June 10, 1982

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RE: A Conference on Election Laws and Practices
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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE JANUARY 18, 1982

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Welcoming League of Women Voters members from across the state will be Governor William P. Clements, Jr.; David Dean, Texas Secretary of State; and Diana Clark, Chairman, LWV-Texas Education Fund.

Featured Speakers will be:

Lee Ann Elliott, Commissioner, Federal Election Commission, Washington, D. C.;

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Tom Clark and Patti Hayes, Special Projects, office of the Texas Secretary of State;

Karen Gladney and Glen Scheffler, Texas Legislative Council;

and Gerald Carruth, office of the state Attorney General.

The conference is designed to further refine League members' knowledge of election laws and the administration of these laws.

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Pauline Clarke

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Corpus Christi

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RENTAL ORDER

Audio Visual Services, Inc.

5555 North Lamar, Suite K-115
Austin Texas 78751
(512) 458-4157

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Reservation Date	Time	Customer to pick up	Return Date	Time	Customer to return	Rental Period
1/21/82	BY Noon	☐ Our Delivery ☑	1/22/82	Before 9 am	☐ Our pickup ☑	1 DAY

CHARGE TO

Customer

Attn Of: Tom Clark Phone 475-3091

Address

City State Zip

Customer Account | File Number | Customer P. O. No.

DELIVER TO

Name: League of Women Voters

Address: c/o Howard Johnsons

Attn Of: Joanne Lovelace

Special Instructions: * Set Up in Savannah Room Before 1pm. Strike Fri. Before 9 a.m.

Taken By: Date	Checked Out By Date	Del By: Date AM PM	Pick Up By Date AM PM	Checked In Date
DH 1/19/82	DH 1/21/82	DH 1/21/82		

QTY.	DESCRIPTION	INVENTORY NUMBER	REC'D BACK	LINE CODE	PRICE PER UNIT	EXTENSION
1	JVC 3/4" VCR	V1		66	60.00	60.00
2	JVC 19" Monitors	T2, T3		66	50.00	100.00
3	RF cables			66	NC	
1	RF splitter			66	NC	
2	Pix mobile A/V carts	S11			10.00	20.00

PERSON RECEIVING:

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CREDIT CARD CARD NO.

By signing this rental order, I certify that I am responsible for the safe return of the above equipment including all accessories and spare lamps, and that I will be liable for all damage to the above equipment and accessories. I understand that all burned out lamps must be returned with the equipment.

for Secy of State.

Rec'd By

X J Lovelace, LWV-T Date 1/21/82

SUB TOTAL	180.00
SALES TAX	EXEMPT
DEL/PICK UP	20.00
TOTAL	200.00

CUSTOMER COPY

not attending:

~~Cassin~~	not
Tesar	rep.
~~Wallace~~	Amarillo
Candillon	Marshall
Taylor	eight myths

Extras

McGowan	Rockwall Co.
Lovelace	
Pessina	Pt. Lav.
Bell	

not attending: Pt. Lavaca St Unit
Amarillo
Edinburg/McA
Mont Co Pasa
Rockwall Co.
Waco area
Marshall/Harr Co.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CONFERENCE

ATTENDEES AND ROOMMATES

Jan. 21 & 22, 1982

ANDERSON, B.,(Lubbock)& Cummins
BACON, M. (Beaumont) & Owen
BARBOSA, S. (Irving) & Kuehler
BEHNKE, M., (Orange) & Gibbs & Durkee
BENNETT, D., (Sherman) & Butler
Kay McDaniel ~~BOLLS,~~ B. (Abilene) & Kurfees
BOWLING, A. (Wich. Falls) & Singletary
BOYD, R. (Denton) & Tamez
BUTLER, A. (Sherman) & Bennett
CARVER, S. (Tyler) & Cook
CASSIN, N. (Midland) & Wallace
CASTOLDI, K. (San Marcos) & Emery
CHANDLER, L. (Richardson) & Pittman
CLARKE, P. (Corpus Christi) & DuBois
CLEMENS, B. (Pearland) & Stanford
CONNER, B. (Galveston) & January
COOK, Y. (Tyler) & Carver
COUGHLIN, S. (San Antonio) & Price
CUMMINS, L. (Lubbock) & Anderson
CUNNINGHAM, J. (Cleburne) & Reynolds
DRAKE, C. (Dallas) & Materka
DUBOIS, C. (Corpus Christi) & Clarke
DURKEE, B. (Orange)& Behnke & Gibbs
EICHBERG, K. (Houston) & Freitag & Swartz
EMERY, F. (San Marcos) & Castoldi
FAIDLEY, D. (Victoria) & Henderson
FRAILEY, L. (Arlington) & Morgan
FREITAG, M. (Houston) & Eichberg & Swartz
~~GANDILLON~~, B. (Gainesville) & Leonard
GAUBATZ, P. (Odessa) & Lopez
GIBBS, M. (Orange) & Behnke & Durkee
GREEN, T. (Pasadena) & Johnson, E.
HADSALL, E. (Burleson) & Ussery
HARTRICK, M. (Baytown) & Slaughter
HENDERSON, D. (Victoria) & Faidley
Corey-allie ~~HENNIES,~~ E. (Kerrville) & Rehm
JANUARY, C. (Galveston) & Conner
JOHNSON, E. (Pasadena) & Green
JOHNSON, S. (Tarrant Co.) & Wirsdorfer
KUEHLER, L. (Irving) & Barbosa
KURFEES, B. (Abilene) & Bolls
LA ROCK, P. (El Paso) & Teran
LEONARD, S. (Gainesville) & Gandillon
LOPEZ, P. (Odessa) & Gaubatz
MATERKA, B. (Dallas) & Drake
MORGAN, J. (Arlington) & Frailey
OWEN, L. (Beaumont) & Bacon
PITTMAN, P. (Abilene) & Chandler
REHM, M. (Kerrville) & Hennies
REYNOLDS, S. ~~(Kerrville)~~X&X(Cleburne) & Cunningham
RICE, N. (Plano) & Titus
SHERIDAN, D. (Bay Area) & Stout, N.
SINGLETARY, K. (Wich. Falls) & Bowling
SLAUGHTER, J. (Baytown) & Hartrick
STANFORD, M. (Pearland) & Clemens
STOUT, N. (Bay Area) & Sheridan
STOUT, R. (Brazos Co.) & Watson
SWARTZ, B. (Houston) & Eichberg & Freitag
TAMEZ, C. (Pasadena) & Boyd
TERAN, F. (Waco) & LaRock
TITUS, M. (Plano) & Rice
USSERY, D. (Burleson) & Hadsall
WALLACE, C. (Midland) & Cassin
WATSON, D. (Brazos Co.) & Stout, R.
WIRSDORFER, S. (Tarrant Co.) & Johnson, S.

STATE BOARD MEMBERS (staying on from previous meeting):

CARPENTER, L. & Kidwell & Sutherland
CLARK, D. & Davis & Morrill
DAVIS, J. & Clark & Morrill
KIDWELL, G. & Carpenter & Sutherland
McMAHAN, M. & Sturgis & Vanderwater
MORRILL, M. & Clark & Davis
PRICE, N. & Coughlin (San Antonio)
STURGIS, E. & McMAHAN & VANDERWATER
SUTHERLAND, E. & Carpenter & Kidwell
VANDERWATER, J. & McMAHAN & STURGIS

(Perrine - at S.O.)

IN SINGLE ROOM:

POLTER, L. (Dallas)

ATTENDING CONFERENCE - NOT STAYING IN MOTEL:

BONAVITA, E. (Austin)
ELLIOTT, L. (Washington, D.C.)
~~FERRARO, V. (Baytown)~~
LITTLE, C. (Austin)
Taylor, J. (Edinburg)

Bennett + Butler - Sherman

Bill Eaton
McGowan, Linda (LBB)
dinner + reg.

Don't go Motel for Pittman
See Leonard has a single

Oy 1½ natl PMP
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Amarillo
Arlington
Austin
Bay Area
Baytown
Beaumont
Brazos Co.
Burleson
Cleburne
Corpus
Dallas
Edinburg/McAllen
El Paso
Gainesville
Galveston
Houston
Irving
Kleberg
Lbb
Midland
Odessa
Orange
Pasadena
Pearland
Plano
Richardson

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San M.
Sherman
Tarr Co.
Victoria
Waco
Wichita Falls

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Bell
Houston
Denton
for reg fee
Arlington - Tyler
Hilton
Petro dues
reg fee
+ #23 room

Election Laws and Practices

A Conference

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10.00 Break

10.15 Federal Election Laws
Mr. John McGarry, chairman
Federal Elections Commission
Washington, D.C.

11.45 Conference overview

12.00 Adjourn

SJ adjourn
F ~ 3:30
coffee + hot water
SJ Gayle

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Pauline Pitman
Elections Admin
Taylor County, Courthouse
Abilene, Tx 79602

475
540?

#5 registration fee
& dinner
& pollaway

send invoice

$9.50/ refunded to Bryton & Connor.

She will do invoice

Sally Hogan
LWVS
(202) 296-1770

of LWV, Abilene

Jeanette Davis

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Mailing list for agendas:

Mr. Nist KOSA - Dir. Elections Division, Secretary of State's Office

Tom Clark + Patti Hyde

Mr. Glen Scheffler

Ms. Karen Gadney Council Legislative Counsel

note → Doug Dean

Mr. Chip Holt Drug program asst. attorney general Office of "

Thank him for accepting invite. Would be happy to make hotel reservation for him

note ✓ Ms. Jodi McGarry, Chairman Oklahoma, Federal Election Commission

1325 K St. NW Washington D.C. 20463

note → Jerry Bill Lucy

475-2736

Letter of: Comment

Dear

Ms Gary

bcc: JD
SO

Ellen Schepler
Karen Gladney

PO 12128
78711

Katy Marsula Ln
Dallas 75229

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE CAPITOL
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
GOVERNOR

November 20, 1981

Ms. Diana Clark
League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, Suite 109
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms. Clark:

Thank you for your invitation to Governor Clements to address your Conference on Election Laws and Practices in Austin on January 21, 1982. He very much appreciates your interest and has asked me to respond.

Governor Clements is pleased to accept your kind invitation, State of Texas business permitting, for Thursday, January 21, at 1:00 p.m.

Suzanne Jordan of the Scheduling Office will be in contact with you regarding the details for Governor Clements' schedule for this event about a week to ten days in advance. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact our office if we can be of assistance to you.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Woodward

Miss Kay Woodward
Director of Scheduling

KW:kf

cc: Ms. Jeanette Davis

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December 14, 1981

The Honorable William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas
Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Governor Clements,

We are enclosing the program of the Conference on Election Laws and Practices to be held on January 21-22.

We very much appreciate your willingness to open the Conference on Thursday, January 21, at 1 pm, and will look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanette Davis
Conference Director

jd-ml
enc.

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The Honorable David Dean
Secretary of State
Capitol Station
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Dear Mr. Dean,

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We very much appreciate your willingness to participate in the Opening Remarks when the Conference convenes at 1 pm on Thursday, January 21, at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge at 7800 North IH-35.

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Legislative Council
P. O. Box 12128
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Mrs. Lucy Polter
5414 Ursula Lane
Dallas, TX 75229

Dear Mrs. Polter,

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I'm sure your talk after the dinner on Thursday night will beeof special interest to all those attending.

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Mr. Chip Holt
Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Holt,

We are enclosing two copies of the program for the Conference on Election Laws and Practices to be held on January 21-22.

We very much appreciate your agreeing to participate, or to send someone from your office to participate, in the presentation on enforcement of election laws during the Friday morning session, beginning at 9 o'clock.

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Federal Election Commission
1325 K Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20463

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Sent to: Governor Clements

Secretary of State David Dean

Lucy Polter

[redacted]

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Austin, TX 78701 BY JANUARY 11, 1982

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF _____
(OR STATE UNIT)

1. NAME _____ PHONE ( ) _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

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We assume the above members will be rooming together in a room with two double beds. If other arrangements are to be made, please indicate. If only one person is listed above, we will place that person in a room with another conference attendee whenever possible. If your attendees do not wish overnight accommodations, please so indicate, but do list names and addresses above.

Jeanette Davis
Government Director
3701 High Meadows
Abilene, TX 79605
(915) 692-3205

LWV-Texas Education Fund
September 1981
State Board Report
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A CONFERENCE

At the September state board meeting, plans received a big GO for a conference addressing Election Laws and Practices. It will be in Austin starting at 1:00 p.m. January 21 and ending at noon on January 22. Plan now which two members to send. Funding is being sought and we hope LWV-TEF will be able to underwrite most of your costs.

