THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

Proposed Program -- Details of Positions (cont.)

- improvements in pretrial justice including:
  - a state-supported public defender system adequately funded
  - a uniform statewide system of pretrial release
  - pretrial diversion programs, with local implementation guidelines available statewide for certain classes of offenders
  - availability of night and weekend magistrates
  - revision of the bail bond system to permit counties to serve as bonding agencies and to provide regulation of all commercial bail bond agencies and guidelines for more uniform bail amounts
- measures to improve law enforcement including:
  - higher basic training standards and requirements for regular inservice training, incentives for additional education, and specific training for management and supervisory positions
  - increased statewide coordination and cooperation among local law enforcement agencies
  - a state commission, adequately funded, to set and enforce minimum standards for city and county jails
- provisions for more equitable sentences including:
  - jury sentencing only in capital cases
  - appellate review of a sentence
  - revision of the penal code to reduce disparity of sentences, provide more specific definitions of crimes and aggravating or mitigating circumstances, and narrow the range between minimum and maximum sentences
- state assistance, including restitution by the offender when feasible, to victims of certain violent criminal acts
- state laws to prohibit electronic surveillance or wiretapping
- a state correctional system which would:
  - assign highest priority to provision of a broad range of community-based programs and facilities in lieu of additional prison construction
  - expand state standards, technical assistance, and funding for locally administered community-based programs
- improvements in the parole system
- a prison system which would provide humane care and treatment for all its inmates in a secure environment and would also provide:
  - expanded educational opportunities for both sexes with strong emphasis on a wider variety of vocational training for marketable skills
  - improved health care delivery including greater access to professional health care services and adequate facilities which meet minimum standards of the American Hospital Association
  - compensation to inmates for their labor, the funds to come from the sale of prison-made goods and surpluses
  - expansion of programs to assist all inmates in making the transition from prison to the free world
  - improvements in the correctional officer system including increased state funds to enable lowering the ratio of inmates to correctional officers, establishment of higher standards for officer selection and a pay scale sufficient to attract and retain officers who meet those standards, expansion of preservice training, and opportunities for inservice training for correctional officers.

B. JUVENILE JUSTICE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS CREATION OF A SINGLE STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE AGENCY WHICH, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, WOULD:

- develop and coordinate juvenile probation services, programs, and community-based corrections
- set minimum standards and qualifications for all personnel and agencies which deal with juveniles in the justice system
- finance dispositional alternatives, probation departments, and correctional institutions
- expand community-based juvenile correction facilities and programs to supplement traditional institutions

ADDITIONALLY, for improved juvenile justice we support:

- mandatory reporting of juvenile offense statistics by law enforcement agencies and courts to a central state agency
- improved training for law enforcement personnel who deal with juveniles to include mandatory annual inservice training and more comprehensive basic training on topics such as the Texas Family Code, available community resources, crisis intervention, family counseling, ethnic differences, and adolescent psychology
- automatic court review of a juvenile's record two years after the last official action or final discharge of the case to determine whether the record should be sealed
- special provisions for status offenders including adequate state and local programs and facilities for their supervision, treatment, and protection; court jurisdiction over status offenders only until other supervision is available; and programs and institutions for them which are separate from those juveniles adjudicated delinquent

IV. HUMAN RESOURCES/SOCIAL POLICY

A. PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS A SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM THAT WOULD PROVIDE AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AND EQUITY TO THE TAXPAYER. SPECIFIC MEASURES THAT WE SUPPORT INCLUDE:

- an increase in the level of state support to Texas public schools to ensure that all Texas school children receive a high quality education
- joint state-local financing of public schools--the foundation school approach
- incorporation of a guaranteed tax base yield approach for part of the local enrichment, to mitigate spending disparities resulting from differences in wealth among school districts in Texas
- some form of state assistance, such as outright allocations, loan guarantees or low-interest loans to districts facing overwhelming capital outlays for essential construction or rebuilding
- maintaining the statewide local fund assignment at or above the 15% level as the foundation school program level increases to provide greater taxpayer equity
- an increase in equalization aid to provide greater taxpayer equity; equalization aid should be allotted in direct proportion to local tax effort to reward those poor districts willing to tax themselves more heavily
- strengthening the foundation school program
  - by substantial increases in teachers' salaries and in the number of classroom-contact personnel, and
  - by modest increases (above the inflation level) in operations funding and in funding of programs for special categories of students, specifically vocational education, compensatory education, special education, and kindergarten

- a program for the gifted and talented student jointly funded by state and local monies under the foundation school program
- a weighted approach to distribution of state school finance money to meet individual student needs; the weighted program approach is preferred, although the weighted pupil and the weighted personnel approaches are acceptable

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS OPPOSES:

- reduction of the statewide local fund assignment
- a limit on local enrichment
- the voucher system approach
- any state requirement that local districts use state school finance monies to provide local tax relief

B. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/INCOME ASSISTANCE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO ACHIEVE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL, TO COMBAT DISCRIMINATION AND POVERTY, AND TO PROVIDE EQUAL ACCESS TO HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND QUALITY EDUCATION IN TEXAS. SPECIFIC MEASURES THAT WE SUPPORT INCLUDE:

- access for all persons to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all
- removal of the ceiling on welfare spending from the state constitution
- provision by the state of supportive services, including health care, child care, family planning, and legal aid for income assistance (welfare) recipients
- an effective Human Relations Commission for Texas that includes such features as:
  - permanent independent status
  - investigative and legal enforcement powers that go beyond the conciliation process
  - an adequate budget funded independently of the governor's office
  - equitable representation of racial, religious, and ethnic groups
  - an adequately-sized staff trained in human relations work

V. NATURAL RESOURCES

A. WATER

1. WATER PLANNING

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS LONG-RANGE STATE WATER PLANNING THAT:

- takes into consideration its social, economic, environmental, and land use implications
- provides for development of adequate water supplies by ecologically and financially sound means
- emphasizes conservation and reuse of water
- is based on increased research concerning wise and efficient use of the state's land and water resources
- affords protection for the land and for fragile ecosystems

2. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION, CONSERVATION, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE GROUNDWATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE STATE WATER PLAN, AND GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT THAT WOULD ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

- maintain groundwater quality by preventing harmful contamination of aquifers
- assure the long-term productivity of the state's groundwater resources and availability of ground water supplies
- minimize adverse effects of ground water withdrawals, including land subsidence and reduction of spring flows

Water resources planning should also include:

- detailed information concerning
  - the hydraulic characteristics and recharge of the state's aquifers
  - quantities, locations, and trends of ground water withdrawals
  - measures that could conserve and extend existing supplies
  - current and projected costs of ground water and alternative surface water supplies
  - potential conjunctive use of ground water and surface water
- management options developed specifically for each area of the state where ground water is a significant resource
- full public consideration of groundwater management options
- recommendations of measures to be taken by the state, by political subdivisions of the state, and by the private sector to assure wise management of the state's groundwater resources
- coordination of state plans for groundwater management with relevant policies and programs of the federal government and of other states

Adequate funds should be appropriated for planning and for management of the state's groundwater resources.

B. AIR AND LAND USE

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS STATE GOVERNMENT ACTION FOR CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION IN TEXAS, INCLUDING:

- power to set and enforce standards stricter than those required by the federal government
- adequate funding to carry out research, planning, and enforcement
- legislation allowing local and regional governments to set and enforce standards stricter than those of the state
- encouragement of citizen involvement in the rule-making and enforcement process

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS A COMPREHENSIVE STATE LAND USE POLICY TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE, INCLUDING:

- land being used according to its carrying capacity based on a thorough inventory of our land and natural resources
- growth and development of an area being compatible with the degree of availability of essential natural resources in that area
- protection of the traditional rights of ownership of property, but in conflicts between private interest and public welfare, precedence should be given to the public interest
- preservation of agricultural lands and desirable open space with preferential tax treatment for each
- preferential tax treatment for maintenance of the built environment
- establishment of a state land use management agency
- identification and protection of areas of particular significance (historical, archaeological, aesthetic, recreational) and rare or fragile ecosystems
- the main thrust of land use planning being carried out at the local level and equitably enforced

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EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED STATE PROGRAM 1985-1987

PROPOSED NEW STUDY: HEALTH CARE FOR THE INDIGENT

There has been sustained interest in health care in local Leagues for many years. Every recent convention has had recommendations for a state health care study. Texas Leaguers supported a national health care study which never materialized. Fourteen local Leagues in Texas have conducted local studies on different aspects of health care and have often found that many of the problems with health care can only be resolved at the state level. There is also a great deal of interest throughout the state in indigent health care. Last year the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house appointed a 28-member Task Force on Indigent Health Care which held hearings around the state and published a report of their findings in December, 1984. The state board believes that we should adopt this study now so that we can reach member agreement and be prepared for action during the next regular legislative session.

Please remember that becauee the state board is recommending Health Care for the Indigent, it can be adopted by a majority vote of convention delegates.

