

AUGUST 3, 2022

Advocacy & Litigation Fiscal Year 2022 Wrap Up

Presented by: Advocacy and Litigation Team

Agenda

Join us for an advocacy
adventure!

- Housekeeping + Community Norms
- Advocacy
- PPFM
- Litigation
- **Questions!**

Housekeeping

- All trainings will be recorded to keep accurate notes to share with attendees and others after the call.
- If you are not speaking, please mute yourself to minimize sound issues.
- Make sure you identify yourself (name, League, State & pronouns) when asking questions
- **Staff will be monitoring the chat box.** If you have any questions or thoughts throughout the call, please feel free to drop them in the chat box.

Community Norms

! Bring your full self and limit distractions

💬 Use the chat box to add thoughts, experiences, and/or questions

🌱 What is learned here, leaves here

💬 No one knows everything, together we know a lot

🍷 Don't yuck my yum

🩹 Oops, ouch, and educate

😊 Assume best intentions

Advocacy in FY22

90,000 letters sent to Congress

\$100,000 in advocacy grants to target states

56,000 individual action takers

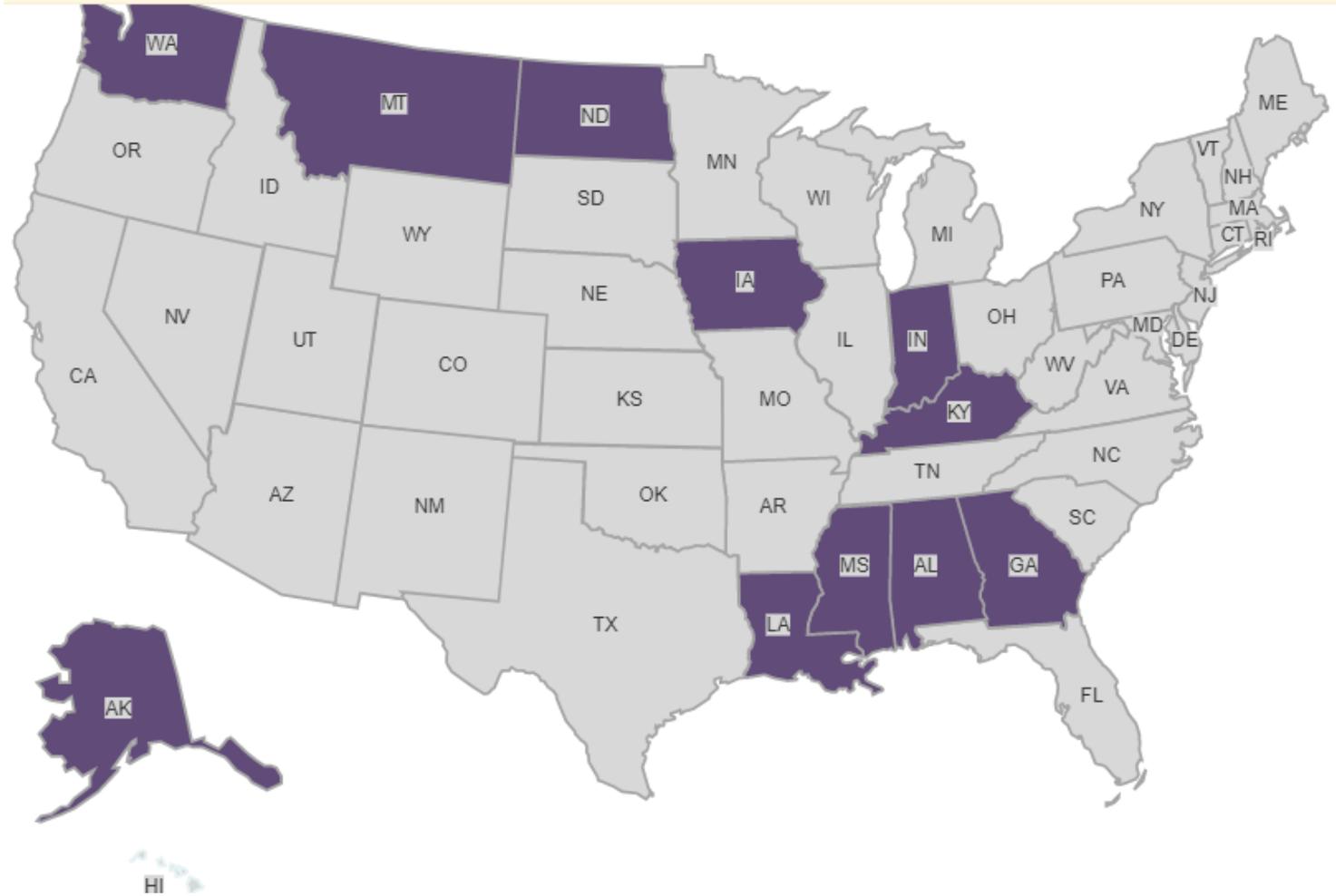
Launched advocacy office hours

Held 12 webinars on issue and litigation topics

Rebranded and launched legislative trends

Supported states on state and federal advocacy requests

Pro-Democracy Grant States



Fast Facts

Total States Engaged	11
Total Funds Distributed	\$100,000
Length of Grant	1 Year
Estimated Reach of Campaign	244,889 people
# of Volunteers Recruited	1,162
# of Volunteer Hours	5,483
# of Events Hosted	168
# of Event Attendees	7,532

Federal Voting Rights Bills 117th Congress

John Lewis VRAA

For the People Act

Freedom to Vote Act

Electoral Count Act Reform

- Bipartisan efforts to reform 1887 law on counting electoral votes
 - Close loopholes that created January 6th attempt to overturn 2020 Election
- LWVUS goals for ECA reform:
 - Limiting the Vice President's role in counting electoral votes
 - Raising the threshold for objections to electors
 - Ensuring that states have a transparent election process
 - Section 2 and Section 5 of VRA protections
 - Protect voters' private right of action on discriminatory voting practices

Federal Lobby Corps on Voting Rights

- Campaign for Making Democracy Work
 - Voting Rights
 - For the People Act, Freedom to Vote Act, John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act