Subjects to be addressed and speakers will be:

** Current election laws in Texas with an emphasis on the most common violations and how Leagues can overcome them in their communities.

Speaker: Rep. of the Secretary of State

** Enforcement of election laws

Speaker: Representative of the Attorney General's office

** New laws enacted and current laws revised or repealed in the 1981 session of the Legislature

Speaker: Member, Texas Legislative Council

** Federal election laws

Speaker: Representative of the Federal Election Commission
Washington, D. C.

** Dinner speaker: Lucy Polter, Chairman, Dallas County Election Study Committee and past President LWV Dallas

More details, with registration forms, etc. will be coming in November. Again, the conference will begin at 1:00 p.m. January 21 and adjourn 12:00 noon January 22, 1982.

I think it sounds so exciting and an excellent time and way to refine and perfect our knowledge of the election process.

See you in January.

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bcc: Clark, Davis, Brown, S.OL, file

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September 30, 1981

George W. Strake, Jr., President
The Strake Foundation
3300 Gulf Building
712 Main Street
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Strake:

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I know that you share with the League a belief that the 1) secrecy of the ballot, and 2) honesty of an election depend upon how well elections are run. Thus we are asking that the Strake Foundation consider funding this conference.

A grant proposal and budget are enclosed. A member of our board of trustees will call your office within the next two weeks to answer anyquestions you may have.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Price
Vice Chairman, LWV-Texas Education Fund

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First National Bank - Midland
303 W. Wall
Midland, Texas 79701

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SAMPLE ELECTION LAWS CONFERENCE PRESS RELEASE

1 copy to LL Presidents only

CONTACT: (Someone in your League, Name, address, phone.)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE DATE

Attending the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Election Laws Conference in Austin, January 21-22, 1982 from _____ League of Women Voters is/are _____ and _____.

Coordinated by Jeanette Davis, LWV-Texas Government Director, and Georgia Kidwell, LWV-Texas Voter Service Director, the conference is designed to inform Leaguers of current election law changes enacted by the 67th Legislature, as well as common election law violations and how to deal with them.

Governor William P. Clements, Jr. will welcome the conferees. Others attending and participating in the discussions are:

From the Secretary of State's Office: The Honorable David Dean, Texas Secretary of State; Milt Kosa, Director of the Elections Division; Tom Clark, and Patti Hayes.

From the Texas Legislative Council: Glen Scheffler and Karen Gladney.

From the Federal Election Commission: Chairman John McGarry.

The conference will also be attended by a representative of the Texas Attorney General's office.

Election Laws and Practices A Conference

January 21-22, 1982

Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
7800 North IH-35
Austin, Texas

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Mrs. Diana Clark, Chairman, League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund

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Ms. Karen Gladney
Legislative Council

2:30 Break

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Mr. Milt Kosa, Director, Elections Division
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Special Projects, Elections Division, Office of Secretary of State of Texas

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Friday January 22, 1982

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~~Office of Texas Attorney General~~
Jerald Carruth

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Lee Ann Elliott - commissioner
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STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
POST OFFICE BOX 12697, CAPITOL STATION
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

David A. Dean
SECRETARY OF STATE

February 2, 1982

Ms. Jeanette L. Davis
League of Women Voters of Texas
3701 High Meadows
Abilene, Texas 79605

Dear Jeanette:

I appreciate your kind note thanking me for my presentation before the League of Women Voters last month. It was my pleasure to have addressed your organization and I enjoyed the opportunity to meet the membership.

I, too, look forward to working with you and Diana in the upcoming months in the statewide voter registration drive. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

David

David A. Dean
Secretary of State

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Clements Agrees To Debate on TV

By DIANE BALLARD
Harte-Hanks Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements accepted a challenge from the League of Women Voters Thursday to debate the Democratic gubernatorial nominee on television this fall.

The three major Democratic candidates — Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong, Attorney General Mark White and State Sen. Peyton McKnight — or their spokesmen said Thursday the candidates would welcome a debate with the governor.

A fourth candidate, David L. Young, a former Montgomery Ward appliance salesman in Richardson, could not be reached for comment.

Reading from a Dec. 12 news article in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* that quoted Clements as saying he would debate the Democratic nominee, league President Diana Clark asked him to make good his promise.

"I accept," Clements said. "I believe in these debates. They are an important part of our election process.

"I'd be glad to debate their (Democrats') person any time, any place and under practically any circumstances."

Sara Speights, aide to Armstrong, said, "He'll be more than happy to debate Clements and would hope that the League of Women Voters will help voter participation by sponsoring such a debate."

Mary Hardesty, spokeswoman for White, said, "Of course. He said he would be happy to debate."

McKnight said he was "delighted" the governor had proposed the debate.

"I think it's a great thing," he said.

"I think people like to see what candidates have to say in person."

The governor and Secretary of State David Dean spoke at the league's conference on election laws and practices.

Clements won a round of applause during his speech for supporting extension of the Voting Rights Act.

"...and I believe that extension of this act could well be the most significant civil rights issue facing Congress," he said. "...Isolated instances of discrimination remain, and I believe that extension of the Voting Rights Act in Texas will help to eradicate them."

The governor also stressed the importance of higher voter participation in elections.

Low '81 election turnout costs $3 per vote

By SARALEE TIEDE
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Every vote in last November's election on eight constitutional amendments cost the state $3 because seven out of eight registered voters were too busy or too ill-informed to cast a ballot, according to an analysis conducted by the secretary of state's office.

Some 69 percent of the registered voters surveyed said they did not vote because they were otherwise occupied, giving reasons like "ill," "working" or "out of town." About 13 percent said they were not well enough informed about the issues to vote.

Gov. William P. Clements Jr. said it may mean that such issues should appear on the ballot only in years when presidential or statewide contests draw more voters to the polls.

"I do know we need to cast constitutional amendments in such a way that it gets the electorate motivated and excited," he said.

The study showed that turnout was higher in counties with higher per capita income. Another attraction was local elections, which increased turnout by an average of 5 percent.

The highest turnout was in Northeast Texas' Titus County, with 26.9 percent, while Maverick County on the Mexican border had the lowest with only 2 percent voting.

Issues on the ballot included a multi-million dollar water development fund, property tax relief, a new method of financing urban redevelopment and a new grant of money to provide low-interest land loans to veterans. The election cost the state and counties about $2.5 million.

The analysis by University of Texas marketing professor Robert A. Peterson suggested that turnout could be increased by better education and by limiting the number of amendments on the ballot, so that voters could better understand the issues. It also suggested putting such matters to a vote only in even-numbered years, when state and national offices are up for grabs.

The percentage of voters making critical decisions has been declining nationally in recent years, Clements said in a talk to the League of Women Voters. The 53 percent turnout in the 1980 presidential election was the lowest since 1949, he said, despite improved communication and laws that increase access to the polls.

Texas' highest turnout in recent years was in 1972, when both the presidency and all statewide offices were at stake. In the 1974 gubernatorial election, the turnout was 30 percent. In the 1976 presidential election, 65 percent of Texans voted, compared to 42 percent in the 1978 governor's race and 68 percent in last year's presidential election.

Voting study spurs analysis of methods

By JOHN C. HENRY
American-Statesman Staff

A formal analysis of the turnout and voting patterns in the November 1981 elections has prompted Secretary of State David Dean to recommend studying ways to change how Texans amend the state constitution.

After releasing an election analysis by University of Texas professor Robert A. Peterson, Dean said Thursday that he wants more voter studies done this year.

Dean is alarmed that 12.2 percent of the state's 6.6 million registered voters voted during the constitutional amendment election in November.

The $3,000 study found that some voter apathy was linked to the lack of local issues, a "lack of information" about the seven propositions and a clear regional breakdown in the votes cast on the proposal to set up a trust fund to finance water development projects.

After similar studies are made of the May primary and November general elections, Dean said he would draw up substantial recommendations for the Legislature to consider in 1983.

Among the issues he plans to study further are efforts to educate Texans on issues surrounding proposed constitutional amendments, possibly including constitutional proposals only on general election ballots and limiting the number of proposals submitted to voters in each election.

The state paid $2.5 million to put on the election, which drew 815,000 voters. "That's $3 per voter," the secretary of state said.

The proposals that were passed were authorization for issuance of redevelopment bonds, transfer of school land titles to several East Texas farmers, property tax exemptions for poultry and livestock farmers, property tax relief and expansion of the Veterans Land Bonds program.

The proposals that failed were establishment of a trust fund for water development and authorization for a finance committee to make budget adjustments when the Legislature is not in session.

Voters group invites candidates to debate

By JOHN C. HENRY
American-Statesman Staff

A televised gubernatorial debate is taking shape for this fall between Gov. Bill Clements and the winner of the Democratic primary election.

The League of Women voters Thursday offered to set up the debate, and Clements agreed to participate.

Aides for the three leading Democratic contenders said the invitation to debate would be accepted by their bosses — Attorney General Mark White, Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong and Sen. Peyton McKnight.

The invitation to participate in a general-election debate was issued by Diana Clark, chairman of the league's Texas Education Fund, as she introduced Clements to participants in a two-day election laws conference in North Austin.

Clark later said the debate would be in October and that the league would not sponsor a debate during the primary campaigns.

Before introducing Clements at the conference, Clark was describing the debate and paused briefly. It was long enough for the Republican governor to quickly interject: "I accept."

Speaking to the group along with Secretary of State David Dean, Clements announced a statewide drive to reach the 3.2 million Texans eligible to vote who are not registered to vote.

As outlined by Dean, the voter registration drive will enlist the aid of the league, chambers of commerce, civil-rights groups, labor organizations, grocery chains and public-school officials.

Clements drew applause from the league members when he again endorsed extension of the federal Voting Rights Act and announced that he would testify for the proposal during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing Feb. 4.

Texas first

Clements put state interests above loyalty to President

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The solid Republican front further splintered Friday when Clements, who led the Reagan campaign in Texas, took aim at an option considered by the President to balance the budget by boosting federal taxes on gasoline, cigarettes and most alcoholic beverages.

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— UPI photo

Gov. William P. Clements Jr. addresses news conference

Clements lashes out at federal 'interference'

CLEMENTS — From Page One

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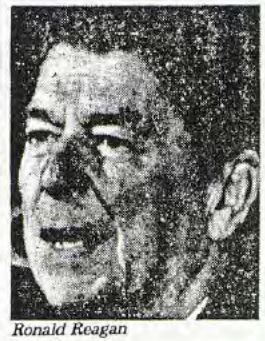

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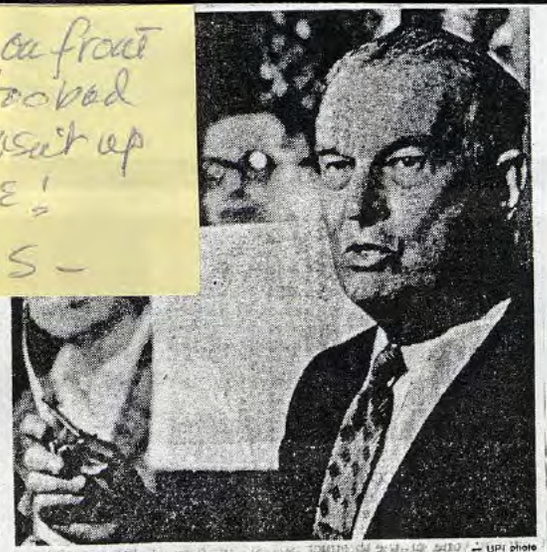

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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
GOVERNOR

February 3, 1982

Ms. Jeanette L. Davis
[redacted]

Dear Jeanette:

Thanks so much for your letter of January 31, 1982. It was a great pleasure for me to take part in the League Conference and to have the opportunity to visit with league members.

Thanks again for all your efforts. I look forward with anticipation to the debates in November.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Clements

William P. Clements, Jr.

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November 23 1981

Mr. Chip Holt
Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
P.O. Box 12548
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Holt,

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As we discussed by phone, the League has a long tradition of seeking ways to ensure thatwaachh voter has access to the election process. In many municipalities and counties around the state, officials call upon local Leagues to conduct election schools and train election officials. The Secretary of State has recruited members of the League to be non-partisan election inspectors. On the local level many Leagues are regarded as "election authorities" and our advice is sought not only by election officials but voters as well.

As a result of our efforts in this areasand the influx of new members into the League, we recognized a need to update and refine members knowledge. The purpose then of the conference will be to reinstat and further refine League members knowledge of election laws, prepare those members to see that election laws are complied with on the local level, assisting election officials in improving the administration of these laws. It is a main concern of ours thatwee give correct, up-to-date information.