Suggestions from local Leagues that are not recommended by the state board, but which may be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the delegates are:

- Standards for quality developmental child care, and adequate state level enforcement of facilities and standards -- Beaumont
- Child Care: 1. Accrediting and monitoring of day-care facilities
  2. Screening of employees -- Plano
- Family Violence: Study the security aspects of hiring personnel and licensing at day-care centers -- Denton
- Standards for child-care facilities in Texas -- Richardson
- Family Violence: Continued study focusing on children including both physical and sexual abuse -- Denton
- Child custody laws, especially rights of fathers and grandparents -- Houston
- Nonpartisan election of judges -- Bay Area, Houston, Waco
  (Houston and Bay Area qualified their recommendations by saying that if we could act in support of nonpartisan elections as part of our merit selection position, they would not want a new study.)
- Election of Judges -- Tarrant County, Plano
- The primary election process -- Bay Area, Houston, Plano
- A study of the present laws of evidence and the procedures followed by law enforcement officials in cases of domestic violence -- El Paso
- Study of the regulatory agencies in Texas beginning with the Railroad Commission and the Public Utility Commission -- Kerrville
- Railroad Commission -- Dallas
- Hazardous waste disposal sites -- Dallas
- Hazardous wastes: review current legislation in regard to all aspects of hazardous wastes, taking special note of who is in charge -- Tyler

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- Quality of education in Texas -- Richardson
- Municipal utility districts -- Austin Area
- Libraries: funding, information services, quality and quantity of libraries -- Plano
- Economic impact of legal and illegal immigration on Texas -- Plano
- Women under Texas law, especially financial issues, such as insurance and pension -- Tarrant County
- Voting rights -- Tarrant County
- ERA -- Tarrant County
- Aging -- Tarrant County
- Lobbying practices -- Tarrant County

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I. WOMEN UNDER TEXAS LAW

A. addition as result of consensus
B. addition as result of consensus
C. editorial change in heading of details of details of position

In October, 1983, the LWV-Texas adopted the following position:
"The League of Women Voters of Texas supports equitable and efficient means of enforcing court orders for child support, including the assignment of wages." The 68th Legislature had passed an amendment to the Texas Constitution along with enabling legislation to provide equitable and efficient means of enforcing court orders for child support, including the assignment of wages. The amendment was ratified on November 8, 1983, with our very active support. GOAL ACHIEVED. The state board recommends DROPPING the item.

II. GOVERNMENT

A. Redistricting
ADDITION as result of consensus

B. Financing State Government
DROP point 7, "establishment of a state department of taxation to collect state taxes." No longer necessary because 95 % of state taxes are collected by the comptroller's office and the state property tax has been abolished.
DROP last part of point 8, "mandatory professional training for tax appraisers." GOAL ACHIEVED.

C. Legislative
DROP point 2, "limitation of conference committees to adjusting the difference in bills and resolutions passed by the two houses." GOAL ACHIEVED

G. Voting Rights
Editorial changes to combine beginning statements and form single list of detailed positions

Explanation of Proposed Program (cont.)

III. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

A. Equitable System of Criminal Justice
Under "Measures to improve law enforcement including:"
DROP point 1, " . statewide minimum standards for law enforcement personnel at all levels." GOAL ACHIEVED

DROP point 3, " . mandatory reporting by every law enforcement agency of all criminal statistics, criminal history information, and final disposition of cases to the Department of Public Safety." STATISTICAL REPORTING IS MUCH IMPROVED, AND THIS POSITION IS NO LONGER NEEDED.

Under "A state correctional system which would:"
DROP point 3, " . maintain a state probation authority that provides financial assistance to local probation departments." GOAL ACHIEVED

DROP point 4, " . establish a specific mandatory supervision time for all discharges from the Texas Department of Corrections." THIS STATEMENT IS ALWAYS MISINTERPRETED AND IS MORE HARMFUL THAN HELPFUL.

Under "Improvements in the parole system:"
DROP all four points. SOME GOALS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED AND MANY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PAROLE PROCESS HAVE BEEN MADE. THE SHORTENED WORDING SEEMS ADEQUATE NOW.

B. Juvenile Justice
Editorial changes in "Position in Brief"

IV. HUMAN RESOURCES/SOCIAL POLICY

A. Public School Finance
Editorial change in beginning statement of "Details of Positions."

B. Equal Opportunity/Income Assistance
Editorial change in beginning statement of "Details of Positions" in the second section.

V. NATURAL RESOURCES

A. 1. Water Planning
Substitute wording for clarification in first section

Editorial change in beginning statement of "Details of Positions"

B. Air and Land Use
Editorial changes in beginning statements of "Details of Positions" in each section

We have deleted the "Support" statements from the "Program in Brief" because they are included in the "Details of Positions" where they are most appropriate.

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ADOPTED STATE PROGRAM
(as adopted at State Convention 1983)

I. WOMEN UNDER TEXAS LAW

Action to achieve fair treatment for women under the divorce and sex offense laws.
Continued study with emphasis on domestic violence, child support enforcement, and intestacy laws.

II. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Action to achieve an equitable system of criminal justice in Texas.
Action to achieve creation of a single state juvenile justice agency.
Action to achieve a state juvenile agency budget flexible enough to allocate available financial resources to either community or institutional programs and facilities as the need arises.

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Action to achieve measures for the protection, conservation, and development of the state's groundwater resources as an integral part of the comprehensive state water plan.
Action to achieve conservation and judicious development of land and water resources, the improvement of water and air quality, conservation of energy, and development of public transportation in a manner which assures adequate protection of the environment, improvement of the quality of life, and wise use of our natural resources.
Support of water planning and development being the responsibility of the state government.
Support of state governmental action for control of air pollution in Texas.
Support of a comprehensive state land use policy which would provide for the orderly development of the state.

V. GOVERNMENT

Study of the congressional and legislative redistricting process in Texas, including assessment of current criteria and evaluation of possible alternatives.
Action to achieve an efficient, effective, and responsive state governmental system through constitutional revision and legislative action.
Action to achieve flexibility within a coordinated finance structure, equitable taxation, and increased accountability.
Action to protect every citizen's right to vote.
Action to achieve more flexible structures and adequate powers at the local level.
Support of comprehensive regional state planning, including regional planning councils.
Action to achieve revision of the Texas Constitution.
Action to achieve constitutional and statutory initiative and statutory referendum while assuring statewide citizen participation, education, funding disclosure, and legal review.

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WOMEN UNDER TEXAS LAW

ACTION TO ACHIEVE EQUITABLE AND EFFICIENT MEANS OF ENFORCING COURT ORDERS FOR CHILD SUPPORT, INCLUDING THE ASSIGNMENT OF WAGES.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS EQUITABLE INTESTACY LAWS WHICH INCLUDE THESE PROVISIONS:

Community Property

. The surviving spouse should inherit all of the community property
  - when the decedent had no children
  - when the surviving spouse is the parent of all the children of the decedent.
. The surviving spouse should not inherit all of the community property when the decedent is survived by minor children not of the surviving spouse.

Disposal of Property

. The surviving parent of a minor child should be required to obtain court permission to dispose of the child's property when it is valued at more than $50,000.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS SUPPORTS STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND TO ALLEVIATE ITS EFFECTS.

. State funding should be available for seed money, capital funds, and operating costs for the following:
  - local and regional residential centers for victims
  - non-residential support services
  - counseling programs for offenders and all other members of the affected household
  - mandatory in-service training for police officers who deal with domestic violence
  - expanded training in police academies to deal with domestic violence
  - special training for prosecutors, judges, probation officers, and others in the criminal justice system who deal with domestic violence
  - public information about domestic violence.

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* For additional details of previously adopted positions, see Program Perspectives. Please bring your copy of Program Perspectives to convention for reference.

GOVERNMENT

ACTION TO ACHIEVE AN EFFECTIVE METHOD FOR DRAWING BOUNDARIES FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS THROUGH LEGISLATIVE ACTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION.

- To facilitate the process of legislative and congressional redistricting, the League of Women Voters of Texas strongly supports the formation of a commission which would have the initial responsibility, following the decennial census, of formulating a redistricting plan designating boundaries for the Unites States congressional districts and the state house and senate districts. The state legislature would be responsible for the final approval of the redistricting plan. The commission should be appointed, bipartisan, small in size, and composed of an odd number of members.

- Districts for both houses of the state legislature and the congressional districts should be apportioned on the basis of equal population. Districts should be single member and contiguous. Some consideration should also be given to ensuring that the districts be compact, that district lines coincide with boundaries of local political subdivisions, and that districts not be drawn to dilute the voting strength of minority populations. Retention of incumbents, political party strength, and communities of interest should not be considered. Districts should not be apportioned on the basis of numbers of qualified electors.

- Specific provisions should be made for automatic court review of redistricting measures, preferably giving the Texas Supreme Court original jurisdiction. Definite time limits should be set for when the commission begins its work, when the legislature gives final approval, and when court action must be initiated.

- If a commission is not initially responsible, the legislature should conduct the work of redistricting during a special session of the legislature called for the sole purpose of redistricting. The special session should operate within a short, strict time frame.

ORGANIZATION BIENNIAL REPORTS

ORGANIZATION VICE PRESIDENT

The continuing upward trend in Texas' League membership is heartening. In the first year of the biennium we recorded an overall increase of 3.4%; this year the increase reached 6.2%! Membership now stands at 4,087. Over 300 members are male. During this two-year period, the Rockwall County League disbanded in May of 1984, but the Montgomery County League moved from provisional to full local League status in May of 1983. The Greater Kerrville Provisional League became the Kerrville Area League in April of 1984. State units also represent a growing League presence in Texas. We began the biennium with five units. Alvin disbanded its unit in April of 1983 and Kerrville is now a local League. Four new units have been organized--Gregg County and Wise County in 1983-1984; Bowie County and Cherokee County in 1984-1985. We welcome this growth and appreciate the efforts you have put forth to make this happen.

Beth Brown, a longtime League leader and most recently Organization Vice-President at the state level, passed away in the fall of 1983. To honor her, a League memorial fund was established by her husband, Warren. Half of this fund has been used to purchase equipment for the state office; the balance funded a state unit workshop and subsidized a portion of the expenses for a member of each local League and state unit to attend Women's Legislative Days in February of this year.

