

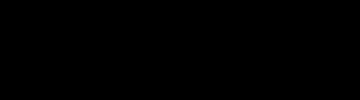
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COLLEGE DEPARTMENT

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Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth



Dear Mrs. Wackerbarth:

My apologies for this tardy reply to your letter of 6 September requesting permission to reprint selections from our textbook, *THE GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS OF TEXAS*, by Clifton McCleskey.

Although we would have no serious objection to your using the material as described in your letter, we would want to know in more detail exactly what it is you wish to use before we can formally grant the necessary permission. Could you let us know more specifically the selections you have in mind and how many copies you propose to reprint?

Again, I am sorry that our reply has been so long delayed, but as soon as we have the essential information you will hear from us by return mail. Thank you for checking with us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Kent D. Kehs

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College Department

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September 6, 1966

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Gentlemen:

The League of Women Voters of Texas is making a study of the Texas Legislature, and one of the references being used is your very excellent text, "The Government and Politics of Texas", by Clifton McCleskey. Provided due credit is given, would you permit quotation of statements or brief passages, especially opinions expressed by the author, in materials which are being prepared for use of our members?

Also we are preparing a kit of resource materials, which will contain reprints of newspaper articles, etc., as well as other material not readily available elsewhere. Since the text now is in its second edition, would you consider permitting us to reproduce (by mimeograph, probably) the case study from the first edition, or excerpts therefrom? We feel that this would be most helpful in helping our members get the feel of what a legislative session is like; although at the moment I am not certain time will permit preparation of the reprint; however, with your permission I should like to try.

An Air-Mail stamped envelope is included for your reply, which I trust will come forward at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
Legislature Study Committee

(Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth), Chairman

League of Women Voters of Texas



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MRS. WILLIAM E. JOOR, President

June 19, 1968

Professor Samuel R. Solomon
Chairman, Political Science
Eastern Michigan University
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

Dear Professor Solomon:

We wish to thank you most sincerely for sending us the copies of your presentation to the National Municipal League. We appreciate your efforts in our behalf in assembling this article, as well as the two background articles and your letter of May 30 with its kind words for the League.

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We thought you might be interested in the material ~~which~~ we published last year in carrying out this study. These Facts and Issues have received quite wide distribution among League members in Texas, as well as legislators and those interested in the legislative process. They will be sent to you under separate cover from our Houston office.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. F. L. Duckworth
Chairman
Legislature Study Item



LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

NO. II
March 14, 1969

Mrs. Francis B. May
Legislative Chairman

GENERAL NOTES:

The biggest news since the first Legislative Newsletter concerns money--or lack of it. Governor Preston Smith delivered his budget message to the Legislature on February 20. The Governor relied heavily upon new consumer levies and the Cavness Plan to raise the \$300 million or so needed to balance the budget. (The Cavness Plan was proposed by Representative Don Cavness of Austin.) The Cavness Plan would have diverted to the Available School Fund 72.5% of the yearly revenues at present going to the Permanent School Fund. The Attorney General ruled unconstitutional two versions of this Plan, leaving the Governor's proposed budget in the red. The Governor plans to address the Legislature the week of March 17 to suggest something new (and something blue), possibly a new natural gas tax.

Although the Legislature has been moving slowly in general and few laws have been finally processed, a flood of bills and resolutions descended upon us before the March 14 deadline for the "free" introduction of bills. (After the first 60 days, a four-fifths vote is needed to suspend the rules to introduce bills.) The exact number was not known at the time of writing but is almost equal or actually surpasses the total number introduced during the entire session two years ago. (Over 600 Senate bills and over 1200 House bills have been introduced this year.)

LEAGUE NOTES:

Three Times for Action have been sent to local Leagues. The first was in support of SJR 13, repealing annual voter registration; the second, in support of HB 133, relating to a code of ethics; and the third, in support of HJR 3, removing deadwood from the Texas Constitution. A fourth, in support of certain sections of HB 300, containing the recommendations of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education, is pending.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

HJR 3 by Cory
Committee on Constitutional Amendments

SUPPORT

A hearing was held on March 4 on HJR 3, which would remove much of the deadwood from the Texas Constitution. Mrs. Ralph McKinlay, state TCR chairman, testified for the measure as a first step toward modernization of the Texas Constitution. The resolution is now in subcommittee. A Time for Action has gone to local Leagues. Representative Dick Cory, the sponsor of the resolution, has also introduced HJR 60, which contains a whole new Texas Constitution. Much of it is based on the recommendations of the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission but the exact contents were not known at the time of writing. It appears that it will be the only new Constitution to be introduced.

LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

HJR 23 by Grant Jones
Committee on Constitutional Amendments

SUPPORT

This resolution would remove doubts about the constitutionality of submitting to the voters at one fell swoop an entirely new Constitution or a revision of it. Attorneys disagree over the need for this proposed amendment. It would provide expressly that "the Legislature may propose a revision of all or part of this Constitution, which proposal may deal with more than one subject and be voted upon as one question." Passage of the amendment would remove a possible roadblock to revision, a roadblock referred to by Governor Smith in his January 23 message to the Legislature. A hearing will be held on HJR 23 on March 18.