As you will see from the enclosed agenda (Ihaave penciled in the corrected order of speakers) we would appreciate having someone from your office come and address enforcement of election laws. When an infraction of the election code occurs what is the proper procedure for reporting the violation? When League's observe improper administration of the laws, how do they monitor adequately these impropriaties in efforts to see that the election code is followed legally? I hope this will help in giving you some idea of what we need to know and also help in your decision as to choice of a speaker.

Speaking from the Eledtions Division of the Secretary of State's office will be Mr. Milt Kosa, Adam Clark and Patti Hayes; from the Legislative Counsel, Glen Scheffler and Karen Gladney; and the FEC, Mr. John McGarry, Chairman of the FEC.

Thank you for your consideration and help.

Sincerely,

Jeanette R. Davis
Government Director, League of Women Voters of Texas

[redacted]

Feb. 1, 1982

Dear Jeanette,

want to let you know how much Dora Vessey & I appreciated the Election Laws & Practices Conference. I feel it was well organized & we learned much. It covered a wide range of topics & concerns. We have a better understanding of how the various aspects fit together & where to go for necessary information.

Such conferences are particularly helpful for state units, as we need all the resources & contact with fellow league members that

we can get!

I'm sure you've put hours of thought & energy into the conference — & it was a job well done!

Sincerely,
Ollie Gadsall
(Burleson State Unit-Chairman)

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JANUARY 6, 1982

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SHARON SNYDER

BIOGRAPHY

LEE ANN ELLIOTT

NOMINATED	:	November 24, 1981, by President Reagan
TERM	:	April 30, 1987
RECESS APPOINTMENT	:	December 17, 1981
SWORN IN	:	December 21, 1981
PARTY AFFILIATION	:	Republican

Commissioner Lee Ann Elliott was nominated by President Reagan on November 24, 1981, to be a member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 1987

On December 17, 1981, after the Senate adjourned without acting on the nomination, the President named Mrs. Elliott to a recess appointment to the position.

Prior to her appointment, she served as Vice President of Bishop, Bryant & Associates, Inc., of Washington, D. C. She also served as Associate Editor of Political Action Report, Tyke Research Associates.

From 1970 to 1979, Commissioner Elliott was Associate Executive Director of the American Medical Political Action Committee, having served as Assistant Director from 1961 to 1970.

She served on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Political Consultants and of the Chicago Area Public Affairs Group, of which she is a past president. Also, she was a member of the Public Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. In 1979, she was presented the Award for Excellence in Serving Corporate Public Affairs by the National Association of Manufacturers.

Commissioner Elliott holds a B.A. Degree from the University of Illinois, and completed the Medical Association Management Executives Program at Northwestern University.

A native of St. Louis, she and her husband, William J. Elliott, make their home in Skokie, Illinois. They are parents of a son, William Jay, who is a student at Indiana University.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS CONFERENCE

ATTENDEES AND ROOMMATES

Jan. 21 & 22, 1982

ANDERSON, B.,(Lubbock)& Cummins
BACON, M. (Beaumont) & Owen
BARBOSA, S. (Irving) & Kuehler
BEHNKE, M., (Orange) & Gibbs & Durkee
BENNETT, D., (Sherman) & Butler
BOLLS, B. (Abilene) & Kurfees
BOWLING, A. (Wich. Falls) & Singletary
BOYD, R. (Denton) & Tamez
BUTLER, A. (Sherman) & Bennett
CARVER, S. (Tyler) & Cook
CASSIN, N. (Midland) & Wallace
CASTOLDI, K. (San Marcos) & Emery
CHANDLER, L. (Richardson) & Pittman
CLARKE, P. (Corpus Christi) & DuBois
CLEMENS, B. (Pearland) & Stanford
CONNER, B. (Galveston) & January
COOK, Y. (Tyler) & Carver
COUGHLIN, S. (San Antonio) & Price
CUMMINS, L. (Lubbock) & Anderson
CUNNINGHAM, J. (Cleburne) & Reynolds
DRAKE, C. (Dallas) & Materka
DUBOIS, C. (Corpus Christi) & Clarke
DURKEE, B. (Orange)& Behnke & Gibbs
EICHBERG, K. (Houston) & Freitag & Swartz
EMERY, F. (San Marcos) & Castoldi
FAIDLEY, D. (Victoria) & Henderson
FRAILEY, L. (Arlington) & Morgan
FREITAG, M. (Houston) & Eichberg & Swartz
GANDILLON, B. (Gainesville) & Leonard
GAUBATZ, P. (Odessa) & Lopez
GIBBS, M. (Orange) & Behnke & Durkee
GREEN, T. (Pasadena) & Johnson, E.
HADSALL, E. (Burleson) & Ussery
HARTRICK, M. (Baytown) & Slaughter
HENDERSON, D. (Victoria) & Faidley
HENNIES, E. (Kerrville) & Rehm
JANUARY, C. (Galveston) & Conner
JOHNSON, E. (Pasadena) & Green
JOHNSON, S. (Tarrant Co.) & Wirsdorfer
KUEHLER, L. (Irving) & Barbosa
KURFEES, B. (Abilene) & Bolls
LA ROCK, P. (El Paso) & Teran
LEONARD, S. (Gainesville) & Gandillon
LOPEZ, P. (Odessa) & Gaubatz
MATERKA, B. (Dallas) & Drake
MORGAN, J. (Arlington) & Frailey
OWEN, L. (Beaumont) & Bacon
PITTMAN, P. (Abilene) & Chandler
REHM, M. (Kerrville) & Hennies
REYNOLDS, S. XXXXXXXXXXXXX(Cleburne) & Cunningham
RICE, N. (Plano) & Titus
SHERIDAN, D. (Bay Area) & Stout, N.
SINGLETARY, K. (Wich. Falls) & Bowling
SLAUGHTER, J. (Baytown) & Hartrick
STANFORD, M. (Pearland) & Clemens
STOUT, N. (Bay Area) & Sheridan
STOUT, R. (Brazos Co.) & Watson
SWARTZ, B. (Houston) & Eichberg & Freitag
TAMEZ, C. (Pasadena) & Boyd
TERAN, F. (Waco) & LaRock
TITUS, M. (Plano) & Rice
USSERY, D. (Burleson) & Hadsall
WALLACE, C. (Midland) & Cassin
WATSON, D. (Brazos Co.) & Stout, R.
WIRSDORFER, S. (Tarrant Co.) & Johnson, S.

STATE BOARD MEMBERS (staying on from previous meeting):

CARPENTER, L, & Kidwell & Sutherland
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DAVIS, J. & Clark & Morrill
KIDWELL, G. & Carpenter & Sutherland
McMAHAN, M. & Sturgis & Vanderwater
MORRILL, M. & Clark & Davis
PRICE, N. & Coughlin (San Antonio)
STURGIS, E. & McMAHAN & VANDERWATER
SUTHERLAND, E. & Carpenter & Kidwell
VANDERWATER, J. & McMAHAN & STURGIS

IN SINGLE ROOM:

POLTER, L. (Dallas)

ATTENDING CONFERENCE - NOT STAYING IN MOTEL:

BONAVITA, E. (Austin)
ELLIOTT, L. (Washington, D.C.) no dinner
FERRARO, V. (Baytown)
LITTLE, C. (Austin)
Taylor, J. (Edinburg)

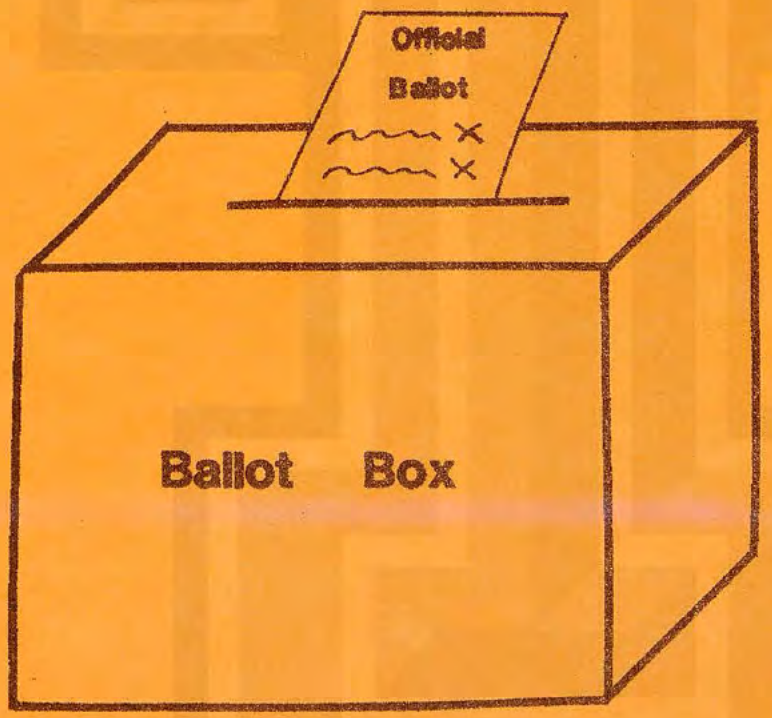
HOW TO

CONDUCT

AN

ELECTION SCHOOL

HANDBOOK



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This guide is offered to help you conduct election schools in your community in Texas. It is not designed to supercede or eliminate the need for the "Texas Election Laws" (Election Code) or the Secretary of State's "Handbook for Election Judges and Clerks," but should be used in conjunction with these publications.

Resources:

"Texas Election Laws"
Hart Graphics
Box 968
Austin, TX 78767
Request that your League be billed

"Handbook for Election Judges and Clerks"
Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of State
Sam Houston State Office Bldg.
Austin, TX 78701
No charge

"Making It Work: A Guide to Training Election Workers"
League of Women Voters of the United States
1730 M St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
Pub. #271, 35¢

INTRODUCTION

The vote is the very symbol of democracy. It is the major vehicle through which the consent of the governed is offered or withheld, the primary means by which the American people can express and effect their will.

The League of Women Voters is a unique organization. Its purpose is to encourage the active participation of citizens in government. To foster positive feelings of citizens toward elections and to encourage them to vote in all elections, the League seeks ways to assist election officials to ensure properly-called, well-run elections with competent workers. The voter who can cast a ballot without having to be concerned over the procedures of the polling place will be more likely to vote again.

> "On election day the polling place workers are the most important link in the whole chain of election activities. The success, the secrecy, the honesty of an election will depend on how well they do their jobs." ("Making It Work," LWVUS)

How well they do their jobs depends upon how well they have been trained. The LWV, because of its history of nonpartisanship and its reputation for research and unbiased presentation of facts, is particularly well qualified to conduct the training of election personnel.

WITH AND FOR WHOM

Election schools may be conducted for any political subdivision holding an election, such as:

County governments
Municipal governments
School districts
Water districts
Democratic Party (primary)
Republican Party (primary)

Election schools may be co-sponsored with any of the above, and other government-related groups such as an area council of governments.

The focus of an election school is to acquaint election officials with their duties and responsibilities in the calling of an election and in the conduct of an election in accordance with the Texas Election Laws (often referred to as the Election Code).

The Election Laws (or Code) require the authority holding an election in which voting machines or electronic voting devices (Art. 7.15, Sec. 10) are to be used, to hold an election school not less than three days before each election or primary election.

The Code further provides in Art. 3.09a that all authorities holding elections "are authorized" (freely translated means "if they wish") to conduct a school of instruction.

WHEN

About three weeks before the election date, the governmental authority calling the election appoints a presiding judge and an alternate judge, who, in turn, select election clerks. At the same time, election supplies are sent to the judges. Therefore, an election school should be held one or two weeks prior to the election, at a time when all persons connected with the election can attend. It should not last longer than two hours.

The following as a sample calendar to aid in planning a spring election school:

December -- League board approval
January --- contact officials with the offer of an election school
February -- organize League committees; send for materials
March ----- prepare agenda; get names of participants; arrange for place and time; send press releases
----- School Day
April ----- Election Day

WHERE

Selection of a school site should be based on the number of people invited and what (if any) equipment will be needed to present information (e.g. overhead projectors, slides, voting machines, etc.). The room should be large enough to seat all participants comfortably, and small enough for everyone to hear the program if a sound system is not used.

Participant involvement is essential. For a small group, the public library or a room at the courthouse or city hall works well. School cafeterias or auditoriums are ideal for larger groups, and offer sufficient space for judges, clerks, and watchers to break into smaller working groups.