A number of new and revised League tools were offered in the first year of the biennium. In the current year, revised and expanded guidelines for organizing and operating state units have been published under the title All About State Units.

Further organizational reports from the Membership/State Units and Field Service directors follow.

Ethel Sturgis

MEMBERSHIP AND STATE UNITS

Introducing new members to our unique and valuable organization is an issue of importance to all of us. So is membership retention. At this convention we celebrate our 65th birthday by honoring those who have been Leaguers for 40 years or more. There are 12 in this select group, one of whom, Myrtle Bulkley, has been a League member for 65 years. Cheers for these very special people! We hope this group will grow and grow as the years go by.

One of our major areas of membership growth this year has been in members at large (MALs). Currently we have 166 MALs, 54 more than we had this time a year ago--up 48%! Forty-three of our MALs live in communities where there is no organized League group; 123 belong to one of our seven state

units. The units meet a need in their communities through their voters service activities; all meet regularly for program discussions. Each unit has an advisor, appointed by the state board, who guides and oversees unit activities. The time and effort of these advisors in assisting the units is greatly appreciated.

In September of 1984, a workshop was held for state unit chairmen and advisors, funded by the Beth Brown Memorial Fund. At that time we had five state units, and four of them participated, along with their advisors. A representative from Bowie County, which had not yet organized, also participated. Some form of training for both unit chairmen and advisors will continue annually.

PROFILE OF STATE UNITS

	Date Organized	Miles from S.O.	Population	Membership 1/84	Membership 1/85
Bowie County	Sep. 84	342	75,301	-	19
Burleson	Dec. 81	179	11,734	7	12
Cherokee County	Dec. 84	204	38,127	-	24
Cleburne	Apr. 79	167	19,218	8	9
Gregg County	Mar. 84	257	99,495	-	25
Pasadena	77/78	179	112,560	25	21
Wise County	Aug. 83	239	26,575	22	13

Myrtle McMahan

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FIELD SERVICE

Field Service representatives continue to serve as the vital link between local Leagues and the state League. Fifteen local Leagues were provided with board training during the 1984-85 year. Two Leagues requested special workshops for their members on discussion units and/or local program study. These were provided by state board members and by field service personnel. The president and several board members from the Texas League have spoken to a number of local League meetings throughout the year.

All current field service representatives except one received training at the beginning of the current biennium and have served for the entire two-year period. One representative moved out of state last summer and was replaced. Changes in assignment have been kept to a minimum in order to maintain continuity in contacts with the local Leagues.

Membership in local Leagues continues to grow. Sixteen Leagues have experienced membership growth during the last year, and twenty-one Leagues have shown membership increases during the two-year period. Field service is especially anxious at this time to develop strategies to assist those Leagues struggling with declining membership.

A questionnaire seeking to ascertain the status of local League policies in relation to elected officials serving on local League boards revealed that Leagues had no consistent policy on the matter. The survey showed that policies varied depending on the status of the League in the community and the relationship of the League to the particular elected official or body.

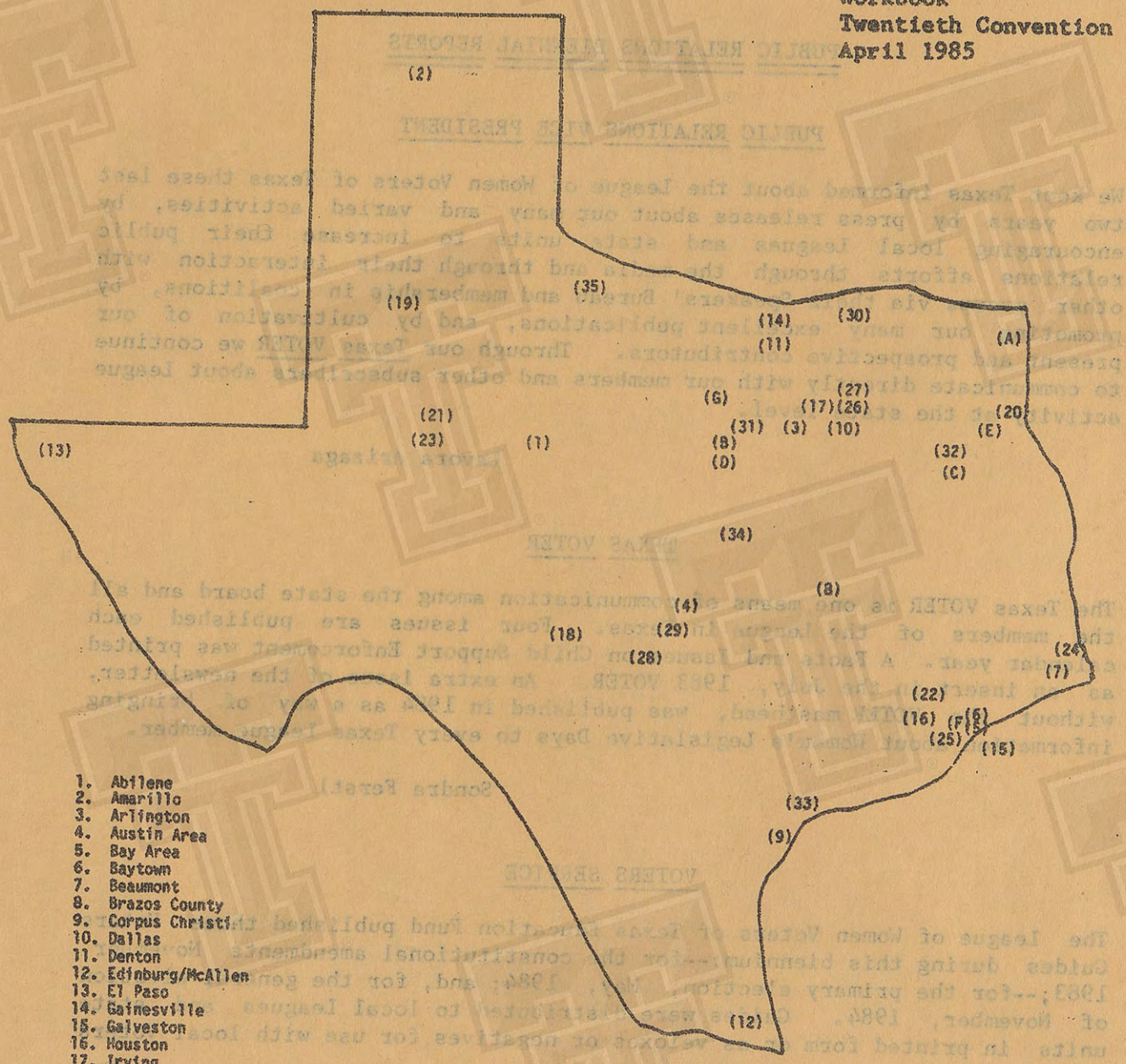
It is anticipated that there will be a number of new field service representatives this spring, and a training and orientation session is planned.

Rachel Gooch

1984-85 PROFILE OF TEXAS LEAGUES

LEAGUE	DATE ORGANIZED	MILES FROM ST. OFFICE	POPULATION	MEMBERSHIP 1/84	MEMBERSHIP 1/85	BASIC DUES	1984-85 BUDGET	**ATTENDANCE AT SC	NC	WLD
Abilene	1952	221	98,315	39	33	$20.00	$ 7,836			
Amarillo	1951	484	149,230	27	43	25.00	3,815	X		X
Arlington	1981	201	160,113	78	100	25.00	7,158	X	X	X
Austin Area	1919	-	419,573	295	343	28.50	19,468/10,600	X	X	X
Bay Area	1965	198	100,000	118	124	22.00	9,113	X	X	X
Baytown	1954	188	56,923	59	60	25.00	5,426	X		X
Beaumont	1947	237	118,102	150	143	25.00	7,362/4,060	X	X	X
Brazos County	1966	102	93,588	116	122	26.00	12,338	X	X	X
Corpus Christi	1945	192	231,999	119	152	25.00	7,222	X	X	X
Dallas	1938	205	904,078*	466	561	30.00	24,460/19,100	X	X	X
Denton	1961	228	48,063	84	99	25.00	7,657	X	X	X
Edinburg /McAllen	1949	300	90,356	42	43	22.00	2,225	X		
El Paso	1919	585	425,259	89	89	30.00	5,045	X	X	X
Gainesville	1977	261	14,081	20	14	25.00	2,172	X		
Galveston	1919	210	61,902	98	68	25.00	7,244	X	X	X
Houston Area	1919	163	1,595,138*	595	604	25.00	35,978/52,576	X	X	X
Irving	1959	212	109,943	72	54	25.00	9,246	X	X	
Kerrville Area	1983	104	15,276*	50	53	25.00	2,690	X	X	X
Lubbock	1952	388	173,979	165	155	27.00	11,677	X	X	X
Marshall/Harrison Co.	1978	280	52,265	48	43	25.00	3,019			
Midland	1941	318	70,525	35	33	25.00	3,115	X		
Montgomery County	1979	158	128,487	39	46	25.00	3,962			X
Odessa	1952	338	90,027	17	14	20.00	1,345			
Orange Area	1974	262	23,628*	26	22	25.00	1,097			
Pearland Area	1972	179	13,248*	31	34	20.00	1,275	X		X
Plano	1976	225	72,331	54	71	26.00	3,831	X	X	X
Richardson	1961	220	72,496	50	67	25.00	6,213	X	X	X
Rockwall County	1979			24	disbanded					
San Antonio Area	1919	81	786,023*	199	208	30.00	20,060	X	X	X
San Marcos	1962	30	23,420	44	40	20.00	2,006	X		
Sherman	1973	272	30,413	73	68	25.00	7,173	X		
Tarrant County	1941	192	770,767	187	173	25.00	32,999	X	X	X
Tyler	1951	225	70,508	49	56	25.00	5,791	X	X	X
Victoria	1955	121	50,695	68	72	25.00	7,030	X		X
Waco Area	1949	105	101,261*	76	78	25.00	6,737			X
Wichita Falls	1950	287	94,201	36	36	25.00	3,465	X		
				3,738	3,921					