HJR 25 by Traeger
Committee on Constitutional Amendments

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Representative John Traeger of Seguin, chairman of the House Constitutional Amendments Committee, has introduced this novel resolution, which would limit to six the number of proposed constitutional amendments that could be placed on the ballot at any election. A hearing on this proposal is scheduled for March 18.

SJR 16 by Bernal
Committee on Constitutional Amendments

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

This proposal would authorize the initiative under which the people could propose a law or a constitutional amendment by means of a petition signed by 8% of the number of voters voting for Governor in the last general election. Excluded from the initiative procedure would be tax and appropriation measures. A hearing on this proposal is scheduled for March 17.

THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE (STUDY ITEM ONLY)

SJR 3 by McKool
Committee on Constitutional Amendments
(Favorable committee report; passed by
Senate; in House Constitutional Amendments
Committee)

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

With a minor amendment, this resolution was passed by the Senate and is now in the House Constitutional Amendments Committee. It would authorize appropriations for the use of a non-incumbent Governor-elect between the November election and the January inauguration. The funds would be used to operate administrative and budget offices in order to assist an orderly transition in the office of Governor.

HB 489 by Cummings and Cory
Committee on Governmental Affairs and Efficiency

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Similar to bills introduced by Representative Cory in other sessions, this would create a 12-member "Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government" to study the Executive Department and make recommendations for changes to promote economy, efficiency and improved services.

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HB 883 by Bray

Committee on Governmental Affairs and Efficiency FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This bill is almost identical with HB 489 above, but it corrects certain errors of draftsmanship in HB 489, decreases the size of the Commission to nine, and does not expressly exclude educational institutions from the studies undertaken by the Commission.

SB 378 by Mauzy

Committee on State Affairs FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This bill, "The State Civil Service Law," would establish a modern personnel system, based on merit principles and scientific methods.

HB 706 by Hale

Committee on State Affairs FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This bill, "The Administrative Procedure Act of 1969," would govern the activities of administrative agencies. The Secretary of State would serve as the Director of Administrative Procedure and, among other duties, would publish a Code of Administrative Regulations. Proceedings before administrative agencies would be regulated according to the provisions of the Act.

THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

HB 133 by Nugent

Committee on State Affairs SUPPORT

SB 70 by Wilson

Committee on State Affairs

A Time for Action was sent to local Leagues to urge support of HB 133 by Representative James Nugent of Kerrville. The bill would strengthen the present "code of ethics" statute for legislators and others. A hearing was held on the bill on February 26 before the House State Affairs Committee. The bill is in subcommittee. No action in the Senate is expected until this bill passes the House.

HJR 8 by Solomon, Hinson et al

Committee on Constitutional Amendments SUPPORT

SJR 11 by Aiken and Connally

Committee on Constitutional Amendments

As reviewed in the first Legislative Newsletter, this resolution would authorize annual sessions but limit the second session to 60 days and to budgetary and emergency matters. The League would prefer a much stronger amendment, but since none is expected to be introduced, we will work to strengthen this proposal. A hearing on the resolution will be held March 18.

LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

SB 262 by Kennard and Brooks
Committee on State Departments and Institutions SUPPORT
(Favorable committee report; passed second
reading in the Senate)

This bill would establish a Legislative Information and Modernization Committee to study and to recommend to the Legislature methods of improving and modernizing legislative practices, procedures, and processes. The Committee would be composed of the Chief Clerk of the House, the Secretary of the Senate, the Director of the Legislative Budget Board, and the State Auditor or his representative. The bill was reported out favorably by the Senate State Departments and Institutions Committee and was on the verge of final passage by the Senate when Senator Henry Grover of Houston raised objections about the composition of the Committee. A somewhat similar measure, HB 527, has been introduced in the House by Representative Rayford Price.

HJR 19 by Stroud
Committee on Constitutional Amendments

HJR 27 by Joe Shannon
Committee on Constitutional Amendments FOR INFORMATION ONLY

SJR 21 by Hightower, McKool et al
Committee on Constitutional Amendments

HB 639 by Ratcliff
Committee on State Affairs

These four measures all concern either legislator compensation, ethics, or both. They are all different but are grouped together for convenience. HJR 19 would amend the Constitution to create a six-member Legislative and Executive Compensation Commission to set compensation for legislators, the Speaker, the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor. HJR 27 would establish a five-member State Ethics Commission to establish rules of ethics to govern the conduct of legislators and state officers and employees. The Commission would also recommend compensation for legislators, the Speaker and the Lieutenant Governor. SJR 21 would create a nine-member commission to determine the salaries of legislators, the Speaker, and the Lieutenant Governor. HB 639 would create by statute a nine-member Legislative Ethics and Compensation Commission which would be authorized to promulgate rules concerning conflicts of interest of legislators and rules governing the practice by legislators before state agencies. The Commission would also determine legislative salaries and those of the Speaker and the Lieutenant Governor. Further, the Commission could determine legislative retirement programs and benefits and insurance programs. The linking of ethics with compensation in some of these proposals is no doubt the result of Governor Smith's first message to the Legislature in which he proposed a constitutional amendment to define conflict of interest and to set up a board to determine or to recommend legislative salary schedules.