GETTING THE WORD OUT -- PUBLICIZING THE ELECTION SCHOOL

The key to publicizing the election school is to work closely with the authority calling the election, i.e. commissioners' court, school board, city, etc. In particular, work with the head of that authority and enlist his or her help in getting information to as many people as possible. Remember that the school is open to all interested persons.

Because the governmental authority has already appointed election judges for each precinct, suggest that a letter be sent from the official in charge to each precinct judge. The letter should contain the date, time, place, and purpose of the election school, and should request that the election judges notify each of their workers. In keeping with the Election Laws (Art. 7.14, Sec. 11), the official will notify the press at least 48 hours before the school is held.

The League can then alert the public relations chair to issue timely news releases about the school to local media (TV, radio, newspapers). Be sure to put all releases on League letterhead. If the school is to be large and/or conducted with a large county or COG, design a printed agenda to be mailed immediately prior to the school to all those invited, as well as to the media. Plan to have someone on hand to brief the press on the day of the school.

FORMS, FORMS, AND MORE FORMS

To be effective, election workers need to know in detail what is expected of them prior to and on election day. Before arriving at the polling place, judges, clerks, counters, etc., should be familiar with forms to be used, understand the importance of each, how to fill them out, and in which envelope they should be placed.

In Texas, all election forms are printed by two companies and the election authority orders from one of these:

Hart Graphics
P.O. Box 968
Austin, TX 78767
or
8000 Shoal Creek Blvd.
Austin, TX 78758

Stafford-Lowden Co.
1114 W. Daggett
Fort Worth, TX 76104

Both companies are usually willing to send sample kits for different elections. League members should be thoroughly familiar with all forms currently in use before conducting the school.

If election judges have received their kits prior to the election school, encourage them to bring them along.

Leftover forms from prior elections can be used as samples if they are current. These are most likely to be found at courthouses, city secretaries' offices, or in election judges' homes.

A "Handbook for Election Judges and Clerks," discussing various voting methods such as paper ballot, punch card voting devices, etc., may be ordered free of charge from the Secretary of State's office and passed out to election school participants.

Participants should be given a detailed set of instructions outlining their individual duties in accordance with the Texas Election Laws. These handouts may simply be copies of the texts used by school instructors.

In addition to the supplies and handouts provided, a nice touch at the conclusion of the school is the presentation of a "Certificate of Attendance" to each participant. The election authority and/or the sponsoring League may provide these.

DO DEMONSTRATE DEVICES

In elections where voting machines and/or electronic voting devices are used, a machine in good working order should be provided for demonstration and to give workers the opportunity to practice.

Punch card devices are portable and should not be difficult to provide. Where voting machines are used, it might be more convenient to hold the election school in the building where the machines are stored to avoid transportation problems.

A list of names and phone numbers of people to call in the event of an emergency (e.g. machine malfunction) on election day should be provided. Nothing is more frustrating to the voter than waiting at the polls for voting machines to be fixed, ballots to be printed, etc. As a matter of fact, few do wait.

In elections using paper ballots, ballot boxes should be displayed and time allowed for an explanation of sealing and transporting the boxes in accordance with the Texas Election Laws.

Overhead projectors will aid instructors and workers alike in the explanation and understanding of election forms.

SAMPLE ELECTION SCHOOL AGENDA

The following are suggested outlines for election schools. The first is for a small school in which all officials will be in the same room. The second is for a larger school in which the participants are divided into smaller groups for instruction. These outlines may be varied to suit individual needs.

OUTLINE 1

I. Election Code as it pertains to

- A. Judges, clerks, watchers
- B. Polling places
  - 1. physical setup
  - 2. identification of polling places
- C. Aids to voters
  - 1. voter instruction
  - 2. assisting disabled voters
  - 3. language translation problems (interpreters)
- D. Vote challenges

II. Discussion of forms used at polling places

- A. Oaths (lost registration certificates, erroneous precincts, etc.)
- B. Voter registration lists (cancellations, transfers, absentee voters)
- C. Signature rosters (purpose)
- D. Poll lists
- E. Tally sheets
- F. Expense forms
- G. Envelopes

III. Voting machines (or other voting methods)

- A. Opening machines
  - 1. keys (machine, protective counter)
  - 2. opening front and back of machine, checking paper roll
- B. During voting hours
  - 1. checking poll list against public counter frequently during day

IV. Closing the polls

- A. Closing on time
  - 1. dealing with waiting voters at closing time
- B. Sealing machines against further voting
- C. Counting the votes

V. Discussion

- A. Problems encountered
- B. Obtaining workers to assist
- C. Polling place atmosphere
- D. Other

OUTLINE 2

This school is longer and should probably be held in the afternoon or on a Saturday. Workshops are repeated to provide the officials the opportunity to attend any sessions pertinent to them.

Agenda:

1:00 Welcome and opening remarks
1:30 Workshops
2:30 Break
2:45 Repeat of workshops
3:45 Discussion and presentation of certificates
4:00 Adjourn

Workshops:

I. County judges, county clerks, tax assessor-collectors, county election administrators
II. Election judges
III. Election workers, clerks, counters, watchers
IV. Absentee voting
V. City and school district elections
VI. Special elections

HELP IS A PHONE CALL AWAY

The Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office is the legal elections authority in Texas, and is available to help in any way possible. That office has a toll-free number in Austin, 1-800-252-9602. If invited in advance to participate, an attorney from that office will attend the elections school and either conduct a workshop, visit workshops in session, answer legal questions, or hold a question-answer period following workshops in a larger school.

Involving the Secretary of State's office has several benefits. The League can capitalize on very good public relations, the importance of the school will be heightened, and attendance will probably be increased.

Whenever possible, include in the plans all League members who have worked at the polls in any capacity. May you be so fortunate as to have election judges in the League!

PREPARING THE TEXT

Election laws are coded in a book entitled "Texas Election Laws," commonly referred to as the Texas Election Code. As election laws are subject to change by the legislature, the Code is usually updated every two years. For this reason, no text is included in this handbook as it would soon be out of date.

After deciding on the type and size of school, check the Election Laws for updates on each subject addressed. Don't be surprised by the detail. Just remember that not everything in the Code needs to be included. A simple condensation of the laws and procedures will provide a far more meaningful session.

The "Handbook for Election Judges and Clerks" should be available for all participants who wish to have a copy. But it should not be the sole source of information in preparing a text, because not all laws are included.

Ask for clarification of questions from the Secretary of State's office or the LWV-Texas VS/CI Director.

PROCEED WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

In almost all counties, cities, and towns in Texas, many people working in elections now have been doing so for years. With the advent of election schools, some may be confronted with the knowledge that they have been doing things incorrectly in the past. Therefore, a great deal of tact is required in presenting the legal procedures governing elections. In counties where errors have been made repeatedly without challenge, instructors must also take care to see that workers' efforts both in the past and in the future are respected and acknowledged.

Indeed it is not an easy task to staff polling places, and whenever possible we must add our encouragement and thanks to the people without whom we would not be able to vote.

POSTSCRIPT

Much time and effort is involved in staging a good election school. It is well worth the effort in terms of services provided and great public relations for the League, and there need be no embarrassment in asking for a financial contribution. For example, if the League conducts a small school for a political party prior to a primary, $25-$30 might suffice. For a larger school, perhaps co-sponsored with another group such as a COG, $200 would be reasonable.

In determining an appropriate size for a contribution, consider the amount of time spent, expenses incurred, and the number of people involved. Remember that governmental bodies are not allowed to contribute to the League, but a contract "for services rendered" may be drawn up.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

David A. Dean
Secretary of State

November 17, 1981

Elections Division
P.O. Box 12887
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711-2887

Ms. Jeanette R. Davis
Government Director
League of Women Voters of Texas
[redacted]

Dear Ms. Davis:

This confirms my telephone conversation with you and the fact that I will be present at your League of Women Voters Seminar on January 21, 1982, along with Patti Hayes and Tom Clark of this office. We will be happy to respond to any type of program you set up, and if you will advise me as soon as possible as to any handout materials desired, we will have them ready for the seminar.

Sincerely,

M. E. Kosa
Director
Elections Division

MEK:mr

HOWARD JOHNSON'S motor lodge

LICENSEE

7610 NORTH I-35
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78752
(512) 836-8520

September 17, 1981

Ms. Jeanette Davis
League of Women Voters
[redacted]

Re: January 21 & 22, 1982

Dear Ms. Davis:

This letter is to tentatively confirm the arrangements for your planned activities at Howard Johnson's. Please review the attached copy, paying close attention to dates, times and guest room accommodations. Please note that there is a seperate sheet for each days activities.

We require a menu choice at least 10 days prior to the function and a guaranteed number to serve at least 48 hours prior.

In order to be tax exempt, please complete the enclosed Tax Exemption Certificate and return it to this office.

Guest room reservations are required to be made at least 10 daus prior to the arrival date. If we have not received these by the cut off date all unreserved rooms will be released and reservations must then be made on an availability basis only.

Thank you for contacting Howard Johnson's. If we may be of any further assistance or answer any questions there might be, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Sincerely,

Dawnell Dayton

Dawnell Dayton
Sales Manager

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Enclosure

APPROVED BY _____
(If the attached is correct, please sign and return a copy to this office)

motor lodge
& restaurant

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7800 NORTH INTERSTATE 35
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78761
512-836-8520

DAWNELL DAYTON
SALES MANAGER

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Single	$37	$42
Double Double	40	46
SK	$38	43
King	$41	$47

Iced Tea
$4. pitcher
$1.10 Glass

100 cards

Coffee
1-36 cup urn $16
1-55 " " $24
1-100 " " $40

Soft Drinks 75¢ ea

DATE	DAY	NAME/GROUP

# NITES	D	SK	A	*	TOTAL ROOMS	RATE QUOTED $

401	405	409	425	429	433	CONNECT	DOWN	UP	BACK

PART OF BLOCK	AUTHORIZED BY:
CUTOFF DATE:	RESERVATIONS RECEIVED PER:
REMARKS:	ADDRESS
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CANCELLATION #	CITY STATE
SALES DEPT. / CLERK	CONTACT:
	PHONE

HOWARD JOHNSON'S motor lodge

7800 NORTH I-35
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78761
(512) 836-8520

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DINNER MENU
(Prepared for 15 or more)

A GUARANTEED NUMBER TO SERVE IS REQUIRED 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE BANQUET

All Entrees include Choice of Salad, Dessert & Beverage. Potato & Vegetable Requirements Vary with Entree.

APPETIZERS:

Chilled Tomato Juice	.85	New England Clam Chowder	.95
Fruit Cocktail	.95	Hot Soup of The Day	.85

Salads: Crisp Garden Salad, Cole Slaw
Potato: Whipped, Baked, Au Gratin
Vegetable: Green Peas with Mushrooms, Broccoli with Lemon Butter, Buttered Mixed Vegetables, Green Beans Amandine, Honey Glazed Carrots
Dessert: Choice of Howard Johnson's Famous Flavors of Ice Cream, Rainbow of Sherbets Parfait, Fudge Layer Cake, Carrot Cake, Apple Pie
Beverage: Coffee, Tea (Milk .50 extra)

ENTREES

Boneless K.C. Strip Sirloin (12oz.) with Choice of Potato and Vegetable.....$14.50

Top Sirloin Steak (8oz.) with Choice of Potato and Vegetable.....$11.00

Broiled Choice Filet Mignon (8oz.) with Choice of Potato and Vegetable.....$11.00

Chicken Cordon Bleu with Baked Potato and Choice of Vegetable.....$ 9.50

Veal Cordon Bleu with Baked Potato and Choice of Vegetable.....$ 9.50

Chicken Kiev on a Bed of Rice and Choice of Vegetable.....$ 9.50

Boneless Breast of Chicken with Rice Pilaf and Choice of Vegetable.....$ 7.50

Turkey-Ham Supreme (Broccoli wrapped in Turkey and Ham slices, covered with a Cheddar Cheese Sauce) with Choice of Potato.....$ 7.50

Braised Beef Tips with Rice Pilaf or Noodles and Choice of Vegetable.....$ 7.50

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TOLL-FREE RESERVATIONS 800-654-2000

Baked Salisbury Steak and Brown Gravy with Choice of Potato and Vegetable.....$ 7.25

Roast Quarter Chicken and Cornbread Dressing with Choice of Vegetable.....$ 7.25

Veal Cutlet and Cream Gravy with Choice of Potato and Vegetable.....$ 6.95

Roast Young Turkey and Cornbread Dressing with Choice of Vegetable.....$ 6.95

Ham Steak Hawaiian with Rice Pilaf and Choice of Vegetable.....$ 6.95

Chicken Fried Steak and Country Gravy with Choice of Potato and Vegetable.....$ 6.95

Golden Fried Filet of Flounder with Choice of Potato and Vegetable.....$ 6.95

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AOR	Subject	Date Made Public	Pages
1981-55	Members of membership organization solicited by PAC of affiliated membership organization.	12/9/81	8

ALTERNATE DISPOSITION OF ADVISORY OPINION REQUEST

- **AOR 1981-47** (union payroll deduction plan facilitating earmarked contributions) was withdrawn by its requester on November 17, 1981.