* City Only ** SC = State Council NC = National Convention WLD = Women's Legislative Days



1. Abilene
2. Amarillo
3. Arlington
4. Austin Area
5. Bay Area
6. Baytown
7. Beaumont
8. Brazos County
9. Corpus Christi
10. Dallas
11. Denton
12. Edinburg/McAllen
13. El Paso
14. Gainesville
15. Galveston
16. Houston
17. Irving
18. Kerrville
19. Lubbock
20. Marshall/Harrison Co.
21. Midland
22. Montgomery Co.
23. Odessa
24. Orange Area
25. Pearland Area
26. Plano
27. Richardson
28. San Antonio Area
29. San Marcos
30. Sherman
31. Tarrant County
32. Tyler
33. Victoria
34. Waco Area
35. Wichita Falls

A. Bowie County State Unit
B. Burleson Area State Unit
C. Cherokee County State Unit
D. Cleburne State Unit
E. Gregg County State Unit
F. Pasadena State Unit
G. Wise County State Unit

PUBLIC RELATIONS BIENNIAL REPORTS

PUBLIC RELATIONS VICE PRESIDENT

We kept Texas informed about the League of Women Voters of Texas these last two years by press releases about our many and varied activities, by encouraging local Leagues and state units to increase their public relations efforts through the media and through their interaction with other groups via their Speakers' Bureau and membership in coalitions, by promoting our many excellent publications, and by cultivation of our present and prospective contributors. Through our Texas VOTER we continue to communicate directly with our members and other subscribers about League activity at the state level.

Lavora Arizaga

TEXAS VOTER

The Texas VOTER is one means of communication among the state board and all the members of the League in Texas. Four issues are published each calendar year. A Facts and Issues on Child Support Enforcement was printed as an insert in the July, 1983 VOTER. An extra issue of the newsletter, without the VOTER masthead, was published in 1984 as a way of bringing information about Women's Legislative Days to every Texas League member.

Sondra Ferstl

VOTERS SERVICE

The League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund published three Voters Guides during this biennium:--for the constitutional amendments November, 1983;--for the primary election, May, 1984; and, for the general election of November, 1984. Guides were distributed to local Leagues and state units in printed form or as veloxes or negatives for use with local Voters Guides.

The Voters Service director has been available for consultation with local Leagues on their Voters Guides, candidates meetings, voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives. She represented LWV-T in Texas Women for the 80's, a voter registration and participation project designed to increase the participation of women in the governmental process.

Rowena Rodgers

PUBLICATIONS

During this biennium we have published three Facts and Issues (Redistricting, Intestacy, and Family Violence); four advocacy papers (Redistricting, The Texas Judiciary, Hazardous Waste, and Aid to Families with Dependent Children); and a special report entitled Independent observations on Ocean Incineration. Before convention we expect a new

advocacy paper on the election code will be available. We also published a number of organization management manuals which should be useful for local Leagues.

We have begun to meet the challenge of marketing our publications. A flyer promoting the Texas Government Handbook, published in 1982, was sent to the Social Studies chairmen of all the high schools and junior colleges in the state. It brought in orders for over 1200 copies. A new publications catalog is being sent to public libraries and high school and college libraries throughout the state. Current publications are now listed in a free book listing service and are assigned International Standard Book Numbers according to our range of circulation. We are beginning to receive orders for our publications through that service. Our "board tools" are advertised in Prospectus published by the League of Women Voters of the U.S.

Eleanor Sutherland

DEVELOPMENT

One of the major goals of this board has been to increase the League's financial base in Texas. To develop the new skills necessary to compete in the highly professional area of fundraising we contracted with the Center For Nonprofit Management in Dallas. The Development Director also attended several fundraising seminars conducted by professionals in the field. The results of all this good advice and training are:

-We now publish a Biennial Report with annual budget inserts rather than an Annual Report. This reduces development costs considerably.

-Our budget is more complete, better reflecting the real costs of operating the state League and its programs.

-Amounts requested from donors have been increased.

-Fundraising letters are designed for specific donors.

-Some line items in the budget were identified for possible separate funding such as: an airline was asked to provide seats for board members who must fly to and from board meetings; a motel chain was asked for rooms for board meetings. Neither of these request was granted but we believe that such requests may bring good results in the future.

-Solicitation letters were sent to Texas citizens who had contributed to the LWVUS.

-Dialog between the state development director and local development directors was intensified to increase cooperative fundraising efforts. Cooperation promises to be the most effective way to finance our statewide organization.

Biennial Reports (cont.)

Ongoing regular fundraising was temporarily interrupted by the need for a capital fund drive to finance the purchase of a permanent office for the League in Austin. The entire board became the development committee to get this historic event off the ground. As of February 1, 1985, just from League members and special friends of the League we have raised 40% of what we need. Now in progress is a campaign to get foundations and corporations in Texas to contribute to this fund. We expect to report good results at convention.

The following contributions were received during the period 5/1/84 to 2/15/85.

CONTRIBUTOR	T/TEF	AMOUNT	LOCAL	STATE
The Kempner Fund	TEF	$1000	$200	$800
The Tandy Corporation	TEF	1500	300	1200
Dresser Foundation	TEF	1000	200	800
Texas Eastern Corporation	TEF	1000	280	720
Anonymous Dallas Foundation	TEF	2500	500	2000
Basco Properties	TEF	200	40	160
Desk & Derrick Club of San Angelo	TEF	25		25
Radian Corporation	TEF	300		300
Keystone Project	TEF	24,186		24,186
LWVUS contributors	TEF	75		75
Member contributions	TEF	100		100
National Gypsum Corporation	T	2000	400	1600
Lomas & Nettleton	T	2000	400	1600
Texas AFL-CIO	T	200	80	120
LWVUS contributors	T	2010		2010
Member contributions	T	433		433

Jeanette Davis

PROGRAM BIENNIAL REPORTS

WOMEN UNDER TEXAS LAW

This study was adopted at convention in 1981. Consensus positions on the awarding of post-divorce payments and the redefinition of rape were reached prior to the 1983 legislative session. None of the bills relating to post-divorce payments passed, but a League-supported bill making it illegal to sexually assault a spouse who is living apart from the other spouse or has filed for divorce was successful.

Further study of Child Support Enforcement, Intestacy, and Domestic Violence was adopted at the 1983 Convention. Concurrence on Child Support Enforcement enabled us to support Proposition 6 in November, 1983, which was overwhelmingly approved by Texas voters.

With help from all local Leagues, consensus was reached on the two final areas of this study: Intestacy in 1984, and Domestic Violence in January, 1985. During the current legislative session we are prepared to testify on bills relating to all areas of our positions.

Franci Smith

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

It was ten years ago that a study of the Administration of Justice was adopted at the El Paso State Convention. A lot has happened since then: the creation of both adult and juvenile probation commissions (with League members Diana Clark appointed to the Adult, and Lois Carpenter to the Juvenile Commission). External events--the Ruiz case in particular--have had an impact on the implementation of many of our positions. Restitution for victims of crime has become a major factor in the probation system.

In 1984 the House-Senate Select Committee on the Judiciary, with Diana Clark serving as one of the 15 members, has made recommendations which impact our positions on a public defender system (under Administration of Justice), judicial selection, and court administration (under our Judicial position).

Testimony was presented to the Commission on Sentencing Practices and Procedures. Although they did not adopt our recommendation to eliminate jury sentencing except in capital murder cases, other recommendations on reducing sentence disparity were adopted. Incidentally, this temporary commission was created by the Criminal Justice Policy Council, the creation of which we supported two years ago to better coordinate action among the various AJ agencies.

Over 150 bills addressing various Administration of Justice issues have been introduced in this legislative session and reviewed by your director. But since AJ is not a League priority this session, no action is being recommended. We are again opposing the continuation of wiretapping, concentrating on at least maintaining the legislative review process every four years.

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Program - Administration of Justice (cont.)

One disappointment has been the lack of League justice activity at the local level using the state positions. Perhaps this will change in the next biennium.

Diana Clark

HUMAN RESOURCES/SOCIAL POLICY

Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) has remained a legislative and action priority of the League of Women Voters of Texas. The past two years have seen some of the most positive action in the history of the AFDC program in Texas. In 1983, the legislature approved a $6.00 AFDC grant increase from $42 to a $48.00 benefit per child per month. The board of the Texas Department of Human Resources was able to further increase the average benefit to $53 per child in the fall of 1984 by shifting unexpended funds within the agency.

We have published an advocacy paper, Continue AFDC Increases, for the 1985 legislative session and have renewed our participation in the Texans for Children coalition. This group has provided outstanding leadership in the effort to raise AFDC grants and to allow more of the poorest children in Texas to be eligible for AFDC and Medicaid. The LWV-Texas Education Fund was again able to publish the Texans for Children factsheet, AFDC Questions and Answers.

