

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO LOCAL LEAGUE BYLAWS RESULTING FROM AMENDMENTS  
PASSED AT LWVUS 2020 CONVENTION**

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LWV requires that the first 3 Articles of any local or state League must match those of LWVUS. Two amendments were passed at the recent convention and local Leagues should now amend Articles II and III of *their* bylaws. No membership or board vote is needed to make these changes.

Below are the LWVUS approved bylaw changes and on Page 2 is an example of what local League bylaws should look like.

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The proposed changes are written using the following format:

- **Brackets [ ]** denote words to be deleted.
- **BOLDED CAPS** denote words to be added.

**APPROVED BYLAW CHANGE #1**

Article II

Purposes and [Policy] **POLICIES**

Sec. 1. Purposes. The purposes of the LWVUS are:

1. To promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. [and]
2. To act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2. [Political Policy.] **POLICIES. THE POLICIES OF THE LWVUS ARE:**

1. **POLITICAL POLICY.** The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.
2. **DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION POLICY. THE LEAGUE IS FULLY COMMITTED TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE—IN PRINCIPLE AND IN PRACTICE—WITH LWVUS' DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION POLICY.**

**APPROVED BYLAW CHANGE #2**

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 2. Types of Membership.

1. *Voting Members.* Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues[.]; **(4) THOSE WHO ARE STUDENTS ARE DEFINED AS INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED EITHER AS FULL OR PART TIME WITH AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION.**

## LOCAL LEAGUE BYLAWS ARTICLES II AND III SHOULD NOW LOOK LIKE THIS:

### ARTICLE II

#### Purposes and Policy

Sec. 1. Purposes. The purposes of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County are:

1. To promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government.
2. To act on selected governmental issues.

Sec. 2. Policies. The Policies of the LWVMI are:

1. **POLITICAL POLICY.** The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.
2. **DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION POLICY.** The League is fully committed to ensure compliance – in principle and in practice – with LWV Northwest Wayne County’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy.

### ARTICLE III

#### Membership

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and political policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership. The membership of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County shall be composed of voting members and associates.

- a. a. Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues; (4) ) those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part time with an accredited institution.
- b. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members