LEGISLATION

FEC TESTIFIES ON AMENDMENTS TO FECA

On November 20, 1981, FEC Chairman John Warren McGarry testified before the Senate's Committee on Rules and Administration on proposals to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act. He was accompanied by Commissioner Joan D. Aikens. In his testimony, Chairman McGarry stated that the Commission welcomed the Committee's examination of its operations. Noting the need for a strong independent regulatory agency to administer the election law, Chairman McGarry said that "...disclosure and other campaign finance requirements would be of little value if not meaningfully enforced. Absence of effective enforcement was one reason why prior disclosure laws were largely ignored." Mr. McGarry added that "the FEC's monitoring procedures, technical assistance and enforcement actions have all worked to ensure that candidates and committees file timely and complete reports and comply with statutory campaign finance requirements." As a result, "the details of political campaigns have been disclosed to the public to a greater extent than ever before."

The Chairman noted that a number of the legislative changes recommended by Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) in his bill (S. 1899) and by Senator Charles Mathias (R-MD), Committee Chairman, in his bill (S. 1851) had been suggested by the Commission in previous annual reports to the Congress. The FEC took note of proposed amendments that would:

- -- Relieve burdensome reporting requirements;
- -- Modify current limits on contributions and expenditures, e.g., increase dollar limits on contributions;
- -- Ensure that the Act covers contributions and expenditures made by draft committees;
- -- Provide a single point of entry for filing all reports required under the Act;
- -- Revise the Commission's duties and powers, e.g., bring into conformity the judicial review provisions of Titles 2 and 26;
- -- Shorten the period for Congressional review of the FEC's proposed regulations from 30 to 15 days;
- -- Clarify which entities must register and report as political committees under the Act; and
- -- Revise the Presidential public funding program, e.g., remove the state-by-state spending limits for Presidential primary matching fund recipients, yet preserve the overall spending limit.

Chairman McGarry pointed out, however, that, while the Commission has and will continue to recommend changes in the law, it is "bound to enforce the law as it is written" until legislative changes are made.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Date	Sponsoring Organization
1/22	The League of Women Voters of Texas Election Laws and Practices Conference Austin, Texas Chairman John Warren McGarry

General Counsel's Report constituted sufficient grounds to dismiss an administrative complaint -- even if the Report were not expressly adopted by the Commission. The appeals court concluded that the General Counsel's Report to the Commission recommending dismissal of Brown's complaint was sufficiently reasonable, "...particularly when considered in the context of the large discretion the Commission has to determine whether or not a civil violation of the Act has occurred."

NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK COMMITTEE v. FEC

On November 13, 1981, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, sitting en banc, denied the FEC's suggestion for a rehearing of National Right to Work Committee, Inc. (NRWC) v. FEC (Civil Action No. 80-1487). Five of the ten judges on the appeals court panel had voted to grant the Commission's petition. The Commission's petition sought review of a September 4 ruling by a three-judge panel of the appeals court, which had reversed an earlier ruling of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. In its ruling, the original appeals court panel had found that the term "member," as used in Section 441b(b)(4)(C) of the election law embraced "...at least those individuals whom NRWC [a nonprofit corporation without capital stock] describe[d] as its active and supporting members...."i.e., "...those individuals solicited by NRWC for contributions to its separate segregated fund."

On December 15, the Commission voted to petition the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari. For a detailed summary of the suit, see page 3 of the November 1981 Record.

COMPLIANCE

FEC PUBLISHES NAMES OF PRESIDENTIAL NONFILERS

On November 2, 1981, as required by law, the Commission published the names of four authorized Presidential committees that had failed to file their third quarterly report by October 15, 1981. One of the committees, authorized by a 1976 Presidential candidate, had failed to report activity for its 1976 Presidential campaign. The other three had failed to file reports relating to the 1980 elections. (Under the election law, a candidate's authorized campaign committee may terminate only when its debts and obligations have been extinguished and when the debts of its affiliated authorized committees have also been extinguished. 11 CFR 102.3.)

During the 1981 nonelection year, authorized committees of Presidential candidates have the option of reporting on a monthly or quarterly basis. The four committees cited by the Commission chose the quarterly reporting option, but then failed to file the third quarterly report on time.

AUDITS

AUDITS RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC

The following is a chronological listing of audits released by the Commission between November 10 and December 11, 1981. Final audit reports are available to the general public through the Office of Public Records.

Audit	Date Made Public
1. The Citizens Party	11/10/81
2. Maine Democratic State Committee	11/16/81
3. League of Conservation Voters Campaign Fund	11/25/81
4. California Republican Victory Fund	12/4/81
5. The Reagan Bush Committee, the Reagan Bush Compliance Fund and the Democrats for Reagan (Final Audit Report of the General Election Campaign)	12/11/81

THE LAW IN THE COURTS

SUPREME COURT REVERSES APPEALS COURT IN FEC v. DSCC

On November 10, 1981, the Supreme Court issued an opinion reversing a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in the consolidated cases of FEC v. Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) and National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) v. DSCC (Civil Action Nos. 80-939 and 80-1129). The Court's opinion upheld the FEC's dismissal of a complaint that the DSCC had filed against the NRSC in May 1980. In reversing the appeals court's decision, the Court affirmed an earlier decision by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, which held that the Commission's dismissal of DSCC's complaint had not been contrary to law.

In its complaint, DSCC had alleged that NRSC, acting as an agent for certain state Republican Party committees, had made special "coordinated" expenditures on behalf of Senate candidates, in violation of the Act. 2 U.S.C. §441a(d)(3). In dismissing the complaint, the Commission had relied on its consistent construction of 2 U.S.C. §441a(d)(3), i.e., that Congress had not intended to prohibit the type of intraparty arrangements used by the Republican Party committees.

The Supreme Court's opinion affirmed the Commission's construction of §441a(d)(3) as a "sufficiently reasonable" one. The Court found that the district court had been "correct" in according deference to the Commission's interpretation.* The Court held that "Section 441a(d)(3) does not expressly or by necessary implication foreclose the use of agency arrangements, such as are at issue here, and the FEC thus acted within the authority invested in it by Congress when it determined to permit such agreements....

While §441a(d)(3) does not authorize the NRSC to make expenditures in its own right, it does not follow that it may not act as agent of a Committee that is expressly authorized to make expenditures." The Court further held that "the FEC's view that the agency agreements were logically consistent with §441a(4) -- which authorizes the transfer of funds among national, state, and local committees of the same party -- is acceptable." (For a detailed summary of the suits, see page 2 of the August 1981 Record.)

* Moreover, the Court did not take issue with the fact that the FEC's dismissal of the complaint was based solely on the General Counsel's Report.

ARCHIE E. BROWN v. FEC

On November 20, 1981, the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued a judgment affirming an earlier decision by the district court in Archie E. Brown v. FEC (Civil Action No. 80-2108). The district court's decision had upheld the FEC's dismissal of the complaint plaintiff had filed against the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, and Warehousemen and Helpers of America (the Teamsters). In his complaint, plaintiff alleged that Local 745 of the Teamsters had violated 2 U.S.C. §441b(b)(3)(A) by attempting to coerce him to contribute to DRIVE (the Democratic Republican Independent Voter Education), the separate segregated fund of the Teamsters. Plaintiff alleged that he was subsequently denied membership in Local 745 because he had refused to contribute to, or join, DRIVE. Plaintiff claimed that the FEC's dismissal of his complaint was contrary to law.

In upholding the FEC's determination, the district court said that the General Counsel's Report to the Commission indicated that "...plaintiff's membership in Local 745 was denied because his union dues were unpaid, not because he refused to contribute to DRIVE." Moreover, the district court held that the General Counsel's Report, by itself, was a sufficient record for the court's review of the Commission's determination in the complaint. In appealing the district court's decision, plaintiff contended, however, that the General Counsel's Report alone, without a separate statement of the Commission's reasons for dismissing the complaint, afforded "...an inadequate basis for informed judicial review."

In its Memorandum affirming the district court's decision, the appeals court found no merit in plaintiff's assertion. The appeals court cited the Supreme Court's decision in FEC v. Democratic Senatorial Campaign Commission (see above), which held that the

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REPORTS

YEAR-END REPORT DUE

All political committees currently registered with the Commission must file a year-end report by January 31, 1982, regardless of their level of financial activity or whether they supported candidates in the 1981 special elections. (This requirement applies, for example, to all registered committees with outstanding debts from former campaigns.)

The year-end report must include all reportable transactions occurring since the last full report filed or (if the committee is new) from the date of registration through December 31, 1981. Complete reports must also include appropriate schedules (e.g., Schedule A for itemized receipts, Schedule B for itemized disbursements, Schedule C for outstanding loans and Schedule D for outstanding debts and obligations).

Note: Monthly filers must file a year-end report covering activity from the last monthly report through December 31, 1981. For example, if a committee filed a November monthly report, the year-end report would cover all activity from December 1 through December 31, 1981.

Committees that do not intend to receive contributions or make expenditures, and that have no outstanding debts, may be eligible to terminate. For details on termination, see the "800 Line," p. 3 of the May 1981 Record, or contact the Office of Public Communications (see below).

Forms and additional information will be sent to all registered committees. Questions and requests for forms should be addressed to the Office of Public Communications, Federal Election Commission, 1325 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463; or call 202/523-4068 or toll free 800/424-9530.

SPENDING LIMITS FOR PARTY COMMITTEES IN CONNECTICUT SPECIAL ELECTION

National and state party committees may make limited, coordinated expenditures on behalf of their Congressional candidates in the Connecticut special general election, which will be held on January 12. 2 U.S.C. §441a(d). The national committee of a party may make expenditures of up to $18,320 in support of its candidate. In addition, the candidate's state party committee, together with any subordinate party committees (e.g., county, district and local), may make combined coordinated party expenditures that are subject to a **single** limit of $18,320.

The limit on party spending for candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives is equal to $10,000, plus the 1981 increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). 2 U.S.C. §§441a(c) and (d)(3)(B). Since the annual CPI figures for 1981 will not be available before the Connecticut special general election, the Commission has calculated an $18,320 limit based on the CPI for the first ten months of 1981. The Commission will issue an additional notice when it receives the annual CPI increase certified by the Secretary of Labor.

Special coordinated party expenditures count neither as contributions to a candidate nor as

continued

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES

The item below identifies an FEC document that appeared in the Federal Register on December 9, 1981. Copies of this notice are **not** available from the FEC.

Notice	Title	Date	Citation
1981-12	Rulemaking Petition: Notice of Availability (re: revising FEC Regulations on independent expenditures)	12/9/81	46 Fed. Reg. 60273

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porting requirements and its limits and restrictions on contributions. (Date issued: December 9, 1981; Length: 7 pages)

AO 1981-36: PAC Established by Trade Association with Foreign National Members

The Japan Business Association of Southern California (JBA) is an incorporated trade association whose membership includes foreign nationals and domestic corporations wholly or partially owned by Japanese business corporations. Because it is not a foreign national, JBA may contribute its general corporate funds to its proposed political fund, the Japan Business Association Political Action Committee (JBAPAC). JBAPAC will support only state and local candidates.

Although JBA's membership includes foreign nationals, JBA is not a foreign national because it is a domestic corporation with its principal place of business in California. 2 U.S.C. §441e; 22 U.S.C. §661(b). To ensure, however, that JBAPAC does not **indirectly** make contributions on behalf of any foreign national, no foreign nationals may direct or dictate JBAPAC decisions. This means, for example, that no foreign national may serve in a decision-making role for JBAPAC.

