

**VOTER SERVICES BILLS/INSTRUMENTS, 2026 Legislative Session (updated 3/25/2026)**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Author, Party &amp; District</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>LWVLA Position</b>	<b>Status</b>
House & Governmental Affairs	<a href="#">HB 379</a>		<p>ELECTION CODE: Provides relative to the qualifications of election commissioners</p> <p>Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that a person who is at least 17 years of age, under the age of 18, and who is enrolled in the 11th grade of any La. public high school or state-approved nonpublic high school or is participating at the 11th grade level in a home study program approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may serve as a commissioner.</p>	<p><b>SUPPORT</b></p> <p><i>League Position:</i> Election workers power democracy, and LWVLA supports getting young people involved in the political process and workings of democracy at a young age. We support allowing young people 17 and older to serve as poll commissioners, especially to ensure a pipeline of future election workers.</p>	Current Status: Pending House and Governmental Affairs - <a href="#">Considered 3/25/26</a>
House & Governmental Affairs, Committee on Civil Law and Procedure	<a href="#">HB 393</a>	Bryan Fontenot (R-Lafourche)	ELECTIONS/BOND & TAX: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for eligible election dates for bond and tax elections (EG SEE FISC NOTE GF EX)	<p><b>WATCHING</b></p> <p><i>League Position:</i> LWVLA encourages scheduling and bundling of elections in ways that promote efficiency, economy, and ease of voters, and especially in ways that maximize voter participation on crucial issues.</p>	Current Status: Pending House floor action Reported favorably (12-0. To be recommitted to the Committee on Civil Law and Procedure
House & Governmental Affairs	<a href="#">HB 400</a>	Bryan Fontenot (R-	ELECTION DAYS: Provides that bond and tax elections shall be held only on regularly	<p><b>WATCHING</b></p> <p><i>League Position:</i> LWVLA</p>	Current Status: Pending House floor action

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		Lafourche)	scheduled fall election dates (EG SEE FISC NOTE LF EX)	currently has seats on two legislative studies/task forces on election frequency and voter engagement. There is evidence that too frequent elections are exhausting for voters in ways that lead to voter suppression. While there is evidence that bundling elections together can increase voter engagement, we would wonder whether placement of tax and bond issue on a primary ballot instead of a general would increase or suppress turnout. Elections should be bundled for efficiency, economy, and ease for voters. But this should be balanced against the need to put propositions with elections that have good turnout. Placing ballot issues on a regular general ballot may ensure more voter participation. (Cf. HB 534)	Reported with amendments (13-0).
House & Governmental Affairs	<a href="#">HB 534</a>	Chad Boyer (R-St. Landry, St. Martin)	ELECTION DAYS: Provides for local bond and tax elections to be held only during a primary election	<b>WATCHING</b>  <i>League Position:</i> LWVLA currently has seats on two legislative studies/task forces on election frequency and	<b>Current Status:</b> Pending Senate introduction

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House & Governmental Affairs	<a href="#"><u>HB551</u></a>	Beth Billings (R-St. Charles, St. John the Baptist)	ELECTIONS/ COMMISSIONERS: Provides for early voting commissioners assisting with the nursing home early voting program (EG + \$38,400 GF EX See Note)	<b>SUPPORT</b>  <i>League Position:</i> LWVLA supports efforts to make voting available to all voters, including especially elderly and/or disabled voters who reside in nursing homes.	Current Status: Pending House floor action Reported favorably (10-0).
Senate & Governmental Affairs, Senate Finance	<a href="#"><u>SB 17</u></a>	Kirk Talbot (R-Jefferson)	REGISTRAR OF VOTERS RET: Provides for the funding deposit account for cost-of-living adjustments for the Registrars of	<b>SUPPORT</b>  <i>League Position:</i> Our election officials power our	Current Status: Pending Senate Finance

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			Voters Employees' Retirement System. (gov sig) (EG INCREASE APV)	democracy. LWVLA supports appropriate adjustments in compensation for ROVs, who provide this crucial function.	
Senate & Governmental Affairs	<a href="#"><u>SB 25</u></a>	Caleb Kleinpeter (R- East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Lafayette, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. Landry, St. Martin, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana)	REGISTRARS OF VOTERS: Adjusts compensation schedule for Registrar of Voters. (7/1/26) (OR +\$660,428 GF EX See Note)	<b>SUPPORT</b>  <i>League Position:</i> Our election officials power our democracy. LWVLA supports appropriate adjustments in compensation for ROVs, who provide this crucial function.	Current Status: Pending Senate floor action - <a href="#"><u>Sched. for 3/23/26</u></a>