HB 422 by Hale
Committee on Rules FOR INFORMATION ONLY

In the form of an amendment to the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1961, this bill gives statutory authority to both houses to institute a modified seniority system with provisions for the continuation of this system from session to session.

It also authorizes standing committees to grant their subcommittees the same powers as they exercise. Another provision of note is the authorization of the pre-filing and circulation of bills to legislators-elect in advance of the Regular Session. Standing committees would be authorized to hold hearings in advance of the session but could not make official reports until after the session opens. If annual sessions are instituted, the Act provides for pre-filing of bills 60 days before the session and 30 days before any special session.

SB 375 by Mauzy
Committee on Privileges and Elections

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Briefly, this bill would require political committees, which are carefully defined, to report their campaign expenditures. It is an attempt to tighten up the present law. For example, candidates can be held liable for the failure of committees working on their behalf to report campaign contributions. The name of the candidate could be taken off the ballot if his committees failed to observe the law. Suits are also available.

SB 23 by McKool
County, District and Urban Affairs
(Favorable committee report; passed
Senate; in House Counties Committee)

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

This bill permits county commissioners courts to provide office space and equipment for legislators on property owned by the county. The bill has passed the Senate.

STATE-LOCAL RELATIONS

HB 609 by Burnett and Tommy Shannon
Committee on State Affairs

SUPPORT

SB 547 by Kennard
Committee on State Affairs

This bill contains the most recent recommendations of the Texas Research League on regional planning and Councils of Governments. Among its provisions are the following: It would give Regional Planning Commissions (which are defined to include COGs) the unequivocal power to engage in cooperative activities other than planning. It would give state aid only to commissions engaged in comprehensive planning, which is carefully defined in the Act. It would authorize the formation of both interstate and international Regional Planning Commissions with advance approval of the Governor.

HB 68 by Knapp
Committee on State Affairs

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

This bill, which would amend the 1965 Regional Planning Act, would require a popular vote before any governmental unit could join a Regional Planning Commission and would provide for the automatic withdrawal of a government from membership at the end of each presidential election year unless a majority of voters of the governmental unit voted to remain in the organization.

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HB 196 by Wright
Committee on State Affairs

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

This bill would create a Local Government Assistance Agency and a Municipal Incorporation Review Board. Two years ago the bill had to be split because it contained two separate subjects. In view of a recent reorganization of the Governor's Office, the Local Government Assistance Agency may no longer be necessary. The League has no position on the Municipal Incorporation Review Board.

HB 199 by Wright
Committee on Counties

SUPPORT

This bill, "The County Land Use Protection Act," would authorize counties to enact subdivision regulations and issue building permits. The Texas Research League, whose bill this is, has prepared a new bill on the same subject this year. At the date of writing it had not been introduced. If the new bill is introduced, careful attention will be given to it for possible League support. HB 199 was supported by the LWV two years ago. (In addition to this bill of statewide application, several bills or resolutions applicable only to one or a few counties have been introduced on the same general subject. They include HB 76 by Holland and Floyd; SB 270 by Harrington and Christie; and HB 160 by Dramberger, Nowlin and others. Resolutions or bills to consolidate offices and functions, to permit contracts, and to authorize civil service have also been introduced to improve county government in specific counties.)

VOTER REGISTRATION

SJR 13 by McKool
Committee on Constitutional Amendments
(Favorable committee report; on Senate calendar)

SUPPORT

HJR 20 by Stroud
Committee on Constitutional Amendments

A hearing was held on SJR 13 on February 25 before the Senate Constitutional Amendments Committee. This resolution, which would repeal the requirement that voters register annually, was reported out favorably by the committee after an attempt to send it to subcommittee failed by a 7 - 3 vote. The State Legislative Chairman of the League was the only witness. League members from Austin, San Marcos, and Dallas attended the hearing in response to a Time for Action. At the time of writing the resolution had not been passed by the Senate. Senator McKool has said that 20 Senators have indicated their support of it; this is one vote shy of the 21 necessary to pass the measure. The 20 Senators on our side are Bates, Bernal, Berry, Bridges, Brooks, Christie, Cole, Hall, Harrington, Herring, Hightower, Jordan, Kennard, Mauzy, McKool, Patman, Schwartz, Strong, Wilson, and Word. HJR 20, introduced in the House by Representative Jim Stroud of Dallas, is identical in wording with SJR 13 except for the date of submission of the amendment to the voters. No action will be taken on HJR 20 until the Senate has passed SJR 13.

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HB 815 by Stroud
Committee on Elections

SUPPORT

Representative Jim Stroud of Dallas has introduced this bill, which the League has sponsored and supported for a number of years. It contains our basic recommendations for a sound voter registration system for Texas, prepared with the assistance of Mrs. Mary Kate Wall who is now Director of Elections in the Secretary of State's Office. Among other provisions, it would establish a "biennial" voter registration period. The voter could re-register for that period by voting in a primary or general election. The bill would require a voter identification card and personal signature at the time of registration and at the time of voting. The bill could not go into operation unless the constitutional amendment repealing annual voter registration is passed since it provides for a system other than the annual type. A hearing on this bill is expected on April 7.

SB 131 by McKool et al
Committee on Privileges and Elections

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

This bill provides for a quadrennial voter registration period, corresponding to the four years between presidential elections. The bill falls short of League standards for a sound voter registration system in several respects, but we might support it if HB 815 has no chance of passage, which is likely. SB 131 would not go into effect unless SJR 13 or HJR 20 can be passed.