In other legislative issues, significant 1983 Human Resources bills that passed with our support included a block grant procedures bill, a Texas Commission on Human Rights (which the League has supported since 1969), Temporary Emergency Relief Program, and the Health and Human Services Coordinating Council. Mandatory "workfare" for AFDC and Food Stamp recipients was defeated.

Our national HR/SP action focused on the civil rights bills to reverse the Supreme Court decision of Grove City v. Bell which narrowed the application of Title IX.

Human services issues were sharply spotlighted in Texas the last two years as the economy sagged and unemployment soared. Increased public awareness of the problems of families of the unemployed urgently in need of food and medical care, and of the sharp increases in family violence and child abuse might have laid the foundation for an increase in the Department of Human Resources funding for services. But ironically, sharp declines in state income also resulted from the economic slow-down, and state legislators found fewer dollars to deal with the increased need for services.

Moving into the 1985 session, the League faces a difficult effort as we lobby for our legislative priorities. Raising AFDC grant levels will be very difficult. But the interest in child care expressed by local Leagues is being reflected in the legislature as several bills have been introduced to upgrade child care in Texas. The League has supported increased funding for the Department of Human Resources' Child Care Licensing Department, and retaining of state funds for subsidized child care for families with very low income.

Overall, it has been a productive period for HR/SP issues. The League has good visibility at the state level at DHR and with state legislators serving on human resources committees. Presentation of excellent local League programs and

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material on HR/SP subjects has resulted in some very visible action. Many Human Resources slots on local League boards have been filled. We've all made a measurable amount of progress in one of the most difficult of public issues in Texas: the welfare of our people--young, old, ill, and disabled.

Barbara McCormick

PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE

The 68th legislative session ended with representatives, senators, and key state leaders disagreeing on how to reform public education and how to pay for reform. This impasse led to the establishment of the Select Committee on Public Education. The League monitored this committee's work and spoke out on fully involving citizens in its deliberations. Later we emphasized the need for equity in school finance proposals. Similar comments were made to the State Board of Education.

The Select Committee did not complete its work until the spring of 1984, and by then it was clear to everyone that the Texas economy was not going to "rebound" enough to permit education reform without a substantial tax bill. Nevertheless, Governor White called a special session to deal with the issues, and the League moved into high gear to monitor the June, 1984 session. Because most of the League's positions relate to financing education, most of our lobbying efforts were directed toward the equity issue. We were pleased that the resulting education bill did indeed distribute state money in such a manner that the poorest districts received the most help.

Jan Albers

WATER

The most significant water news of the past year was the Water Development Board's adoption, in September 1984, of a new state water plan. Water for Texas: A Comprehensive Plan for the Future emphasizes needs for conservation of water resources and protection of water quality, as well as development of additional supplies. These are concerns that have been expressed by the League for the past fifteen years.

The new plan also includes recommendations for extending groundwater management to areas where critical problems exist. Implementation of these and other recommendations included in the plan will require legislative action. As this report is being written, no water bills have yet been passed.

During the interim between the 1983 legislative session and the current session, the legislature's Joint Committee on Water Resources held six hearings around the state on major water issues. The League presented testimony at most of these meetings.

In the first week of the 1985 legislative session, a "water package" was introduced, consisting of a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to

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provide state financial assistance for water projects and a comprehensive bill addressing the following issues: water conservation, financial assistance, agricultural soil and water conservation, protection of bays and estuaries and instream uses, and groundwater management. The League lobbied to strengthen several provisions of the bill--especially those dealing with the conservation and protection of groundwater.

In August 1984, the League testified before the Sunset Advisory Commission, supporting recommendations of the Commission staff for increased hazardous waste fees, authorization of administrative penalties for violations of permits for wastewater discharges and waste disposal, and mandatory enforcement hearings for chronically non-compliant permittees. We also suggested a change in the name of the Texas Water Development Board to "Texas Water Resources Board" to reflect the broadened responsibilities that this board has exercised since the 1977 merger of the state's water agencies.

The League also testified, in October, on proposed revisions to the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards. Among the League's suggestions were: stream standards for nutrients (ammonia and phosphorus), additional designations of streams needing high standards for aquifer protection, and the inclusion of criteria for additional lakes that are important sources of municipal water supply or support significant fisheries. None of these recommendations was accepted by the Department of Water Resources.

Let us hope that the League will have more success with its legislative efforts!

Catherine Perrine

AIR

The League began active study of air quality both at the national and state levels in 1970. Since then we have lobbied for: strict emission standards and enforcement of the Clean Air Act of 1970, its 1977 amendments, and currently its reauthorization in Congress. In 1985, the Texas Clean Air Act is under sunset review, and the League is working to achieve a stronger state Act. In the past year, the League has made statements supporting strong permitting regulations of small pollution emitters, stronger enforcement of regulations, better monitoring of acid rain, more standards for toxic pollutants, a better system of disseminating Texas Air Control Board (TACB) actions to the public, and an adequate TACB budget. In addition, we protested the operation of only one-half of the monitors at any given time.

In the coming year the League anticipates testifying at the TACB sunset review hearings, and the State Implementation Plan meetings and hearings for non-attainment areas. We will participate in getting a strong national Clean Air Act reauthorized in Congress, and monitor the local enforcement of air regulations.

Kathy Jacob

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LAND USE

Our major land use advocacy campaign was support of the congressional wilderness bill. This successful effort to preserve 34,000 acres of east Texas national forest land for wilderness uses was due, in no small part, to the League's working with a coalition to save these lands from clearcutting. State League, local League, and member lobbying was needed to show our members of congress that support for wilderness was broad based. During the 69th Legislative Session, land use lobbying will focus on reauthorization of the Texas Coastal and Marine Council.

COASTWEEK, an annual celebration of the diversity of our coastal resources, will again be an education project as it was in 1984. Most coastal Leagues conducted activities to draw attention to the coast, and the state League obtained Governor White's endorsement of the nationwide celebration. Other land use educational activities included participation in Texas Environmental Coalition general assemblies on preservation of natural lands and on lignite mining, and co-sponsorship of the 1985 Wilderness PowWow.

Diane Sheridan

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous waste has been a priority for both education and advocacy since the 1983 LWV-T convention. Interim legislative activity has included both formal and informal lobbying. Testimony before the Sunset Advisory Commission advocated changes in the state agencies that regulate hazardous waste. Participation on Gov. White's Task Force on Hazardous Waste Management allowed us to address a multitude of League concerns about siting, enforcement, waste reduction, and financial responsibility. Testimony to the Senate Natural Resources Committee advocated greater safety in transportation of hazardous materials. The Joint House-Senate Committee on Hazardous Waste Disposal heard our comments on the many issues that affect siting of necessary hazardous waste management facilities. An advocacy paper explaining our hazardous waste legislative priorities was distributed to legislators at the start of the 69th session.

The Texas Department of Water Resources heard our general approval for their new siting rules, as well as our qualified support for the state's being delegated responsibility to manage the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. EPA also heard our testimony on RCRA delegation.

Two major topics dominated our hazardous waste education efforts in the last two years: the Keystone siting process, and ocean incineration of hazardous waste. The Keystone Education Project was designed to inform the public, industry, and local government about this voluntary, innovative approach to resolving siting controversies. It consisted of publication of a notebook of educational materials and development of a training manual for the use of local review committee members. The Keystone education project also saw the state League take workshops on hazardous waste, the need for environmentally sound facilities, and this method for early citizen involvement to Houston, Beaumont, Dallas, Corpus Christi, Midland, and San Marcos.

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Ocean incineration has been a controversial issue in Texas in the last few years, and one in which the League has played the unique role of educator. The Hazardous Waste Director spent a week on an operating incinerator ship in the North Sea and documented the experience and knowledge gained in a League publication. The Texas League also commented on proposed regulations and permits at hearings and meetings in both Texas and Washington. We are also represented at a nationwide series of consensus-building workshops on the role of the ocean in hazardous waste management sponsored by the Keystone Center of Colorado.

Research on household hazardous waste and promotion of amnesty days to collect such waste has been a growing interest of the League, one which might present the opportunity for local Leagues to provide the state's first projects of this sort.

In addition to these education and advocacy activities, the League has given numerous speeches and television interviews on hazardous waste, and attended conferences to stay informed about this important topic.

Diane Sheridan

SOLAR ENERGY

The Texas League was represented at several Utility-Consumer Interaction meetings where we pressed the utilities to encourage conservation and use of renewable energy to delay the need for more generating plants. This would conserve both natural resources and capital while providing increased employment in the labor-intensive, pollution-free solar energy and weatherization industries.

Isabel Miller

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

In November 1983, the Associate Director was named public interest representative to a six-year term on the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council. In May 1984, she became Vice President of the Council.

The Council has supported the Keystone Siting Process, promoted a multi-media public education presentation, participated in the development of small-quantity generator regulations, encouraged the Public Utility Commission to shape rate design to support resource recovery efforts, and reviewed criteria for regional and local solid waste plans.

In October 1984, she attended a three-day seminar in Houston, developed by the National Solid Waste Management Association.

The League is once again supporting container deposit legislation consistent with LWVUS positions. Rep. Lena Guerrero's HB 869 will receive LWV-Texas support.

The loss of federal grant funds and proposed cutbacks in state funding will seriously hamper effective management of Texas' solid waste. In the last session, the League supported the establishment and funding of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Resource Recovery and Conservation Act. Based on that position, we can support the TDH request for $3.3 million to fund the Act this biennium.

FINANCING STATE GOVERNMENT

Funding the state budget and education reforms was the big FSG issue during the 68th and recent special sessions. The League's concern was that the regressiveness of certain taxes be considered as revenue measures were being discussed, and this was done. We also believe the legislature should be taking a realistic look at the state's long-term revenue needs but, based upon comments made during the special session and the 69th, this is an idea whose time has not yet arrived.