The Commission expressed no opinion on relevant state laws or regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission. Commissioner Thomas E. Harris filed a dissenting opinion with which Commissioner Robert O. Tiernan concurred. (Date issued: December 9, 1981; Length: 5 pages, including dissenting opinion)

AO 1981-41: Trade Association's Methods for Obtaining PAC Solicitation Approvals from Member Corporations

The International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA), a trade association, may undertake three activities designed to obtain approvals from member corporations for solicitations to IAAPA's separate segregated fund (the PAC). Under the Act and Commission Regulations, a trade association must obtain written approval from each member corporation **before** soliciting that corporation's solicitable personnel. 2 U.S.C. §441b(b)(4)(D) and 11 CFR 114.8(d). In order to obtain the written approvals, IAAPA may conduct the following activities in conjunction with its annual convention, **as long as the activities do not involve soliciting contributions to IAAPA's PAC:**

1. Prior to the convention, IAAPA may publish an article in its news magazine inviting member corporations to approve solicitations by IAAPA, provided the article contains only general information about the PAC and does not encourage contributions to support the PAC or tell readers to contribute to it. The article may mention that a booth will be set up at the convention expressly for the purpose of obtaining corporate member approvals for solicitation of their solicitable personnel. The article may also include a clip-out form to be used by corporate members for approving solicitations, as long as the form contains the explicit information required by Section 114.8 of FEC Regulations.
2. IAAPA may set up a booth at the convention to obtain corporate solicitation approvals, provided the IAAPA representative does not solicit PAC contributions from nonsolicitable individuals. This means that the representative may hand out to anyone a pamphlet that meets the same standards established for the newsletter article (discussed above); under these conditions, the pamphlet would not be considered a solicitation for contributions to the PAC. If, however, the pamphlet does not meet these qualifications, and thus is a solicitation, the representative may distribute it only to individuals who may be solicited by IAAPA and its PAC.
3. An IAAPA representative may make a five-minute presentation on the PAC at a convention meeting, provided the representative does not encourage support of the PAC or tell listeners how to contribute to the PAC. The representative may not invite listeners to pick up a brochure at the booth if the brochure solicits contributions to the PAC. The representative may, however, invite officers of IAAPA's corporate members to visit the booth to give their approval to solicitations by the PAC.

Commissioner Thomas E. Harris filed a dissenting opinion. (Date issued: November 17, 1981; Length: 7 pages, including dissenting opinion)

expenditures by the candidate or the candidate's authorized committees. The expenditures must, however, be reported; the party committee discloses them on Schedule F, FEC Form 3X. The FEC has sent informational notices to party committees in Connecticut. For further information, contact the Commission at 202/523-4068 or toll-free 800/424-9530.

OPINIONS

ADVISORY OPINIONS: SUMMARIES

An Advisory Opinion (AO) issued by the Commission provides guidance with regard to the specific situation described in the AOR. Any qualified person who has requested an AO and acts in accordance with the opinion will not be subject to any sanctions under the Act. Other persons may rely on the opinion if they are involved in a specific activity which is indistinguishable in all material aspects from the activity discussed in the AO. Those seeking guidance for their own activity, however, should consult the full text of an AO and not rely only on the summary given here.

AO 1981-34: Funds Transferred from Membership Organization's Legislative Fund to its Separate Segregated Fund

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), an incorporated membership organization, may transfer funds from a special legislative fund established to oppose the merger of the social security and federal retirement systems (the Anti-Merger Fund) to its separate segregated fund, provided NARFE remedies the deficient notice it used when it originally solicited donations to the Anti-Merger Fund. The transfer is possible because the Anti-Merger Fund has been maintained in a separate bank account, distinct from NARFE's general treasury, and because those solicited for the Anti-Merger Fund were members of NARFE, eligible to be solicited for contributions to a separate segregated fund.

Under the Act, when an incorporated membership organization solicits contributions to its separate segregated fund, it must notify its solicited members of the fund's political purposes and of their right to refuse to contribute without reprisal. 2 U.S.C. §§441b(b)(3)(B) and (C); 11 CFR 114.5(a). The solicitation NARFE made to the Anti-Merger Fund only partially complied with the Act's requirements. The solicitation letter stated that donations were entirely voluntary. However, the NARFE solicitation letter failed to provide explicit notice that the funds were being solicited for "political purposes" (as defined by the Act), i.e., to support federal candidates.

In order to transfer donations from the Anti-Merger Fund to the separate segregated fund, therefore, NARFE must remedy this solicitation deficiency by mailing a letter to those members who contributed to the Anti-Merger Fund. The letter must include a return envelope with prepaid postage and a form on which the donor may easily disapprove, in writing, the transfer of the unspent portion of his/her donation to NARFE's separate segregated fund. Transfers may be made only:

1. After a reasonable time has passed (e.g., a period of time equal to the time allotted for receipt of the donations to the Anti-Merger Fund and at least 90 days from the date of the mailing); and
2. If the balance remaining in the Anti-Merger Fund is equal to the total amount of unspent donations that were disapproved for transfer. Donations transferred are subject to the Act's re-

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AO 1981-46: Exchange of Mailing Lists Between Candidate Committee and Other Political Committees and Organizations

The Committee for Congressman Ronald V. Dellums (the Committee) may exchange contributor lists of corresponding value with other political committees, individuals, organizations and corporations. The advisory opinion request indicated that, in the fundraising industry, a list of names an organization provides in exchange for names it acquires is considered an acceptable form of payment (i.e., a "usual and normal" service charge) as long as the names exchanged are of **equal** value. 11 CFR 100.7(a)(1)(iii)(B). In this case, therefore, the exchange of names of equal value between the Committee and another political committee (including a state or local party organization), a nonprofit organization, a corporation or an individual would not result in a contribution to the Committee. Accordingly, the value of names provided to the Committee would not be subject to the Act's limits and prohibitions on contributions. Nor would the exchange have to be reported. Similarly, costs incurred by the owner of the list to produce the names for the Committee would not result in a contribution to the Committee because, in the fundraising industry, such costs are customarily included in the fee for a list.

Committee acceptance of contributor names in exchange for a **future** use of the Committee's mailing list is also permissible, provided the names are of equal value and the future use of names actually occurs.

The Commission did not express an opinion on the application of state or local laws to the exchange of mailing lists between the Committee and unregistered state or local committees. (Date issued: November 16, 1981; Length: 5 pages)

AO 1981-48: Recordkeeping Requirements for Party's Bingo Fundraisers

If the Muskegon County Republican Party of Muskegon, Michigan (the Party) uses proceeds of its bingo fundraisers for federal election activity, the Party must follow the Act's recordkeeping procedures for contributions of less than $50 if the Party qualifies as a political committee under the Act. (See 2 U.S.C. §431(4)(C).)

As a registered committee, the Party would be required to keep records of the proceeds from the bingo games. The Commission recommends one of the following accounting methods for keeping records of a large number of small contributions (i.e., less than $50).

1. The Party may keep the same records for contributions under $50 that it must keep for contributions of $50 or more, i.e., the name and address of each contributor and the date and amount of the contribution. If the Party uses this method, or otherwise retains information on the names of contributors, it should also track the amount donated by each contributor on a calendar-year basis in order to comply with the requirements for recording aggregated contributions. 11 CFR 102.9(a)(2).
2. Alternatively, the Party may record the name of the fundraising event, the dates the contributions were received for the event, and the total amount of contributions received on each day for the event. (Date issued: December 7, 1981; Length: 3 pages)

ADVISORY OPINION REQUESTS

The following chart lists recent AORs. The full text of each AOR is available to the public in the Commission's Office of Public Records.

AOR	Subject	Date Made Public	Pages
1981-52	Trade association solicitation of unincorporated trust members.	11/18/81	3
1981-53	Campaign committee's sale of its computer mailing lists.	11/18/81	4
1981-54	PAC established by partnership of subsidiaries of two corporations.	12/2/81	2

Election Laws and Practices

A Conference

Agenda

January 21, 1982

1 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
Governor William P. Clements, Jr.
Mr. David Dean, Secretary of State of Texas
Diana Clark, Chairman, League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund

1.30 Revisions and Additons to Texas Election Laws
Mr. Glen Scheffler
Ms. Karen Gladney
Legislative Counsel

2.30 Break

2.45 Administration of Texas Election Laws
Mr. Milt Kosa, Director, Elections Divison
Office of Secretary of State of Texas
Mr. Tom Clark
Ms. Patti Hayes
Special Projects, Elections Division
Office of Secretary of State of Texas

5.00 Adjourn

7.30 Dinner
Guest Speaker, Lucy Poelter
Chairman, Dallas County elections study committee, Immediate Past President, League of Women Voters of Dallas

January 22, 1982

9 a.m. Enforcement of Election Laws
Office of Texas Attorney General

10.00 Break

10.15 Federal Election Laws
Mr. John McGarry, chairman
Federal Elections Commission
Washington, D.C.

11.45 Conference overview

12.00 Adjourn

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SAMPLE ELECTION LAWS CONFERENCE PRESS RELEASE

1 copy to LL Presidents only

CONTACT: (Someone in your League. Name, address, phone.)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE DATE

Attending the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund Election Laws Conference in Austin, January 21-22, 1982 from _____ League of Women Voters is/are _____ and _____.

Coordinated by Jeanette Davis, LWV-Texas Government Director, and Georgia Kidwell, LWV-Texas Voter Service Director, the conference is designed to inform Leaguers of current election law changes enacted by the 67th Legislature, as well as common election law violations and how to deal with them.

Governor William P. Clements, Jr. will welcome the conferees. Others attending and participating in the discussions are:

From the Secretary of State's Office: The Honorable David Dean, Texas Secretary of State; Milt Kosa, Director of the Elections Division; Tom Clark, and Patti Hayes.

From the Texas Legislative Council: Glen Scheffler and Karen Gladney.

From the Federal Election Commission: Chairman John McGarry.

The conference will also be attended by a representative of the Texas Attorney General's office.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
GOVERNOR

STATE CAPITOL
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

November 20, 1981

Ms. Diana Clark
League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, Suite 109
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms. Clark:

Thank you for your invitation to Governor Clements to address your Conference on Election Laws and Practices in Austin on January 21, 1982. He very much appreciates your interest and has asked me to respond.

Governor Clements is pleased to accept your kind invitation, State of Texas business permitting, for Thursday, January 21, at 1:00 p.m.

Suzanne Jordan of the Scheduling Office will be in contact with you regarding the details for Governor Clements' schedule for this event about a week to ten days in advance. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact our office if we can be of assistance to you.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Woodward

Miss Kay Woodward
Director of Scheduling

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cc: Ms. Jeanette Davis

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

JOHN WARREN McGARRY
CHAIRMAN

November 23, 1981

Ms. Jeanette R. Davis
Government Director
League of Women Voters of Texas
[redacted]

Dear Ms. Davis:

I accept with pleasure your invitation to attend the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund conference in Austin, Texas on January 22, 1981 from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

I would appreciate receiving a program and any hand-outs with reference to the conference when available. My Executive Assistant, Patricia Fiori, will be in touch with you to discuss what I will be talking about.

Thank you once again for the invitation. I look forward to meeting you on the 22nd of January.

Sincerely,

John Warren McGarry

JOHN WARREN McGARRY
Chairman

[redacted]

DAVIS

December 14, 1981

Letters mailed to all Conference participants, enclosing copy of revised program, thanking them for agreeing to participate, and stating date and time of their scheduled appearances.

Sent to: ✓Governor Clements

✓Secretary of State David Dean

✓Lucy Polter
[redacted]

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P. O. Box 12128, Austin 78711

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Mr. John McGarry, Chairman
Federal Election CJommission
1325 K Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20463

(We are making a Thursday night reservation for you at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge at 7800 North IH-35 where the Conference is being held.)

December 14, 1981

Mrs. Lucy Polter
[redacted]

Dear Mrs. Polter,

We are enclosing a revised program for the Conference on Election Laws and Practices to be held on January 21-22. This revised program is being mailed today to all of the Conference participants.

I'm sure your talk after the dinner on Thursday night will beeof special interest to all those attending.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanette Davis
Conference Director

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enc.

December 14, 1981

Mr. Tom Clark, Special Projects
Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of State
Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Clark,

We are enclosing the program of the Conference on Election Laws and Practices to be held on January 21-22.

We very much appreciate your willingness to participate in the Thursday afternoon session, beginning at 2:45 pm, and will look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanette Davis
Conference Director

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December 14, 1981

Mr. Glen Scheffler
Legislative Council
P. O. Box 12128
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Scheffler,

We are enclosing the program of the Conference on Election Laws and Practices to be held on January 21-22.

We very much appreciate your willingness to participate in the Thursday afternoon session on Revisions and Additions to Texas Election Laws, beginning at 1:30 pm, and will look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanette Davis
Conference Director

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enc.