HB 211 by Stroud, Price et al
Committee on Elections

SUPPORT

This bill would provide for year-round registration by adding two registration periods to the present period which extends only from October 1 to January 31. The bill would also require counties to send out renewal notices so that the voter might re-register by that method. If we cannot pass a constitutional amendment to repeal annual voter registration, we will have to work to improve the present annual system. This bill is a step in that direction and also falls within our position in favor of year-round registration. A hearing was held on the bill on March 17, and we expect the bill to be voted out favorably by the Elections Committee.

(There are several other voter registration bills of interest, but space precludes a discussion of their contents. They include SB 252, HB 492, and HB 662. HB 816 by Stroud contains some of the recommendations for improving voter registration and election administration made by the county clerks of the largest counties of the state. Then there is HB 512, an omnibus election bill, which contains very little of relevance to League program.)

NATIONAL PROGRAM: WATER RESOURCES

SB 147 by Herring and Cole
Committee on Water and Conservation

SUPPORT

This bill amends the Texas Water Quality Act of 1967 to "improve the structure of the act and provide for more effective control of water quality in this state." The League supported the Act two years ago and supports this revision this session. The League sent a letter in support of the Act to Senator Criss

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Cole of Houston, co-sponsor of the measure, when it turned out that Mrs. Walter Caine, National Water Resources Chairman on the state Board, could not attend the hearing which was held on March 19.

SB 6 by Cole and Herring
Committee on Jurisprudence
(Favorable committee report; passed Senate)

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Reviewed in the first Legislative Newsletter, this bill which would impose criminal penalties upon corporations and individuals violating the water pollution control laws, was reported out favorably by the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence and passed by the Senate. The bill was amended in committee.

HB 67, 69 by Braun, Hubiak et al
HB 353, HB 355 by Braun
HB 454 by Braun
Committee on State Affairs

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

HB 67 and HB 69, the so-called "Braun bills," have been supplemented by several other bills designed to strengthen the water pollution control laws. They are listed here for the record.

SB 240 - 247 by Creighton
Committee on Water and Conservation

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

These eight bills, introduced by Senator Tom Creighton of Mineral Wells, who is chairman of the Senate Water and Conservation Committee, would implement the \$10 billion Texas Water Plan. A hearing on these bills is set for March 19.

NATIONAL PROGRAM: HUMAN RESOURCES

HB 300 by Hale
Committee on Public Education

SUPPORT

SB 2 by Schwartz, Mauzy, et al
Committee on Education

SB 474, SB 475, SB 476, SB 477 by Schwartz

HB 300 and SB 2 contain the recommendations of the Governor's Committee on Public School Education. Representative DeWitt Hale of Corpus Christi and Senator A. R. Schwartz of Galveston are the sponsors in the House and Senate, respectively. Senator Schwartz recently introduced four more bills, SB 474 - SB 477, which would break up SB 2 into four parts, each concerned with one phase of the longer or omnibus bill. The League will support ONLY those sections of the bill coming within our support positions. A Time for Action will spell these out in detail. In general, we support (1) programs in basic education, occupational education and retraining when needed at any point in an individual's working career; and (2) greatly increased educational opportunity through compensatory programs for disadvantaged groups beginning at the preschool level and extending through secondary education. A public hearing on HB 300 will be held on March 25, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Edward C. Fritz, State Human Resources Chairman, will testify at that time in support of our positions. League members attending Presidents Council may be able to get to the hearing which is expected to last two days.

July 21, 1967

Mr. Ernest W. Gross
Director of Distribution
Committee for Economic Development
711 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Mr. Gross:

In response to your letter of July 12, I wish to thank you for the complementary copies of A Fiscal Program for a Balanced Federalism and Modernizing State Government. I know that the Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas would be very happy to have copies of these two publications. I am enclosing a list of the Board members, as you have suggested.

Since a study of The Legislature is a part of our present League Program, the regular members of the League could benefit from reading the summary of Modernizing State Government. However, we have almost 4000 members. If these copies are free of charge, we will send you addressed labels for mailing them.

Thank you for your courtesy.

Sincerely,

Mrs. William E. Joor

L. C. Duckworth
Martin


October 7, 1966

Representative L. DeWitt Hale
Wilson Building
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Mr. Hale:

Our League of Women Voters' study committee is delighted at the prospect of receiving from you full and complete material on the proposals of the House Rules Study Committee as rapidly as it is available.

In addition to the special materials we are preparing for use in a two-year study, we have available space in the Texas Voter, which is distributed monthly to members of all the Texas Leagues. For the present, we have been allotted a column in each of the issues for December and February.

We await the information from your committee with eager interest.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Carter (Mrs. Jack)

[REDACTED]
September 23, 1966

Representative DeWitt Hale
Wilson Building
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Mr. Hale:

When we were last in a meeting together, I was working on a project of the Democratic Women's State Committee. This year I am working on a resource committee of the Texas League of Women Voters, which has for its new state program item the organization and functioning of the legislature. My part of the study is the functioning of the legislature as it is affected by the rules.