Jan Albers

PROPERTY TAX REFORM

Legislation proposing new property tax exemptions or adversely affecting the single appraisal districts was soundly defeated in the 68th session with encouragement from the League. We expect to see fewer property tax exemption proposals this session, but some fine-tuning on appraisal districts may still be needed.

Jan Albers

VOTING RIGHTS

During this past year the director has represented the League of Women Voters of Texas on the Texas Legislative Council's Election Code Revision Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to reorganize and restate the existing election laws in a form which is more concise, intelligible, accurate, and useable than the current Code. On February 8, 1985 we completed our task, and the report was submitted to the legislature. Recodification of the election laws has long been a goal of the League of Women Voters of Texas. We are supporting the proposed Code vigorously. It also speaks to some of our other positions: it requires, rather than authorizes, training programs for election officials in primary and county elections; it restores the right to vote to felons upon completion of probation or parole period and shortens the current five-year waiting period to two years following discharge for those felons who were not parolees or probationers.

Rowena Rodgers

EXECUTIVE

There has been a great deal of interest throughout the state in revision of the manner by which we obtain our judges in Texas. We are supporting passage of a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to provide that all appellate judges be appointed by the governor from a short list of nominees selected by a nominating commission. It also provides that merit selection of district judges can be put in place at the direction of the voters in the particular districts. In addition, we are supporting a bill to provide

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Program - Executive, Legislative, Judicial (cont.)

for nonpartisan election of all judges except justices of the peace and municipal judges in those districts that do not choose merit selection. We have high hopes for merit selection of judges this year. Of course, we will still have a big job to do to get the constitutional amendment ratified by the electorate after it passes the legislature, but the major hurdle is the legislature.

The constitutional amendment allowing the senate to elect a replacement for the lieutenant governor in the event of a vacancy in the office was ratified in 1984 over our opposition.

We are supporting a bill to provide annual sessions for the legislature, with the session in even-numbered years restricted to budget and appropriations matters and special matters referred by the governor.

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BYLAWS PROPOSALS

Following are the changes recommended by the LWV-Texas Bylaws Committee, as well as those received from local Leagues.

[ ] indicates deletion. _____ indicates substituted language or language to be incorporated

ARTICLE VI. Recognition of Local and Provisional Leagues and State Units.
Sec. 1. Local Leagues

(c) In the event of recurring failure of a local League to meet recognition standards, the board of directors shall recommend to the national board that the national board withdraw recognition from the local League. All funds (in excess of the liabilities) held by a local League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Proposed by LWV-Denton

Not recommended by the state board. REASON: When a local League is being dissolved, it is sometimes difficult or impossible to find a responsible local League member who is knowledgeable about the League's remaining financial matters. If the state board is aware of any local League debts, a good-faith effort is made to pay them with any remaining funds. The legal problems of transferring funds to the state League are such that this wording would put a roadblock in the procedure.

ARTICLE VII. Financial Administration
Sec. 2. Local and Provisional League Financial Support

(b) Each local League shall support the state League by an annual per-member payment, based on membership as of January 1st. [Where two members reside at the same address in a common household, the local League may make a payment equal to 1 1/2 times the determined per-member payment.] Where two or more members reside at the same address in a common household, the payment determined by the convention shall be made for the first member; a payment equal to one-half the per-member payment shall be paid for each other member. The amount of such payment for each year of the biennium shall be determined by a three-fifths vote of those members present and voting at convention. No per-member payment shall be assessed for life members.

Recommended by the state board. REASON: Tracks the provision in the national League bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII. Convention
Sec. 1. Place, Date, Call, and Notification. A convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be held during the odd-numbered years. The time and place of the convention shall be determined by the board of directors. The president shall send a first call for the convention to the presidents of local [Leagues] and provisional Leagues and the chairmen of state units not less than four months

prior to the opening date of the convention fixed in said call. Thereafter, the board of directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the convention not more than two weeks from the date fixed in the first call. A final call for the convention shall be sent by the president to the presidents of local [Leagues] and provisional Leagues and the chairmen of state units at least two months before convention.

Recommended by the state board. REASON: Because the calls to convention already go to presidents of provisional Leagues and chairmen of state units, this change is putting into the bylaws what is actually taking place.

Sec. 2. Composition. The convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by members of the local Leagues, provisional Leagues, and state units as provided in Sec. 4 of this article; the president of each local League or an alternate, in the event the president is unable to attend; and the members of the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Recommended by the state board. This change is dependent upon approval of proposed changes in Sections 3 and 4.

Sec. 3. Qualifications of Delegates and Voting. Voting members at the convention shall be the delegates, local League presidents, one representative from each provisional League and each eligible state unit, and state board members, all of whom must be members of the League of Women Voters of Texas. Even though attending in more than one capacity, each shall be entitled to only one vote at the convention. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

Recommended by the state board. REASON: Allowing one vote per provisional League and state unit is seen as encouragement to become organized into local Leagues with full voting strength according to the bylaws. This provision would also encourage provisional League and state unit attendance at convention and council.

Sec. 4. Representation. The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the state of Texas shall be entitled to voting representation in the convention as follows: the president of the local League or an alternate, in the event the president is unable to attend; one delegate for the first 15 voting members and one delegate for every 10 additional voting members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year. The record in the state office of paid voting members shall determine the official membership count for this purpose. Each provisional League and each state unit with at least ten members as of January 1 shall be entitled to one voting delegate.

Recommended by the state board. This change is dependent upon approval of the proposed change in Sec. 3.

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L E A G U E O F W O M E N V O T E R S O F T E X A S

Adopted June 19, 1947
Amended 1956, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1966, 1968,
1970, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983

STATE CHARTER
As Amended August 10, 1956

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WE, Mrs. Harris Masterson and Ruth Hastings, residents and citizens of Harris County, Texas, and Mrs. Carl L. Voss, a resident and citizen of Dallas County, Texas, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, do hereby voluntarily associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a private corporation, under the terms and conditions set out as follows:

I. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Texas.

II. The purpose for which this corporation is formed is in support of an educational undertaking and specifically to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government; to render such other services in the interest of education in citizenship as may be possible, and to do every act appropriate or necessary to carry out any of the foregoing objects. The corporation shall not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

III. The principal office of the corporation and the place where its business shall be transacted is the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas.

IV. The term for which it is to exist is fifty (50) years.

V. The number of directors shall be not less than three, nor more than twenty-one; and the names and post office addresses of the directors for the first year are as follows:

Mrs. Harris Masterson	Houston, Texas
Mrs. Carl L. Voss	Dallas, Texas
Ruth Hastings	Houston, Texas

VI. This corporation is formed for the support of an educational undertaking as specified in Article II without profit to the corporation and, therefore, has no capital stock. This corporation has now no goods, chattels, nor lands.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto sign our names this, the 18th day of December, A. D. 1930.

Mrs. Harris Masterson
Ruth Hastings
Mrs. Carl L. Voss

ARTICLE I. Name
Sec. 1. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Texas. This state League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE II. Purpose and Policy
Sec. 1. Purpose. The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Texas is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.
Sec. 2. Political Policy. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III. Membership
Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.
Sec. 2. Types of Membership. The membership of the League shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

a. Voting members shall be those citizens at least 18 years of age who are enrolled in the League at the local or state level;
   1. members who reside outside the area of any local League and join the League at the state level shall be members at large and shall pay annual dues to the state League;
   2. members who have been enrolled in the League for 50 years or more shall be life members and shall not be required to pay annual dues.
b. All others who enroll in the League shall be associate members. Those who reside outside the United States may join the League at the national level and shall pay dues to the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE IV. Officers
Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The officers of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be a president, three vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer.
Sec. 2. The President. The duties of the president shall be: to preside, or to designate someone else to preside, at all meetings of the corporation and the board of directors; to sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes in the absence or disability of the treasurer; to be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the nominating committee; to have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office; and to perform such other duties as may be designated by the board.
Sec. 3. The Vice Presidents. At its first board meeting the new board of directors shall designate one vice president who, in the event of the absence, disability, resignation, or death of the president, shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. Should the vice president so designated be unable to serve in that capacity, the board of directors shall choose one of its other elected members to fill the vacancy. The duties of the vice presidents shall be those designated by the president and the board.
Sec. 4. The Secretary. The duties of the secretary shall be: to keep minutes of all conventions and councils of the League and of all meetings of the board of directors; to notify all officers and directors of their election; to sign, with the president, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the board; and to perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.
Sec. 5. The Treasurer. The duties of the treasurer, or the duly-appointed assistant, shall be: to collect and receive all monies; to be custodian of these monies and deposit them in a bank or banks designated by the board of directors; to disburse them only upon order of the board; and to present periodic statements to the board at its regular meetings and an annual report to convention or council. The treasurer shall be bonded, and the books of the corporation shall be audited annually.

ARTICLE V. Board of Directors

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office. The board of directors shall consist of the officers of the League of Women Voters of Texas, seven elected directors, and not more than seven appointed directors. The officers and the elected directors shall be elected by the convention and shall serve for two years beginning June 1 of the year of their election. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, not exceeding seven, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The term of office of the appointed directors shall expire concurrently with the term of office of the elected directors.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this corporation unless that person is a voting member enrolled in a local League in the state of Texas, or is a citizen of voting age enrolled as a member at large of this state League.