December 14, 1981

Mr. Chip Holt
Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Holt,

We are enclosing two copies of the program for the Conference on Election Laws and Practices to be held on January 21-22.

We very much appreciate your agreeing to participate, or to send someone from your office to participate, in the presentation on enforcement of election laws during the Friday morning session, beginning at 9 o'clock.

The Conference will be held at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge at 7800 North IH-35.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanette Davis
Conference Director

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ELECTION LAWS AND PRACTICES

December 4, 1981

TO: All Local Leagues and State Units in Texas

FROM: Diana Clark, Chairman
Jeanette Davis, Government Director
LWV-Texas Education Fund

RE: A Conference on Election Laws and Practices
Thursday, January 21, 1982 at 1:00 P.M. - Friday, January 22 at Noon
Howard Johnson Motor Inn, 7800 North IH 35, Austin, Texas

The League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund is pleased to offer League members from across the state this opportunity to perfect their knowledge of current election laws and how these laws should be administered.

As we continue to be called upon by local and state officials to assist them in the conduct of various elections, it is of particular importance that the League be able to give correct, up-to-date information.

This conference is designed to give League members working in their communities the confidence and know-how to be able to see that elections are properly called, properly run, and staffed with properly-trained and competent workers.

The Education Fund is able to fund the cost of a room and dinner for TWO representatives from each local League and state unit. Your cost will be a $5.00 registration fee for each of your delegates.

Funds to underwrite travel costs for each delegate have so far not been found. However, your local League funds on deposit with the Texas Education Fund may be used for this purpose.

Room reservations must be made directly to the motel by January 11 using one of the enclosed cards for each attendee. Please send the names of your two participants to the state League office on the enclosed yellow form. If only one person from a League or state unit can attend, the state League will match up these singles in order to have two to a two-bed room, unless you advise us otherwise on the yellow form. Should anyone wish to have a single room, the local League or unit must pay the difference in cost.

If you are flying, Howard Johnson's provides a pick-up service from the Austin airport. If you are driving, the motel is located at 7800 North Interstate 35 (in north Austin.) The weather is sometimes rainy and often cold in January in Austin, so a warm coat and umbrella would be nice.

The packets available when you register will include an election code, therefore you needn't bring one.

Until Austin!

LWV-Texas Education Fund
December 4, 1981
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PLEASE RETURN TO: League of Women Voters of Texas
1212 Guadalupe, #109
Austin, TX 78701 BY JANUARY 11, 1982

THE FOLLOWING LEAGUE MEMBER(S) WILL BE ATTENDING THE ELECTION LAWS AND PRACTICES CONFERENCE JANUARY 21-22 IN AUSTIN.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF _____
(OR STATE UNIT)

1. NAME _____ PHONE ( ) _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

2. NAME _____ PHONE ( ) _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

We assume the above members will be rooming together in a room with two double beds. If other arrangements are to be made, please indicate. If only one person is listed above, we will place that person in a room with another conference attendee whenever possible. If your attendees do not wish overnight accommodations, please so indicate, but do list names and addresses above.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
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November 20, 1981

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With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Kay Woodward

Miss Kay Woodward
Director of Scheduling

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cc: Ms. Jeanette Davis

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Ms. Karen Gladney
Legislative Counsel

2.30 Break

2.45 Administration of Texas Election Laws
Mr. Milt Kosa, Director, Elections Divison
Office of Secretary of State of Texas
Mr. Tom Clark
Ms. Patti Hayes
Special Projects, Elections Division
Office of Secretary of State of Texas

5.00 Adjourn

7.30 Dinner
Guest Speaker, Lucy Poelter
Chairman, Dallas County elections study committee, Immediate Past President, League of Women Voters of Dallas

January 22, 1982

9 a.m. Enforcement of Election Laws
Office of Texas Attorney General

10.00 Break

10.15 Federal Election Laws
Mr. John McGarry, chairman
Federal Elections Commission
Washington, D.C.

11.45 Conference overview

12.00 Adjourn

Sponsored by:
League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund

October 26, 1981

Mrs. Roberta Werfel
Chief of Public Communication
Federal Election Commission
1325 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Mrs. Werfel,

The League of Women Voters was founded on the principle of encouraging the active participation of citizen's in their government. The League has a long tradition of seeking ways to ensure that each voter has access to the election process.

In the past few years, headlines in many Texas newspapers have revealed a number of violations of election laws. The League believes part of the problem lies in the complexity of the laws and the lack of adequate preparation of those responsible for the conduct of elections. In many municipalities and counties around the state, officials call upon local Leagues to conduct election schools and train election officials. The Texas Secretary of State has recruited members of the League to be nonpartisan election inspectors.

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So that we may have a more complete understanding of federal laws governing elections we would appreciate having a representative of the Federal Election Commission speak on that subject.

Other subjects and speakers include representatives of the Texas Secretary of State, current election laws (state) with emphasis on the most common violations; the Texas Attorney General, enforcement of the laws; and the Texas Legislative

Council, changes in the present code by the last Legislature and new laws.

The conference is scheduled for January 21 and 22 to be held in Austin, Texas. The time for the presentation of federal laws is on Friday the 22nd from 10;15 to 11;45. Enclosed is a sample agenda for your information.

As you have surmissed, a representative of the FEC will add immeasurably to the knowledge of the participants.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanette R. Davis
Government Director, League of Women Voters of Texas

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bcc: Clark, Davis, Carpenter, S.O., file

September 30, 1981

Mr. Charles D. Fraser, President
First National Bank - Midland
303 W. Wall
Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Mr. Fraser:

Recognizing the need for refinement of League members' knowledge in the area of election laws, the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund will conduct an Election Laws Conference in Austin on January 21-22, 1982.

The need for such a conference became apparent after the many irregularities and misunderstandings that occurred during the 1980 General Election. Since the League has always worked to protect every citizen's right to vote and has sought ways to assist election officials to assure properly-called, well-run elections with competent workers, it is appropriate that the League undertake this project.

I know that you share with the League a belief that the 1) secrecy of the ballot, and 2) honesty of an election depend upon how well elections are run. Thus we are asking that the First National Bank consider funding this conference.

A grant proposal and budget are enclosed. A member of our board of trustees will call your office within the next two weeks to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Price
Vice Chairman, LWV-Texas Education Fund

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. Enforcement of the law
. Changes in the present code by the last Legislature; new laws
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Supporters of the project will receive credit on all publications, invitations, and printed agendas for the conference.

ELECTION LAWS AND PRACTICES CONFERENCE

PROPOSED AGENDA

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Texas Secretary of State

3:00 Break

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B. Grant	6000.00
Total Income	$6390.00
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B. Conference	
1. Meeting facility	110.00
2. Lodging and meals for 78 participants	2415.00
3. Lodging and meals for conference committee	250.00
4. Travel for participants	2200.00
C. Other costs	
1. Materials for packets	390.00
2. Invitations	100.00
3. Secretarial service	100.00
D. Administrative costs	
1. LWV-Texas Education Fund	500.00
Total Expenses	$6390.00

bcc: Clark, Davis, Brown, S.OL, file

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September 30, 1981

George W. Strake, Jr., President
The Strake Foundation
[redacted]

Dear Mr. Strake:

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I know that you share with the League a belief that the 1) secrecy of the ballot, and 2) honesty of an election depend upon how well elections are run. Thus we are asking that the Strake Foundation consider funding this conference.

A grant proposal and budget are enclosed. A member of our board of trustees will call your office within the next two weeks to answer anyqquestions you may have.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Price
Vice Chairman, LWV-Texas Education Fund

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
1325 K STREET N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 30, 1981

Ms. Jeanette R. Davis
Government Director
League of Women Voters of Texas
3701 High Meadows
Abilene, Texas 79605

Dear Ms. Davis:

This is in response to your letter of October 26, 1981, inviting a Commission representative to speak at your Conference on Election Laws and Practices on January 22, 1982 in Austin, Texas.

I understand from your letter that you would like the presentation to be on Federal election laws. Your proposed agenda indicates that the presentation is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on the 22nd.

You will be contacted in the near future concerning the Commission's decision on this invitation and for any additional details needed to process it.

Thank you for your interest in the Commission. If, in the interim, the Commission can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact Kathlene Beuzard, in my office, at the above address or call toll free 800/424-9530.

Sincerely yours,

Bobby Werfel

Bobby Werfel, Chief,
Public Communications

LWV-Texas Supports Amendment 1

The Board of Directors of LWV-T has voted to support the proposed Property Tax Abatement and Tax Increment Bond Issues in Reinvestment Zones Amendment.

This constitutional amendment, No. 1 on the November 3 ballot, will allow the legislature to authorize cities, towns and other taxing units to grant exemptions from ad valorem taxes on property in a designated reinvestment zone to encourage redevelopment.

The amendment also authorizes a town or city to issue tax increment bonds to finance public works or improvements for redevelopment of "unproductive, underdeveloped or blighted areas". A reinvestment zone must be created by governing body. The tax increment bonds will be repaid with "increases in ad valorem tax revenues imposed on property in the area" generated by redevelopment. The city or other taxing units retain the orginal tax base until the bonds are retired.

Separate parts of this amendment are addressed in two pieces of enabling legislation, SB 16 and SB 17, which will be enacted if the amendment is passed.

Members of the board based their support on the LWVUS Urban Policy position which calls for action to promote economic strength of cities and encourages private investment, tax incentives, and a state role in cities' fiscal viability. In addition our State Land Use position calls for support of policies for preferential tax treatment for maintenance of built environments. Housing goals could be facilitated by innovative use of SB 16 and 17.

The enabling legislation could provide two of many financing tools for local control geared to neighborhood and economic recovery through public and private cooperation. Tax increment financing through bonds, for use only in commercial areas, would allow cities to finance public improvements to lure private capital into reinvestment zones. Tax abatement, for use in residential and commercial areas, encourages private reinvestment through city agreements for tax exemptions to property owners who rehabilitate their property. No bonds would be required.*

In voting to support this amendment to the constitution the board recognizes it provides enabling legislation only; the impetus is on local communities to design ordinances which benefit the public as well as private interests. The issues of housing displacement, neighborhood protection, school finance impact, jobs generated, amounts of bonds, etc. are local responsibilities.

*This property tax relief provision would allow Texas communities to utilize the Urban Jobs and Enterprise Zone Act being proposed in Congress; the Congressional act requires matching local relief.

-Barbara McCormick
HR Director

LWV-Texas is taking no action on Amendments 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 on the November 3 ballot. For pro and con information on the proposed constitutional amendments, get a copy of the Voters Guide prepared by LWV-TEF from your local League.
VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3, 1981!

Dallas Co. Election Reform

The November 1980 election emphasized the existence of a number of problems in the registration of voters and conduct of elections in Dallas County. The Dallas County Commissioners appointed a seven member Dallas County Election Study Committee to identify the problems and to make recommendations to reduce and/or correct these problems.

Lucy Polter, then President of LWV-Dallas, was appointed to chair the committee, and Julie Lowenberg, a Dallas League member was also appointed to the committee.

One of the committee recommendations was to create the office of Election Administrator. This recommendation has been implemented, and several other recommendations are under consideration. Other counties have also shown interest in the committee's report.

Because of the efforts of this committee Dallas County has made a giant step toward improving their election process. We salute Lucy for spearheading this vital service for her community.

Georgia Kidwell
VS/CI Director

Upcoming Conference

ELECTION LAWS AND PRACTICES

What are the current laws governing elections in Texas? Do the same laws apply to local, state, and federal elections? What new laws did the 67th Legislative session enact and which old ones were changed or deleted? What are the most common violations of election laws and how do you, as a Leaguer, handle them in efforts to improve the election process?

All these questions and many more will be answered in a conference sponsored by LWV-TEF January 21st and 22nd in Austin. Speakers will include representatives from the Secretary of State's office, Attorney General's office, Texas Legislative Council, and the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C.

Jeanette Davis, LWV-T Government Director, and Georgia Kidwell, LWV-T Voter Service/Citizens Information Director, coordinators of the conference said "this conference is designed to further refine League members' knowledge of the election process and prepare them to see that election laws are complied with on the local level, assisting election officials in improving the administration of these laws."

The conference is slated for January as Leagues begin mapping strategy for the years elections and related activities. Participants will include 2 members from each local league and state unit with details being mailed in November.

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LWV-T OPPOSES PROPOSITION 4

Press Conference Gets Reaction from Speaker

The League of Women Voters of Texas kicked off their action drive to defeat Proposition 4, the water fund, with a press conference in Austin following the September State Board meeting.