We have read with great interest about the work of your committee on revision of House Rules. Do you expect to have any information about your study ready for release before the beginning of the regular session? At whatever time you have information and recommendations for release, could we ask to be placed on your mailing list? The state League has undertaken a two-year study, into which information can be channeled when it is available. We are already preparing study materials for the use of our thirty-seven local leagues. The sooner we know what proposals for change are likely to be considered, the more relevant and useful we can make this study.

We shall appreciate all the information you can give us that will help to achieve our mutual goal of developing a more effective legislature.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Carter (Mrs. Jack)

Copy to Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth
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STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

John L. Hill
SECRETARY OF STATE

September 9, 1966

W. O. Bowers III
ASST. SECRETARY OF STATE

Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth
[REDACTED]

Dear Mrs. Wackerbarth:

We are enclosing a copy of Article 14.01 through 14.07 of the Texas Election Code. Article 14.04 sets out the campaign contributions.

We regret that we have no information on the requirements of the federal statutes relating to the filing of campaign expenditures.

If this office can be of further assistance to you, please call on us.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN L. HILL
Secretary of State

by: *Sybil Dickinson*
Sybil Dickinson
Director
Administrative Division

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Enclosure

This was less than helpful. We already had the election code. Our answer finally was found in Art 5154a of the Civil Statutes (Vernon's Annotated, Vol 15, p 281) - the answer is that a union may not make campaign contributions -

August 29, 1966

The Secretary of State
The State of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

In connection with a study now being made by the League of Women Voters of Texas, the question has come up as to whether or not a trade union may make a direct contribution to the campaign fund of any candidate for state or local office.

We are informed that there is a federal statute which prohibits the use of dues money in this manner, but permits direct contributions from funds of COPE, which is a committee similar to but not exactly like any other standing committee of the organization.

Is there a paralleling statute in Texas, and if so, would you please cite it? We know that by Article 14.07 of the Election Code corporations are prohibited from making campaign contributions, and although "commercial or industrial clubs or associations" are called out specifically in sub paragraph (e) of this article, this latter paragraph seems to prohibit the corporations from making indirect contributions through such clubs or associations.

Having received conflicting opinions as to whether or not a union may or may not make a direct campaign contribution in Texas, I would appreciate very much having an opinion at your earliest convenience; in either case I would like very much to know which Texas statute governs.

Yours very truly,

League of Women Voters of Texas

(Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth)



Prentice-Hall, Inc.



Englewood Cliffs, N. J.

September 9, 1966

Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth
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Dear Mrs. Wackerbarth:

We have your letter of September 6th requesting permission to quote from **TEXAS: Its Government and Politics, Second Edition by Benton.**

We cannot give "blanket" permission to quote material from our books, but if you will be kind enough to send us a list of the passages you are interested in using, and the pages on which these appear in the book, we shall be glad to give the matter our prompt consideration.

We look forward to hearing from you further.

Very sincerely yours,

Marie R. Warner
(Mrs.) Marie R. Warner
Permissions Editor
Box 901

September 6, 1966

Prentice-Hall, Inc.
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

The League of Women Voters of Texas is making a study of the Texas Legislature, and one of the references being used is your very excellent text, "Texas: Its Government And Politics", by Wilbourn E. Benton. Provided due credit is given, would you permit quotation of statements or brief passages, especially opinions expressed by the author, in study materials which are being prepared for use of our members?

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
Legislature Study Committee

(Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth), Chairman



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Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth
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Dear Mrs. Wackerbarth:

We are pleased to know of your interest in MacCorkle and Smith's TEXAS GOVERNMENT in connection with the study of Texas Legislature which is being prepared by The League of Women Voters of Texas.

Although we do not grant blanket permission for the use of material from a copyrighted book in most instances, we are making an exception in your case. We will grant you permission to quote excerpts from this book provided the extent of the material does not exceed two or three pages of text and your material is not to be sold. Use of the material is limited to inclusion in the specified study for restricted use by your members.

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September 6, 1966

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
Legislature Study Committee

(Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth), Chairman

[REDACTED]
September 23, 1966

Mr. Ronnie Dugger
[REDACTED]

Dear Ronnie:

I am working on a resource committee of the Texas League of Women Voters, which has adopted for its new state program item the organization and functioning of the legislature. We have re-read your series of three special issues on lobbying in Texas with renewed interest.

We are now preparing a kit of materials to supplement our outlines and bibliographies and to include, among other things, William Gardner's recent series on "Ills of the Legislature" from the Houston Post and a fine article Dick Cherry did for a volume of readings called Governing Texas. We should like very much to include your third special issue, Austin Lobbyist at Work, for May 2, 1963, if we have your permission and the cost is not prohibitive.

To furnish the issue to each person who is working or advising on this project, we need at least six copies; ten would be better for this purpose. To provide each local league with one copy, we should need an additional forty copies. It seems unlikely that you would have extra copies of a three-year-old issue in these quantities. Do you have any that we could buy? If so, how many? If not, have you any suggestions about how we could get the issue reproduced at a moderate cost?

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Carter (Mrs. Jack)

Copy to Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth ✓
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Eastern Michigan University

Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197 May 30, 1968

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Mrs. F. L. Duckworth,
Chairman, Legislature Study Item,
League of Women Voters of Texas,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Duckworth:

Mr. Alfred Willoughby, Executive Director of The National Municipal League, has forwarded to me a copy of your very kind letter of May 10 concerning my article, Master of the House, which appeared in the February issue of the National Civic Review.

