

LWVLA Criminal Justice Bills/Instruments 2023 Legislative Session (updated 4/21/2023)

Committee	Bill Number	Author, Party & District	Summary	LWVLA Position
House Administration of Criminal Justice	HB 228	Kyle Green (D-Marrero)	CRIMINAL/SENTENCING: Eliminates the death penalty	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>The League of Women Voters of the United States supports the abolition of the death penalty.</p>
House and Governmental Affairs	HB 396	Sam Jenkins (D-Shreveport)	VOTING/REGISTRATION: Provides for the reinstatement of the voter registration of a person who is no longer under an order of imprisonment	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>In November 2019, the League signed on to a report by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCHR), Vision for Democracy, which details the massive systemic reforms needed to protect and improve our democracy, including ending felony disenfranchisement.</p>
House and Governmental Affairs	HB 519	Barbara Carpenter (D-Baton Rouge)	VOTERS/VOTING: Provides relative to absentee voting by qualified incarcerated voters	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>Allowing those incarcerated for non-felony offenses to vote facilitates their participation as citizens in their home communities. Allowing those with felony convictions who are no longer under order of law to vote absentee, rather than exclusively in-person, gives them access to another way to vote. Other procedural provisions of this proposed law further enhance incarcerated and returning citizens' access to absentee voting by mail.</p>
House Administration of Criminal Justice	HB 545	Edmond Jordan (D-Baton Rouge)	CORRECTIONS/PRISONERS: Provides relative to payphones and communications for incarcerated individuals	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p>Telephone communication is an important way for incarcerated individuals to keep in touch with their families and members of their home communities. Maintenance of these family and community ties facilitates and enhances the potential for rehabilitation and success when the individual returns to their community.</p>