

This eVoter contains 3 items for your attention:

- A. Clean Elections Action Alert
- B. August State Board Report
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A. Take Action Now on Clean Elections!

The League of Women Voters of New Jersey is a strong supporter of Clean Elections.

The Clean Elections bill is facing stiff opposition this summer. Opponents to public financing have increased the pressure to stop forward momentum. Do not let these opponents dominate the conversation! It is imperative that the State Legislature hears from Clean Elections supporters NOW.

It is especially important for the members of the ad-hoc committee working on the bill and prime sponsors of the bill to hear from their constituents. Opponents have been targeting these Representatives to try to dissuade support of the bill. If you are a constituent of one of the following Representatives, please let these Representatives know that New Jersey needs Clean Elections!

The following districts and Representatives are on the ad-hoc committee or are prime sponsors of the bill:

- District 5 - Speaker Roberts
- District 6 - Assemblyman Greenwald
- District 13 - Assemblywoman Handlin
- District 14 - Senator Baroni and Assemblywoman Greenstein
- District 37 - Senator Weinberg, Assemblyman Johnson and Assemblywoman Vainieri Huttle

Even if you are not in one of these districts, your voice needs to be heard! Contact your Assemblypeople now to let them know that you support Clean Elections!

To contact your State Legislatures, please go to www.lwvnj.org, put your zip code in the "Write your Legislators" box on the home page, and click Take Action under "Clean Elections Needs Our Help".

B. State Board Report

The State Board report for August 2008 is now online at http://www.lwvnj.org/members/SBR/SBR_2008_08.pdf

If you are a local League President or the "official" recipient of the SBR for your League, it is important that you obtain a copy, deal with any required actions, and make sure that appropriate board members are given the pieces that apply to them.

**** President Maiese's letter ** NEW**

Anne talks about voter registration efforts, the upcoming workshops, and more!

**** Fall Workshops -- September 13 ** UPDATED** Voting machines, voting problems. Come learn about them! We will have a number of leaders on elections and election reform to talk about hot current issues. Plus several useful workshops on running a League. Come, join us. \$25 for members (before 8-27-08 -- \$30 after).

**** Health care policy forum ** NEW**

Princeton, Sept 12. Free and open to all. See details in the SBR.

**** Advocacy ** NEW**

We'll be testifying on school funding formulas in September. Read about it here.

**** Upcoming events list ** UPDATED**

Several of interest.

**** Local League leaders ** ONE CHANGE**

A new entry for West Morris.

**** NJ Citizens Guides order form ****

The guides are available. Get your orders in! They make great sales items for local League fund raisers.

C. The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact: Is it a good idea or not?

Date: Wednesday, September 17

Time: 7 pm

Location: Union Public Library
Friberger Park
1980 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

The "compact", a piece of legislation, which in essence would reform the Electoral College, will be the subject of the first fall meeting of the League of Women Voters of the Union Area. The meeting, which is open to the public, is being co-sponsored by the League and the library.

Assemblyman Joseph Cryan (D-20th District) will explain why he co-sponsored the measure in the New Jersey Assembly and discuss why it should be adopted nationally. Speaking for the opponents will be Assemblyman Richard Merkt (R-25th District).

New Jersey is one of four states that have passed the legislation, which calls for all of a state's electoral votes for President to go to the person who has the most votes nationwide. However, the measure will not go into effect unless it is ratified by states with a total of 270 electoral votes. The states which have adopted it so far (Hawaii, Maryland and Illinois are the others) have a total of 50 votes.

The legislation is aimed at preventing the election of a President who does not have the majority of the national popular vote, as has happened four times in this country's history -- most recently in 2000. It is scheduled to be the subject of a national League study this year.

In observance of Constitution Day, the program will open with a reading of the Preamble to the Constitution. The day marks the anniversary of the date in 1787 when delegates meeting in Philadelphia adopted the Constitution.