I am happy to report that I have been able to assemble enough copies of the original presentation made at Milwaukee to meet your request, and which will be forwarded to you under separate cover. I think you will be pleased to note that in my original talk, I made especial mention of the excellent work that is being done by The League of Women Voters chapters all across the country.

I have also taken the liberty of enclosing a few reprints of the February article, plus a reprint each of two previous studies to which I referred in that article, and which may be of possible aid in your current study.

Thanking you again for your good letter, and wishing you and your fellow members every success in your continued vital work to inform the citizenry of the nation,

Sincerely yours,

Samuel R. Solomon
Samuel R. Solomon,
Chairman, Political Science

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504 WEST 24TH ST., AUSTIN

September 28, 1966

Dear Mrs. Carter:

Your letter to Ronnie regarding the Lobbyist issue was passed on to us for reply. We have exactly 29 copies of this issue available for sale. There is an inquiry about this issue from time to time, and I imagine it will continue.

Being mailed to you, separate cover.
Ten copies are ~~enclosed~~. Since we don't have enough to provide the additional forty you would need to distribute to each local league, I imagine the remaining 19 we have would be of little use to you. And, although we can appreciate the value of the use you have in mind for them, I guess the feeling is that we would prefer to keep the remaining 19 on hand in order to be able to supply other persons and organizations. Hope you understand that. But if you have discovered a good use for an additional quantity, less than the 40 you really need, please let us know and we would be glad to send along some more copies; say, 10, maybe?

Paid → The cost of the enclosed 10 is 25¢ each. We know of no inexpensive method of reproducing the issue. Xerox is, I think, about 10¢ per page. Ronnie would have no objection if you decided on and found a method of reproducing the article, although if it were mimeographed we would like to have you include mention of the source, giving also the Observer's address - which, I am sure, you would intend to do in any case.

Hope this clears up your questions. Regret that we are not able to be of greater assistance.

Sincerely,

C. R. Olofson
C. R. Olofson

When you have this will you return this copy?

League of Women Voters of the U.S.
1200 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

This is going on
State Board Supplement

February 21, 1968

Memo: State League Presidents

From: National Office

Re: "Legislative Fiscal Report in Perspective"

We are sending one copy to each state League of the enclosed publication of the Citizens Conference on State Legislatures. It is a compact report about legislative costs among the 50 states and may be useful to those of you whose state Leagues are involved in studies of improvement in the state legislative branch.

Some of you receive on a regular basis the research reports of the Citizens Conference. In this event, you will now have a copy for the use of the state board member responsible for a pertinent program item or for your legislative chairman, as well as a copy for your files.

Research Memorandum #5, "A Review of Legislative Sessions in the Fifty States," January 1968, may also be of interest to your League. Single copies are available by writing:

Citizens Conference on State Legislatures
Suite 225
4722 Broadway Building
Kansas City, Missouri 64112

The Council of State Governments publishes on a quarterly basis "State Government", reports of current activities in state government. The winter-1968 edition is now available, \$1.50 a copy. A yearly subscription is \$5.00.

The Winter-1968 edition reviews action by state legislatures in their 1967 sessions and reports the Governors' Conference and the National Legislative Conference of 1967. The address is:

Council of State Governments
1313 East 60th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637

May 6, 1968

Citizens Conference on State Legislatures
Suite 225
4722 Broadway Building
Kansas City, Missouri 64112

Dear Sirs:

We would appreciate having a copy of Research Memorandum #5 "A Review of Legislative Sessions in the Fifty States". Also we could use another copy of Research Memorandum #4, Legislative Fiscal Support In Perspective". Our national office has supplied us with one copy.

How might I get my name on the mailing list to receive these memorandums? You have been most generous with complimentary copies of your research publications. Since we are starting our third year of study and action on the Texas Legislature, we would like to receive material as it is released and would like to know the cost of a yearly subscription.

Has the revision of your Research Publication now out of print, "A Study of Legislative Compensation & Supplement" been completed? If so, please include its cost.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. F. L. Duckworth
Chairman
Study of the Texas Legislature

Reply to; [REDACTED]

August 21, 1968

Mr. George H. Morgan
Field Director
Citizens Conference on State Legislatures
Suite 225
4722 Broadway Building
Kansas City, Missouri 64112

Dear Mr. Morgan:

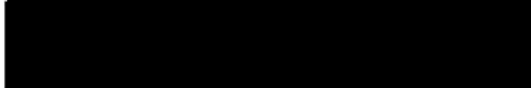
The League in Texas is working for an amendment to the Texas Constitution to be voted on November 5, 1968 for increased compensation for Texas Legislators. In your list of publications you have "A Study of Legislative Compensation and Supplement" which was out of print at the time this list of your publications was circulated. This publication would be extremely helpful in our campaign for this amendment. Is it now available?