Sec. 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy other than in the office of the president may be filled, until the next convention, by a majority vote of the remaining members present and voting of the board of directors.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties. The board of directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the corporation with full power and authority to manage and conduct the same, subject to the instructions of the convention. The board shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program on state governmental matters as adopted by the convention. It shall accept responsibility delegated to it by the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States for the organization and development of local Leagues, for the carrying out of program, and for promotion in the local Leagues of finance programs requisite to further the work of the League as a whole. The board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Regular meetings. There shall be at least three regular meetings of the board of directors annually. The president shall notify each member of the board of directors of all such regular meetings by mailing to each member's last-known post office address, at least two weeks before any such meeting, notice thereof, giving the time and place of the meeting. No action taken at any regular board meeting attended by three-fourths of the members of the board shall be invalidated because of the failure of any member or members of the board to receive any notice properly sent or because of any irregularity in any notice actually received.

Sec. 6. Special Meetings. The president may call special meetings of the board of directors, and shall call a special meeting upon written request of five members of the board. Members of the board shall be notified of the time and place of special meetings by telegrams or letters, sent at least six days prior to such meeting, provided, however, that during a convention the president may, or upon the request of five members of the board shall, call a special meeting of the board by handing the members of the board a written notice of the time and place of said meeting.

Sec. 7. Quorum. A majority of the members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of the members in attendance at any board meeting in the number of a quorum shall decide its action.

ARTICLE VI. Recognition of Local and Provisional Leagues and State Units.

Sec. 1. Local Leagues.

(a) Local Leagues are those Leagues which have been recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States.

(b) The board of directors shall recommend to the national board that the national board recognize as a local League any group of members of the League of Women Voters of the United States in any community within the state, provided the group meets recognition standards for local Leagues as adopted by the national convention.

(c) In the event of recurring failure of a local League to meet recognition standards, the board of directors shall recommend to the national board that the national board withdraw recognition from the local League. All funds held by a local League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sec. 2. Provisional Leagues.

(a) Provisional Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of Texas.

(b) The board of directors has responsibility for the establishment of new local Leagues. For this purpose the board may organize a group of people in a community in which no League exists and shall recognize the group as a provisional League when it meets the recognition standards for provisional Leagues adopted by the national convention.

(c) The board of directors shall withdraw recognition from a provisional League for recurring failure to meet the standards for recognizing a provisional League or for failure to progress toward recognition as a local League. All funds held by a provisional League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sec. 3. State Units

(a) A state unit is a group, composed of members at large, who wish to share League activities in the community under the direction of the state board.

(b) The board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas has the responsibility for the establishment of state units. State units may be organized in communities in which no local League exists and where it is not possible at the time to carry on the full program of local League activities.

ARTICLE VII. Financial Administration

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall commence on the first of June of each year.

Sec. 2. Local and Provisional League Financial Support.

(a) Financial responsibility for the work of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be assumed annually by the local Leagues.

(b) Each local League shall support the state League by an annual per-member payment, based on membership as of January 1st. Where two members reside at the same address in a common household, the local League may make a payment equal to 1 1/2 times the determined per-member payment. The amount of such payment for each year of the biennium shall be determined by a three-fifths vote of those members present and voting at convention. No per-member payment shall be assessed for life members.

(c) Annual minimum state support payment shall be established for local Leagues as determined by a three-fifths vote of those members present and voting at convention.

(d) Annual support payments from provisional Leagues shall be determined by the board of directors.

Sec. 3. State Fundraising.

(a) Responsibility for additional support for the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be assumed by the board of directors through a development committee which shall develop and solicit other sources for funding the state League.

(b) Solicitation and funds raised as a result of solicitation of outside sources in local League areas shall be shared with the respective League under a policy approved by a majority vote of those members present and voting at convention.

Sec. 4. The Budget and Budget Committee.
(a) The board shall submit to the convention or council for adoption a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. This budget shall provide for the support of the state League. A copy of the proposed budget shall be sent to each local League president at least one month in advance of convention or council.
(b) The budget shall be prepared by a committee which shall be appointed for that purpose at least four months in advance of the convention or council. The treasurer shall be ex-officio a member of the budget committee, but shall not be eligible to serve as chairman.

Sec. 5. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of a dissolution for any cause of the League of Women Voters of Texas, all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of the United States after the board of directors has paid or made provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

ARTICLE VIII. Convention.

Sec. 1. Place, Date, Call, and Notification. A convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be held during the odd-numbered years. The time and place of the convention shall be determined by the board of directors. The president shall send a first call from the convention to the presidents of local Leagues not less than four months prior to the opening date of the convention fixed in said call. Thereafter, the board of directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the convention not more than two weeks from the date fixed in the first call. A final call for the convention shall be sent by the president to the presidents of local Leagues at least two months before convention.

Sec. 2. Composition. The convention shall consist of the delegates chosen by members of the local Leagues, as provided in Sec. 4 of this article; the president of each local League or an alternate, in the event the president is unable to attend; and the members of the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sec. 3. Qualifications of Delegates and Voting. Voting members at the convention shall be the delegates, local League presidents, and state board members, all of whom must be members of the League of Women Voters of Texas. Even though attending in more than one capacity, each shall be entitled to only one vote at the convention. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted. The convention shall be the sole judge of whether a delegate is qualified to vote.

Sec. 4. Representation. The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the state of Texas shall be entitled to voting representation in the convention as follows: the president of the local League or an alternate, in the event the president is unable to attend; one delegate for the first 15 voting members and one delegate for every 10 additional voting members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year. The record in the state office of paid voting members shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.

Sec. 5. Authorization for Action. The convention shall consider and authorize for action a program, shall elect officers, directors, and the chairman and two members of the nominating committee, shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year, and shall transact such other business as may be presented.

Sec. 6. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegates registered at the convention provided that not less than a majority of local Leagues are represented.

ARTICLE IX. Council.
Sec. 1. Place, Date, Call, and Notification. A meeting of the council shall be held in the interim year between conventions, approximately twelve months after the preceding convention. The time and place of the meeting shall be determined by the board of directors. A formal call shall be sent by the president to the presidents of the local Leagues at least thirty days before a council meeting. Special meetings may be called in case of extreme emergency.
Sec. 2. Composition. The council shall be composed of two delegates chosen by the board of each local League, and the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas.
Sec. 3. Authorization for Action. The council shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year. Upon recommendation of the state board or any local League, the council may make an addition to the program in the event of an emergency. A local League shall submit any proposed addition to the state board at least 8 weeks in advance of the meeting of the council. An addition proposed by a local League or by the state board must be sent to the local League presidents at least one month in advance of council. A 2/3 vote of the members of the council present and voting shall be required to make an addition to the program. The council may transact such other business as is duly presented.
Sec. 4. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the delegates registered at the council provided that not less than a majority of local Leagues is represented.

ARTICLE X. Nominations and Elections.
Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the board of directors. The chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the board of directors, shall be elected by the convention. The other members of the committee shall be appointed by the board of directors immediately upon their taking office. Vacancies occurring in the nominating committee by reason of death, resignation, or disqualification shall be filled by the board of directors. The president of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall send the name and address of the chairman of the nominating committee to the president of each recognized local League. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the nominating committee to request through the president of each local League suggestions for nominations for the offices to be filled.
Sec. 2. Suggestions by Local Leagues. The president of each local League shall request suggestions for nominations for offices to be filled. Any member may send suggestions to the chairman of the nominating committee.
Sec. 3. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations From the Floor. The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and the chairman and two members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be sent to local Leagues not less than one month before the date of the convention. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented to the convention on the first day of the convention. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the convention provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.
Sec. 4. Election. The election shall be in the charge of an election committee appointed by the president on the first day of convention. The election shall be by ballot; if there is but one nominee for each office, then it shall be by voice vote. A majority vote of the members present and voting shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE XI. Program.
Sec. 1. Principles. The governmental principles adopted by the national convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for adoption of program.
Sec. 2. Program. The program of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall consist of: a) action to protect the right to vote of every citizen; and b) those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action.
Sec. 3. Program Selection. The convention shall select the governmental issues for concerted study and action using the following procedures:

(a) Local League boards may make recommendations to the board of directors at least three months prior to the convention.
(b) The board of directors shall consider the recommendations and formulate a proposed program which shall be submitted to local League boards at least one month before convention.
(c) A majority vote of the members present and voting shall be required for adoption.
(d) Any recommendations for the program submitted at least three months prior to the convention but not recommended by the board, may be adopted by the convention provided consideration is ordered by a majority vote of the members present and voting and the vote on adoption comes on a following day. Adoption of a not-recommended item requires a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

Sec. 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters of Texas only when authorized to do so by the board of directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas. Local Leagues may act only in conformity with, and not contrary to, a position taken by the League of Women Voters of Texas and/or the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE XII. National Convention and Council.
Sec. 1. National Convention. The board of directors, at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the national office, shall elect delegates to the convention in the number allowed the League of Women Voters of Texas under the provision of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.
Sec. 2. National Council. The board of directors shall elect delegates to the meeting of the council of the League of Women Voters of the United States at its meeting immediately preceding such council meeting in the number allowed the League of Women Voters of Texas under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE XIII. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the corporation in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XIV. Amendments.
Sec. 1. Amendments. These bylaws may be amended at any convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting using the following procedures:

(a) Proposals for change shall be submitted by local boards to the board of directors at least three months prior to convention.
(b) All such proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the board shall be sent by the board to the presidents of local Leagues at least one month prior to convention.
(c) The presidents of the local Leagues shall notify the members of their respective Leagues of the proposed amendments. The failure of a local League president to give such notice or failure of any member to receive such notice shall not invalidate the amendments to the bylaws.

