

League of Women Voters
Voter Representation/ Electoral Systems Concurrence
Quick Summary

1. **This concurrence is about voter representation.** It is NOT about election security or transparency which is covered by other League positions and it is NOT about election services.
2. This concurrence is about increasing representation for voters via the electoral system. [The electoral system means how votes translate into seats, or how the winner(s) are determined.]
3. All public policy issues (i.e. health care, climate, education, etc.) that we care about are determined by our elected officials. So a more representative government is critical to achieving good public policy.
4. When voters are denied representation because of where they live, how district lines are drawn or because they are an ethnic or political minority, they are not empowered. As such, voter apathy should not be a surprise. The electoral methods we use to elect our representatives can improve the representation of more voters.
5. Currently, LWVUS has no position on how we elect our representatives. This position is especially important to Leagues without their own position. It provides clear, flexible guidelines to evaluate electoral options that will enhance the voice of, and empower, more voters.
6. This concurrence position is based on many State and Local League studies and positions. This concurrence process draws on their research and consensus.
7. No study is required. No action is required.
8. This position provides a guide and criterion to consider when proposing or evaluating electoral method reforms to “provide the broadest voter representation possible” or remedy violations of voting rights.
9. Some electoral terms may be new to members. The background rationale, terminology, and pros and cons have been provided [on the LWVUS League Management site](#), and are being sent to all delegates.
10. This position does not support any particular electoral system(s) as no system is perfect. (However, state and local Leagues found some are better than others at enhancing representation for more voters.)
11. While many Leagues have positions that support alternative electoral systems, this LWVUS concurrence does not support any particular electoral system(s). It helps Leagues evaluate whether to support or oppose voter-approved ballot options for their communities.
12. VOTE YES for the Voter Representation /Electoral System concurrence.

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