If there is cost involved should this publication now be available, please send the bill to the above address.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. F. L. Duckworth
Chairman
Study of the Texas Legislature

reply to: 

File

June 18, 1968

Mr. Alvin H. Goldstein
Director, Information and Special Services
Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.
51 West 52 Street
New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

We noted with interest your recent CBS Special "Campaign - American Style". Is there a copy of the narrative containing the facts and figures available in printed form? We would be very much interested in obtaining this information in connection with our current study of the problem of campaign costs as they effect the influence of the lobby on the Texas Legislature.

Do you have plans to repeat this particular Special News program? If we knew of plans to show this program again, we could alert our local League members so that more might be able to view it.

Thank you for whatever assistance you can give us in this request.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. F. L. Duckworth
Chairman, Legislature Study

September 20, 1968

Jerry D. Stephens
Eggers for Governor


Dear Mr. Stephens:

As per your request of the 14th, I am enclosing some background material on the legislature study of the League of Women Voters of Texas. As soon as I get to the board meeting in Houston, next week, I will see if our Legislature chairman has any new material that will be useful to you in your research.

The new August-September 1968 issue of State Legislatures Progress has a short article which quotes the Republican National Committee task force on state constitutional revision as to the desirability of annual sessions of state legislatures as well as giving other specific recommendations. There is also an excellent article on Revitalizing State Constitutions by Larry Margolis. I am sorry I do not have an extra copy but it is available at the U.T Institute for Public Affairs. I am also inclosing a copy of our latest VOTER which contains some excellent background material on our new Executive study, which you might find useful.

Thank you for your kindness and courtes~~y~~ at the Republican platform hearings in Fort Worth.

Sincerely,

Mrs Ralph McKinlay

cc: SO, Duckworth

Blind copies Duckworth, Martin

July 7, 1967

Mr. Robert N. Brewer
Research Assistant
Citizens Conference on State Legislatures
910 Pennsylvania
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

Dear Mr. Brewer:

Thank you for your kind words about "The Texas Legislature: Aids for the Texas Legislator." We will make arrangements for you to receive the next issues.

Under separate cover we are mailing 50 copies of "Aids for the Texas Legislator."

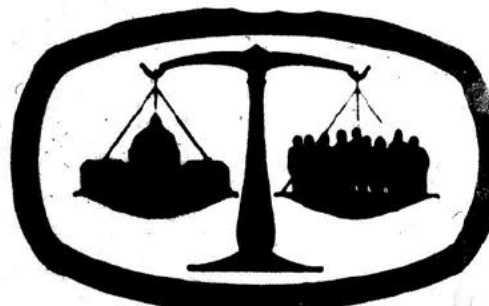
It has been League policy not to grant permission for reproduction of our publications in part or as a whole. The reason for not wishing excerpts to be reproduced is that we do not like parts taken out of context. The reason for not granting permission for reproduction as a whole is that we hold the prices of our publications at a minimum, and reproductions can rarely be produced as reasonably.

If you would like to obtain copies in a large quantity, we will be able to sell them to you at a reduced price.

Thank you for the complimentary copies of your two recent publications.

Yours truly,

Mrs. William E. Joor
RHJ/jec



CITIZENS CONFERENCE ON STATE LEGISLATURES

SUITE 204

910 PENNSYLVANIA

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64108

PHONE 816-471-8050

July 5, 1967

Mrs. William E. Joor
League of Women Voters of Texas

Dear Mrs. Joor:

I have just finished reading "The Texas Legislature: Aids for the Texas Legislature." This summary statement of services available for the legislature is one of the best publications of its kind. Your organization is to be congratulated for a fine piece of work. I trust that we are on your mailing list to receive future publications in this series.

Should the other 49 LWV chapters receive a copy of this report, they might follow your example and begin to publish materials of this orientation and caliber. An event of this sort would be of tremendous value to anyone undertaking comparative studies of state legislatures.

I would like to order 50 copies of this study for national distribution. Please bill us with the shipment. Also, we have prepared a research kit for use by newly established citizen study groups. This kit has examples of various approaches and alternatives in the study of legislative problem areas. We feel that your publication may be of value in this research kit and would like your permission to reproduce the study. I hope that your organization will grant Citizens Conference this favor.

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July 5, 1967

I am enclosing complimentary copies of two of our recent publications: State Constitutional Provisions Affecting Legislatures and Compilation of Recommendations Pertaining to Legislative Improvement in the Fifty States. Perhaps they may be of use to your organization.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you feel that we may be of some assistance to your organization, please do not hesitate to notify us.

Very truly yours,

Robert N. Brewer
Research Assistant

RNB:ag

Enclosures (2)


October 7, 1966

Mr. Alvin A. Burger
Executive Director, Texas Research League
403 East Fifteenth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Burger:

Thank you for your helpful letter of October 4, enclosing a copy of the report of the American Assembly on State Legislatures held in Harriman, New York, last April. I have followed your suggestion that we write to Mr. Cobb of the Governor's Budget Office about obtaining the proceedings of the National Governor's Conference.

I should like very much to have further information about the Texas Assembly on State Legislatures to be held at Texas A & M in October of next year. The material our committee is gathering is for a two-year study which will be at its midpoint at the time of the assembly.