Speaking in front of cameras from three Austin television stations, President Diana Clark said the League is opposed to Proposition 4 on the November 3 ballot, "because it is not in the best interests of the people of Texas."

"This amendment would siphon off half of the so-called 'excess' state tax revenues in each biennium for water projects. These drains on the state treasury can lead to cuts in state funding for schools, human services, the justice system, and other state needs--or these drains can lead to new state taxes."

State League water director Catherine Perrine, also fielding reporters' questions, pointed out that the state does have water problems that require a solution, but the "Clayton Water Plan" simply allots enormous revenues to do something elusive about those problems. Nor, Perrine added, does the plan provide for the most efficient use of the state's ground and surface water. "To quote one legislator," said Perrine, "It's a 'pay now, plan later' proposition."

Clark summed up League opposition by saying "ear-marking tax money for specific purposes shortcuts responsible fiscal planning. It denies future legislatures the flexibility needed to meet changing state needs. Texas deserves a better plan for managing its water resources than this pig-in-the-poke amendment."

House Speaker Billy Clayton, contacted by the press following the League statement, said he hoped water fund supporters could 'educate' the League before Nov. 3.

Catherine Perrine, LWV-Texas Water Director, answers reporters' questions on Leagues's opposition to the proposed water fund.

Support for Proposition 1

Local League action committees throughout the state are involved in an action campaign that includes not only opposition to Proposition 4, but support for Proposition 1, tax increment financing and tax abatement. (editor's note: See Barbara McCormick's story in this issue.)

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President's Message *Diana Clark*

A Call To Action

In recent months I have been defending the League's long history of taking ACTION after study and agreement among its members. I use the quote from Vice President Bush--"You're disproportionally effective in your communities"--to explain that just providing Voters Guides and registering voters are not enough to make us effective community leaders. It is the careful process we go through before any action takes place that make our positions credible; and the actual action in the public interest that gives us the status we undoubtedly have.

In the Annual Report to state contributors I note that for 61 years the name "League of Women Voters" has been synonymous with the term "grassroots". But I am concerned that action taken officially at the state level by testimony at legislative hearings does not then filter down far enough to our "roots" to make a true impact. And it is only when they come from these "roots" that our messages can be truly effective in changing the course of government. Do you feel compelled to carry out Action? Do you write a letter or make a weekend phone call to your legislator? If you don't, or can't, why?

With the growth of many single-issue groups which also consider themselves "grass roots" organizations, the League must re-examine its traditional methods and search for better ways to make its voice heard.

As you read this issue of the Texas VOTER with its call for a particular kind of action, will you be thinking also of new ways we can inspire you, our most valuable resource, to get involved in the life-blood of the League--ACTION.

I can't wait to hear your ideas!

In review

1981 Special Legislative Session

When Governor Clements called a special session of the 67th Legislature for July 13, he included five subjects in the call: renewal of the Medical Practices Act, redrawing of the state's congressional districts, creation of a water trust fund, revision of the 1979 Property Tax Code, and repeal of the state ad valorem tax.

LWV-Texas was interested in the creation of a water trust fund, which we opposed, and the revision of the property tax code, which we supported. We also followed, but had no position on, congressional redistricting.

It was apparent from the first day of the session that what the legislators were primarily interested in was congressional redistricting. Water and property tax were given little attention except by a few legislators who were supporters of and understood these complicated issues.

Four days before the end of the session the Governor had received legislation on only two of the five issues, the water trust fund and the Medical Practices Act, when, in a surprise move, he opened the call to thirty more subjects.

After an all-night session the House finally approved Clayton's redistricting plan which was supported by the Governor and all the Republicans. Senate Democrats claimed the House plan gave more seats to Republicans than the one which had already passed the Senate but, with the threat of another session spurring them on, the senators voted to concur with the House plan.

The Senate also approved the revised Property Tax Code but the session concluded with the measure to repeal the ad valorem tax still stalled in the Senate. Governor Clements, although describing the session as "highly successful", promised to call another session to take care of this matter.

-Evelyn Bonavita
Legislative Director

Property Tax Code Revision

In 1979 the Texas Legislature passed a new Property Tax Code in response to years of complaints of gross inequities by citizens throughout the state. Passage of the bill was due to the recognition that, because of our system of financing schools, standardization in the appraisal of properties in local school districts was necessary if state aid were to be distributed equally.

Many other issues, including some new and controversial ones, were addressed by this complex Property Tax Code; therefore, it is not surprising that two years later there was demand for "fine tuning" the Code.

During both the 1981 regular session and the Special Session, Senator Jones and Rep. Peveto, the original authors of the bill, worked to garner support for needed revisions to the Code. However, legislators who were opposed to reform efforts saw this as an opportunity to either repeal the Code outright or to subvert its intent through crippling amendments.

The Property Tax Code revisions (HB 30, Peveto) originally passed the House in fairly good shape. But during Senate debate several controversial amendments relating to rollback elections were attached, and the bill's future became uncertain.

When HB 30 returned to the House for concurrence, House members were not terribly concerned about the amendments regarding rollback elections, but they refused to accept a Senate amendment which could have allowed much oil and gas temporarily in the state to escape taxation. The offensive amendment was eventually removed in conference committee, and both houses accepted the conference report which went to the Governor.

The League is not entirely pleased with HB 30, but when dealing with an omnibus bill that is almost 140 pages long some disappointments are to be expected. Nevertheless, one more step toward improving the administration of the property tax has been taken.

-Jan Albers

Clean Air Campaign

League's campaign for clean air has just begun. Recently:

IN CONGRESS Merilyn Reeves, LWVUS, testified before the Senate Public Works and Environment Committee urging legislators to strengthen the Clean Air Act.

ON THE HOUSE SIDE the Broyhill (R-NC) bill, HR 3471, is still alive and has 11 co-sponsors, including Gramm (D-TX). Subcommittee Chair Waxman ((D-CA) and others call this a prescription for permanent failure to provide healthy air. The automakers' dream bill has been introduced by Reps. Hillis (D-MI) and Traxler (R-TN). Hearings are planned for fall on all of these in the House and Senate.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE the Reagan administration announced its clean air "principles" on August 5. These eleven vaguely worded sentences signal a retreat from clean air. They are filled with code words for serious cutbacks in protection of public health and the environment. The National Clean Air Coalition (LWVUS is a member) says these principles enunciated by EPA Administrator Anne Gorsuch add up to more pollution, not less.

WHAT TO DO: Prove the Harris survey correct (it shows 86% want a strong CAA) by writing your congressman and Senator Bentsen (a key vote on the Senate Committee) to support a strong CAA. Oppose the Broyhill and Hillis-Traxler bills. Organize letter writing coffees, wine parties; meet with editorial boards; write letters to the editor; coalesce with others in your area by such actions as co-circulating the *Breathers' Manifesto* with your Sierra Club; co-sponsor a public hearing as the Dallas and Rockwall LWVs are doing; circulate a clean air petition as the Tyler LWV did (they got 600 signatures in a shopping mall). Try it, you'll like it!

-Meg Titus
Air Quality Director

ERA - an update

Texas is one of 14 states that passed equal rights amendments to their state constitutions in the 1970's. Reports from these states refute the claims of ERA opponents that dire things will happen to our society if equal rights are afforded to both sexes. On the other hand, many benefits have been realized.

Women have greater access to education and vocational training, to more kinds of jobs and chances for advancement. They have more control over their financial affairs. Fathers and mothers are accorded equal rights and responsibilities in regard to their children.

Can we sit back, smug and secure with our state ERA? What if we move to one of the 36 states without a state ERA? Are federal and state laws sufficient to protect the legal rights of all persons throughout the nation? No! Women are still second-class citizens in some states. There are gaps in the federal civil rights statutes. Discriminatory laws in some states still exist, along with many discriminatory practices.

The ERA to the U.S. constitution is still needed. It is needed to guaranty that equal rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged in any state of the United States. It is needed to give some stability and some permanence to that guaranty.

It is needed because of the serious economic, political, and legal effects of inequality on the lives of millions of our people. And it is needed because it is an important philosophical statement that, in the United States of America, not just all men, but all men and women, are equal in the eyes of the law.

-Lavora Arizaga
Women's Issues Director

SPOTLIGHT

Leagues & Leaguers in the News

- **Arlington LWV**, winner of 3rd place trophy for decorated vehicles in July 4 parade.
- **Greater Kerrville** State Unit sponsor of a successful home tour stressing energy and space conservation.
- **El Paso LWV**, initiator of a "Share-a-Ride" program that almost doubled member attendance at evening units on its trial run.
- **Kathleen Eichberg,** LWV-Houston, invited to become a member of the Litigation Committee for LWVUS.
- **Jan Coggeshall,** LWV-Galveston invited to join LWVUS Social Policy Committee to discuss issues and priorities in the newly-merged department (formerly Human Resources).
- **Diana Clark,** LWV-T president, appointed to second six-year term on Adult Probation Commission.
- **Chris Dubois,** LWV-Corpus Christi, winner of Corporate Citizen of the Year Award of PPG Industries, Inc. $1,200 will be donated to charities of her choice, one of which is LWV-CC, through TEF.
- **Mardi Jones,** LWV-Dallas, recognized in the Park Cities News for her extensive community involvement.

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October 28, 1981

Honorable William P. Clements, Jr.
The State Capitol
Austin, Texas, 78711

Dear Governor Clements;

The League of Women Voters has a long tradition of Voter Service/Citizen Information in Texas. As we have always worked to protect every citizen's right to vote and have sought ways to assist election officials to assure properly-called, well-run elections, we recognize the need to refine League members knowledge in the area of election laws. The League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund will sponsor a conference on Election Laws and Practices in Austin on January 21-22, 1982. We would be most honored should you be able to attend the opening of the meeting, wecoming League members from across the state.

Being an elected official you are certainly aware of the complexity of elction laws and the difficulity faced by local officials in administering those laws. As Governor of a state which has a tradition of resloving problems, I am sure you agree with me that much work remains to be done. The League believes that Texas has only to gain from an election process which runs smoothly, encouraging those who wish to become candidates and all citizens to vote. Your encouragement to League members to use the knowledge gained at this conference would be of much value.

Enclosed is a tentative agenda for your further information. The conference will be held at the Howard Johnson's Motor Hotel 7800 N. I-35 in Austin.

Thank you for you consideration.

Sincerely,

Diana Clark
Chairman, League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund
1212 Guadalupe
Austin, Texas78701

October 28,1982

Mr. Milt Kosa
Director, Elections Divisions
Office of Secretary of State
The State Capitol
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Kosa,

Thank you again for your willingness to have your office participate in the League's upcoming conference on election laws. Enclosed is the planned agenda for your further information. The meeting place is in Austin at the Howard Johnson's Motor Hotel, 7800 N. I-35.

The League of Women Voters has a long history of Voter Service/ Citizen Information and has become known in many municipalities and counties throughout the state as "election authorities". As a result of our efforts in this area and the influx of new members into the League, we recognized a need to update and our capabilities to be of service in this area. It is a main concern of ours that we give correct, up-to-date information. not only to voters but also to election officials onthe local level who call on us. The help of the office of Secretary of State has been most valued on the past as it is today.

You, or your choice of a speaker, have been scheduled first so that the league members participating can learn at the beginning of the application of the Texas Election Code. Could you address the following in whatever order you wish and at what length, adding or subtracting what you feel is pertinent, as speakers will follow according to the agenda with more detail on some subjects?

* Use and application of the Code
* Current election laws
* Most common violations
* Handling violations on election day at the polls

Oneoof the major problems confronted by the Leagüe is the complexity of the laws and difficulity in "reading" the election code by local officials. Also the lack of adequate preparation of those responsible for the conduct of elections. Perhaps together we ean continue to see that each voter has access to the election process in ae as unencumbered manner as possible,

I am certainly looking forward to meeting and working with you.

Sincerely,

Jeanette R. Davis
Government Director, League of Women Voters of Texas

[redacted]

November 6, 1982

Mr. Gene Shuffler
Texas Legislative Council
Capitol Statiom
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Shuffler,

Thank you, and Ms. Gladney, for your willingness to partcipate in our upcomming conference on election laws and practices. The meeting place is in Austin at the Howard Johnson's Motor Hotel, 7800 N. I-35.

As we discussed by phone, your topic is revisions and additions to the election code made in the 67th session of the legislature. A synopsis of these changes, deletions, and additions for the League members to take home with them would be much appreciated!

Enclosed is an agenda for your further information. If you, or Karen, need more, please write or phone.

I am certainly looking forward to meeting and working with you.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanette R. Davis
Government Director, League of Women Voters of Texas

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