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To: Local League Presidents and Legislative Chairmen

From: Mrs. William B. Ruggles, State Legislative Chairman

Suggestions on Submitting Resolutions to Party Precinct and County Conventions.

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- 1) Re-word the Resolutions in the language which is in common use in your County. (It is the practice to have very flowery language in most places at the present time. Sample attached.)
- 2) Discuss the Resolutions with the County Chairman and get his support.
- 3) Get him to put the person working for the Resolution on the Resolutions Committee of the County Convention (July 31st). Get some one very forceful and thoroughly familiar with political procedure.
- 4) Send out a copy of the Resolution to all precinct chairmen and ask them to submit it to their precinct convention. (In many precincts it will pass automatically if handled this way.)
- 5) In large counties get a newspaper editorial in support of the resolution during the week between conventions.
- 6) Get influential party members to support the resolutions - State Executive Committeemen and Committee women, Party Secretary, men slated to be temporary and permanent Chairman, etc. The State Legislative Committee will try to inform you as to Governor Shivers' position on this issue before the County Convention. In some counties his support may be helpful.
- 7) Ask members of the Bar and the Junior Chamber of Commerce to support your resolution.

DO NOT DO NOT DO NOT DO NOT

- 1) Hash over with members of one party the fact that you are working on passing this resolution in both parties; just stick to the fact that this will be beneficial to their party.
- 2) Do not infer that precinct elections are not well run now. This antagonizes incumbent officials. Emphasize that these changes will make their work easier.
- 3) Don't argue about resolutions. Present your facts quietly, be sure you have some one present to second the motion, and call for the vote immediately.
- 4) Don't enter into the other party arguments which will arise at a precinct meeting if you are planning to introduce or to second these resolutions. Do not ask a person to introduce the resolution who will participate in any party arguments, as that way you will identify the resolution with one faction or the other.

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MEMORANDUM: This material is supplementary to the material you received last week on presenting the resolutions at precinct meetings. This will help you work out the best method of presentation in your community. We suggest that you keep all of this material in your Legislative file for reference in the future when the League may again seek to promote an item at the grass roots level.