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Carter (Mrs. Jack)

[REDACTED]
September 23, 1966

Mr. Alvin A. Burger
Director, Texas Research League
403 East 15th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Burger:

The Texas League of Women Voters has adopted as its new state program item the organization and functioning of the Texas legislature. In studying our clipping file, as a member of the resource committee preparing study materials for our thirty-seven local leagues, I have learned that you made an address on a subject closely related to our study at the 1966 session of the National Governors' Conference.

Would it be possible for us to get a copy of your address, with other material from the conference, if there is other material equally relevant to our study? Does the conference publish a volume of proceedings or findings which we could buy?

We shall appreciate whatever information you can give us about what we are sure will be a valuable addition to our collection of materials on this timely subject.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Carter (Mrs. Jack)

Copy to Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth ✓
[REDACTED]


October 7, 1966

Mr. Charles Schnabel
Secretary of the Senate
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Schnabel:

Senator Don Kennard has been most helpful in providing information to a research committee of the League of Women Voters of Texas of which I am a member. In developing study materials for the use of our local leagues in connection with our current program item on the state legislature, I need some manageable information on the various types of committees that functioned in the 59th Legislature.

Senator Kennard has suggested that the best source of this information would be the indexed edition of the House and Senate Journals. Can you tell me when it will be available and how our committee can acquire it?

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Carter (Mrs. Jack)



October 7, 1966

Mr. Bill Cobb
Director, Governor's Budget Office
State Capitol
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I am a member of the state League of Women Voters' study committee on the functioning of the legislature. Mr. Alvin Burger of the Texas Research League has provided us with very helpful material, but he was unable to get for us a volume of the proceedings of the most recent National Governor's Conference. He has suggested that you might be able to get it for our committee or tell us how we can get it.

Can you help us?

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Carter (Mrs. Jack)

[REDACTED]
September 23, 1966

Mr. Stuart Long
Drawer O, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Stuart:

According to The Government and Politics of Texas, by Clifton McCleskey, three articles you wrote about the calendar of the state legislature appeared in the Temple Telegram for January 21, 22, and 23, 1956.

I am working on a resource committee of the Texas League of Women Voters, which has adopted for its new state program item the organization and functioning of the legislature. Our chairman has been to Temple and checked the newspaper's file without finding the articles. I offered to find out whether you keep a file of your columns that would enable you to check on these items. If you can direct us to these articles, or to others you have done about the basic patterns of legislative functioning, we shall appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

Copy to Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth
[REDACTED]

April 21, 1970

League of Women Voters Education Fund
1730 M Street NW
Washington, DC. 20036

Dear Miss Urban:

In February, 1970, I travelled to Austin to see Mr. Lynn Anderson of the University of Texas Institute of Public Affairs concerning cooperation in a School for Legislators in Texas.

In connection with this, I incurred the following expenses:

Travel: 420 miles

Luncheon: \$5.50

Telephone call to Mrs. Murphree: \$7.15

Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr., has suggested I submit these expenses to you for reimbursement.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ralph I. Bubis



cc. Mrs. Darvin Winick
Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. Herbert Martin

File

retyped.

note to Joyce to send series of F&I
" " Ruth M. telling of # articles
received & request for F&I June 19, 1968
to go to Prof. Solomon

Professor Samuel R. Solomon
Chairman, Political Science
Eastern Michigan University
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

Dear Professor Solomon:

We wish to thank you most sincerely for sending us the copies of your presentation to the National Municipal League. We appreciate your efforts in our behalf in assembling this article, as well as the two background articles and your letter of May 30 with its kind words for the League.

We thought you might be interested in the material which we published last year in carrying out this study. These Facts and Issues have received quite wide distribution among League members in Texas, as well as legislators and those interested in the legislative process. They will be sent to you under separate cover from our Houston office.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. F. L. Duckworth
Chairman
Legislature Study Item

File

September 27, 1968

Mr. Jerry D. Stephens
Eggers for Governor
704 West 6th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Stephens:

Mrs. McKinlay asked me to send you whatever other background material that we might have other than what she sent you on September 20 on the Texas Legislature. I am sending under separate cover a collection of material, most of it from other sources than the League, which may be helpful to you. Some of it may be duplication of what you already have and some may not be useful, but since time before the election is so short, I have included it all. The file of back copies of the "State Legislatures Progress Reporter" is incomplete but all that the National Municipal League had left when I requested them.

Besides the "Progress Reporter", we have found the National Civic Review valuable in keeping up with the fast-moving field of legislative change. Also the publications:
"American State Legislatures: their structures and procedures", Council of State Governments, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago, Ill. 60637, 1967, \$3
"Modernizing State Government" A report of the Committee for Economic Development, 711 Fifth Ave., N. Y. 10022, July 1967, \$1
"Texas Assembly 1967 - State Legislatures in American Politics" Prof. Claude D. Davis, Texas A & M. This may not be available at public libraries, but might be obtained by writing A & M since it was a background paper for the Texas Assembly 1967.

Of course, there are many textbooks, but the ones we found most useful were: Benton, "Texas - Its Government and Politics"; McCleskey, "The government and Politics of Texas"; Jewell and Patterson, "Legislative Process in the U.S."; Heard, "State Legislatures in American Politics".

If we can be of further assistance, please write us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. F. L. Duckworth
Chairman, Study of the Texas Legislature

Jerry D. Stephens
Eggers for Governor



Copy of Leg Report

interested in
background papers
on leg program.