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CONVENTION EVALUATION

Please complete and return this form either as you leave the final session or by mail to: LWV-Texas, 1212 Guadalupe, #107, Austin TX 78701.
Your candid and thoughtful evaluations will assist in future planning.

League of Women Voters of _____

Your name (optional) _____

Delegate_____ Observer_____

Number of years in LWV _____

I have attended one(this one)____, two____, three or more____ state conventions.

PLEASE RATE THE FOLLOWING: 6 = excellent 1 = poor

1. Workshops:
   a. Parliamentary Procedures (Fri.). 6 5 4 3 2 1
   b. "You, the Leader" (Sat.) 6 5 4 3 2 1
   c. Planned Giving (Sat.). 6 5 4 3 2 1
   d. Sunday A.M. workshops. Workshop attended:
   _____ 6 5 4 3 2 1
2. Plenary sessions. 6 5 4 3 2 1
3. Hotel arrangements and meals. 6 5 4 3 2 1
4. Speeches and social activities. 6 5 4 3 2 1
   Comments (if any)_____
5. What did you like most about Convention?

6. What suggestions do you have for procedures, arrangements, or activities for future conventions?

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LWV-T CONVENTION - AUSTIN TX

STEERING COMMITTEE

Carol Braxton

Co-Chairman

1. Facilities, services, communications
2. liason to hotel for space & equipment needs

Committees

Office
Publications/Disp
Voter
Public Relations

Carol May

Co - Chairman

1. Entertainment, meals, hospitality
2. liason to hotel for food & transp. needs
3. booster mat'ls for registration packets

Committees

Special Events
Hospitality

Barbara Hankins

Co-Chairman

1. Operations
2. Committee staffing

Committees

Registration
Credentials
Floor

Dorothy Wimberley

Treasurer

1. Prepares Budget
2. Handles all finances of convention

Assistant Treas.

Melanie Malawitz

Cheryl Hazeltine

State Liason

1. contact person with state board
2. contact person with state office
3. general administrative "floater"

Carol Braxton

1. Facilities, services, communications
2. Liason to hotel for space & equipment needs

Marge Loehlin

Office & Equipment Comm.

1. Locate & provide for all equipment needs for office and meeting rooms

2. operate office during convention

3. Produce VOTER

4. Prepare ballots if needed

5. Aid Public Relations if necessary

6. Keep log of floor committee workers & substitutes

Marian Vitucci

Publications & Displays Committee

1. Displays exhibits from local Leagues

2. Sell state and national publications

Yvonne Freund

VOTER

Edit & publish VOTER each day of Convention

Mary Ellen Roche

Public Relations

1. Publicize convention ahead of time

2. Prepare and issue press releases during convention

3. Assemble press packets

Carol May

1. Entertainment, meals, hospitality
2. Liason to hotel for food and transportation needs
3. Booster materials for registration packets

Angie Bishop-Connolly

Special Events

1. All arrangements for
   Fri. a.m. tour
   Fri. nite gala
   Sat. luncheon
   Sat. supper
   including decorations, menus, transportation
2. Attendence boosters
3. Cover for workbook

Frances McIntyre

Hospitality

1. Meet & greet arriving dignitaries
2. Coordinate bed & breakfast project
3. have hospitality/info table at convention????

Barbara Hankins

1. Pre/during Convention operations
2. Committee Staffing

Margit Orange

Registration

1. Prepare Registration Form
2. Mail confirmations
3. Prepare badges
4. Assemble folders for each registrant
5. People Registration tables
6. Keep records of attendees

Bill Groce

Credentials

1. Provide info to chair on numbers of attendees by type

2. Provide computer assistance to regis. comm./ treasurer/special events on numbers of registrants for various activities

Debby Kalk

Floor

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CONVENTION SUMMARY

Delegates from 31 Leagues and one state unit met at the Austin Hilton for three action-packed days, April 12, 13, and 14.

We had no sooner finished introductions and appointments than Governor White arrived to speak. He had just returned from Honduras, but spoke only briefly of his trip. He went on to react to League legislative priorities and to speak of his special concern, education reform. League members always have questions, and the Governor took the time to respond to several.

Recommended bylaws amendments dealt with allowing each provisional League and each state unit that has at least ten members on January 1 of a convention year to have one voting delegate at convention. These amendments passed and went into effect immediately, giving the Wise Co. State Unit one convention delegate.

Jan Wilbur, Chairman, gave the Nominating Committee report, announcing that Denise Fischer had withdrawn her name and that the name of Franci Smith of Amarillo should be substituted.

By Friday evening the rainy skies had cleared and delegates were treated to a tour of the Governor's Mansion, with a docent in each room and a buffet dinner on the grounds. Instead of caterers, the Governor's own staff prepared and served the excellent food. Governor and Mrs. White graciously stayed for the entire evening, mingling and visiting with all.

Saturday's business was largely devoted to program and budget debate. Three not-recommended program items were voted consideration. They were:

1. El Paso: A continuation of the study of domestic violence through an examination of present laws, rules of procedure, and policies followed by law enforcement officials in domestic violence cases.
2. Bay Area: A study of child care which includes standards for quality developmental child care, state level enforcement of standards, and financial support from state and local governments and institutions.
3. Austin Area: A statewide study of Municipal Utility Districts. MUDs in Texas. . . impacts and alternatives.

The board-recommended study of health care for the indigent was changed during debate to read: "Health care for the medically indigent," and the question "What is the role of state government in indigent health care?" was added to the focus. Each item, whether recommended or not, was given adequate time for lively debate.

Budget Chairman, Barbara Swartz, made numerous hasty calculations as a motion was passed to amend the proposed budget to add $1000 to Expense item N. 7., Salaries in order to increase pay to the executive secretary. Delegates voted to continue the current sharing formula, and to set the per-member payment at the current $8.75 for

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1985-86 (that was on Saturday--keep reading to find out what happened Sunday.) The PMP for 1986-87 is not to exceed $10.00, the exact amount to be determined at Council '86.

President Lois Carpenter spoke to delegates about the importance of growth to the life of our organization. Her theme being: growth is the only sign of life. She reviewed some "blue sky" dreams of the state League five years ago, and pointed out that many of them have been achieved. She challenged local Leagues to grow in a variety of ways; to expand membership to include minorities, men, and young and old; to make long-range plans and to execute and evaluate them; to better market our products, from publications to citizen education; and to strive to turn dreams into realities.

In celebration of the League's 65th birthday, 17 members who have belonged to the League 40 years or more were honored by the presentation of special certificates. Four of these long-time members from Austin were present and were also given Texas pins and yellow roses. For those who could not attend, the certificates were given to their local presidents for presentation later.

The Saturday luncheon featured Jan Coggeshall, League member and Mayor of Galveston, who described her journey from local and state League boards to city council and the position of mayor.

Delegates spent Saturday evening at either the leadership workshop led by Alden W. Brosseau, Senior Vice President, Planning, for American General Corp.; or the workshop on planned giving led by Ann Viner, LWVUS Planned Giving Chairman, and Kirsten Fuchs, Planned Giving Manager, LWVUS staff.

Sunday morning brought still more workshops for local League presidents and treasurers, and two special presentations: the LWV-Dallas telling how they grew more than 20% in one year; and the state League program directors conducting "Consensus: Dinosaur or Megatrend?" which featured some catchy tunes, we hear.

In Sunday's voting on program, delegates approved proposed program and, at first, turned down all the not-recommended items--two by close margins. Continuation of the domestic violence study and the child care study were both voted reconsideration, but continuation of the domestic violence study was the only one that passed. Its scope will be to:

- examine the present laws, policies and attitudes in the area of domestic violence;
- evaluate the need for changes at the legislative level, as well as the attitude of local law inforcement officials;
- create public awareness of the problem and build support for positive solutions.

Budget adjustments were suggested to compensate for the extra $1000 added to the salary category on Saturday. Then, someone called for reconsideration of the PMP for 1985-86. The motion carried, and a $9.00 PMP for '85-'86 was moved and passed. This gave us more income and necessitated adjusting a few more budget figures before final passage of the $63,373 budget.

Delegates approved six Action Motions to send:

-- A telegram to all members of the Texas House State Affairs Committee strongly stating our opposition to HB 486 and SB 129, which would limit

a woman's choice in reproductive decisions. A letter to the same effect will go to members of the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

-- A letter to the governor, the lt. governor, the speaker of the House, and all members of the legislature urging their support for an Aid to Families With Dependent Children grant of $60 or more.

-- A letter to all state senators urging their support of Election Law Recodification, SB 616.

-- A letter to all Texas members of Congress declaring that the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1985 should be passed without delay, and asking their support for passage.

-- A letter to Congressmen Wright, Pickle, Leath and Boulter, members of the House Appropriations and Budget Committee, expressing our support for the renewal of Title X, the Family Planning Services and Population Reseearch Act.

-- A letter to the Texas Committee on Natural Resources saying:

. LWV-Texas will co-sponsor the technical corrections to the East Texas Wilderness Area, which will authorize inclusion of several small tracts of land that are now available;

. LWV-Texas opposes clearcutting of wilderness areas infested by the Southern Pine Beetle because no scientific evidence exists that clearcutting eliminates the beetle which is able to fly to other areas.

New LWV-Texas officers and directors were elected unanimously. Delegates gave direction to the state board and for national council. The LWV-Brazos Co. encouraged all Leagues to send delegates there for state Council '86, and invitations for Convention '87 were presented by the LWV-Houston Area and the LWV-Tarrant County.

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