

VOTING RIGHTS BILLS/INSTRUMENTS, 2026 Legislative Session (updated 3/25/2026)

Committee	Bill Number	Author, Party & District	Summary	LWVLA Position	Status
House & Governmental Affairs	HB 248	Gregory Miller (R)	VOTERS/VOTING: Provides for consolidation of precincts with fewer than 20 voters. (8/1/26)	WATCHING	Current Status: Pending Senate final passage - Sched. for 3/23/26
House & Governmental Affairs	HB 270	Terry Landry (D-East Baton Rouge)	VOTERS/VOTING: Provides for absentee voting by mail by qualified incarcerated voters	SUPPORT <i>League Position:</i> LWV supports facilitation of voting rights and access to the ballot for those impacted by the criminal justice system. Voters in jail prior to felony conviction do not lose their right to vote. Further, Louisiana has some of the longest periods of pre-trial incarceration in the country, and voters in jail should not be disenfranchised prior to conviction.	Current Status: Pending House and Governmental Affairs
House & Governmental Affairs	HB 361	Terry Landry (D-East Baton Rouge)	VOTING/REGISTRATION: Provides for the reinstatement of the voter registration of a person who is no longer under an order of imprisonment	SUPPORT <i>League Position:</i> LWV supports restoration of voting rights to those with past felony convictions to promote successful rehabilitation and re-entry to society.	Current Status: Pending House and Governmental Affairs

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House & Governmental Affairs	HB 620	Beau Beaulieu (R-Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin)	REAPPORTIONMENT/ HOUSE: Provides for the districts for the election of members of the House of Representatives Current Status: Pending House and Governmental Affairs	WATCHING	Current Status: Pending House and Governmental Affairs
House & Governmental Affairs	HB 691	Beau Beaulieu (D-Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin)	VOTING/REGISTRATION: Provides for the verification of citizenship of registered voters (OR NO IMPACT See Note)	OPPOSE <i>League Position:</i> LWV opposes and has a pending federal lawsuit against the use of the DHS SAVE system for voter verification.	Current Status: Pending House and Governmental Affairs
House & Governmental Affairs	HB 696	Les Farnum (R-Calcasieu)	ELECTION CODE: Provides relative to early voting	WATCHING	Current Status: Pending House and Governmental Affairs
House & Governmental Affairs	HB 842	Beau Beaulieu (R-Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin)	ELECTION CODE: Makes revisions to the Louisiana Election Code	WATCHING	Current Status: Pending House final passage - Sched. for 3/25/26
House & Governmental Affairs	HR 15	John Wyble (D-Washington)	ELECTIONS: Memorializes the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass the SAVE America Act	OPPOSE <i>League Position:</i> LWV opposed the SAVE America Act.	Current Status: Pending House and Governmental Affairs - Under Consideration

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Senate & Governmental Affairs	SB 49	Alan Seabaugh (R-Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, DeSoto, Natchitoches, Rapides, Red River, Sabine, Webster, Wynn)	ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT: Removes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from the list of party primary elections. (8/1/26) (EG -\$5,428,000 GF EX See Note)	WATCHING <i>League Position:</i> While neither LWVUS nor LWVLA has a specific position on primary election systems, we are currently in the process of evaluating closed party primaries. However, given evidence that closed primaries reduce voter participation, require the state to spend resources on additional elections, and are not the preference of a majority of Louisiana voters, we support removal of primaries from the close party list. We also have concerns that the recent closure of some primaries in Louisiana was done too quickly and without sufficient opportunity for citizen debate and comment.	Current Status: Pending Senate final passage - Sched. for 3/23/26
Senate & Government Affairs	SB 319	Thomas Pressly (R-Caddo, DeSoto)	ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT: Provides for instructions to elections commissioners. (8/1/26)	OPPOSE <i>League Position:</i> LWVLA has concerns that this bill makes voter ID requirements significantly	Current Status: Pending Senate and Governmental Affairs

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				harder for both voters and poll commissioners, especially through gets rid of the established affidavit option for those who don't have ID. Even the federal SAVE America Act and the MEGA Act have affidavit options, and its removal will negatively affect Louisiana voters.	
Senate & Governmental Affairs	SB 342	Regina Ashford Barrow (D-East Baton Rouge)	VOTERS/VOTING: Provides for the voter protection act. (8/1/26)	<p>WATCHING</p> <p><i>League Position:</i> LWVLA supports the primary intent of this law to prevent voter intimidation, coercion, fraud, and interference with the election process. Its misdemeanor penalties (except for organized or systematic behavior) are better calibrated to the offense than the draconian felony penalties that have been instituted in other recent voting rights legislation in recent years. We support most other elements of the bill, but we express concerns about the 600-foot non-interference zone not having an</p>	Current Status: Pending Senate and Governmental Affairs

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				exception for nonpartisan groups engaged in voter assistance and election protection.	
Senate & Governmental Affairs	SB 365	Royce Duplessis (D-Orleans)	VOTERS/VOTING: Creates the Louisiana Voting Rights Act. (gov sig)	<p>SUPPORT</p> <p><i>League Position:</i> As one of the nation’s preeminent voting rights organizations, LWV supports the right to vote. In the current context, we also support state governments taking the initiative to protect voting rights, since voting and elections are preeminently matters of state law.</p>	Current Status: Pending Senate and Governmental Affairs