 - DISCLOSE Act
 - DC Statehood
- Emerging Issues

Non-Legislative Voting Rights Actions

LWVUS voting rights action outside of federal legislation

1. Executive Order on voting rights
 - a) Joined calls to Federal agencies to fully implement EO
2. Department of Justice *National Voter Registration Act* (NVRA) enforcement
 - a) Advocated for DOJ to intervene in active NVRA cases
 - b) Called for enforcement against illegal voter roll purging
3. State-specific voting rights support

Next Steps on Voting Rights



Voting Rights legislation is not going to be able to pass without bipartisan support and cooperation

League would like to see a bipartisan group of lawmakers from both the House and the Senate come together



Equal Rights Amendment

- Always working in coalition with the ERA Coalition
- Congressional Push to free the amendment from the timeline
- Letter with ERA Coalition to Attorney General
- Continued grassroots movements in the states

Reproductive Rights

Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization

- May: Leaked draft opinion
- June: Overtuned the constitutional right to abortion



LWVUS Advocacy and Litigation Actions:

- Amicus in *Dobbs* supporting the right to abortion
- Updated LWVUS filibuster stance
- Letter and Action Alert to US Senate urging passage of *Women's Health Protection Act*
- Reproductive rights blog post and webinar
- Reproductive rights state advocacy strategy (forthcoming)



For questions, email rgoldman@lww.org



Convention Positions

- *The League adopted a concurrence with LWV California's Criminal Justice Position*
- The League adopted a concurrence with LWV of Connecticut on Digital Equity Position
- *The League adopted a concurrence with LWV New York's Health Care Update*

PPFM in 2022

- CHARGE Hub
- Resources Created
- Impact Report: Process and Outcomes
- Convention Presentations
- Future of PPFM



PPFM & the CHARGE Hub

- Biweekly Meetings
 - Resource sharing
 - Mini-grants
- Events
- CHARGE Hub Redistricting Report

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Coalition Hub for Advancing Redistricting & Grassroots Engagement invites you to

ALABAMA MAPS & THE VRA: WHERE WE ARE AND WHAT'S TO COME



TISH GOTELL FAULK
Panelist
ACLU Alabama



ANNESHIA HARDY
Panelist
Alabama Values Progress



DAN KING
Moderator
LWV Alabama



KHADIDAH STONE
Panelist
Alabama Forward

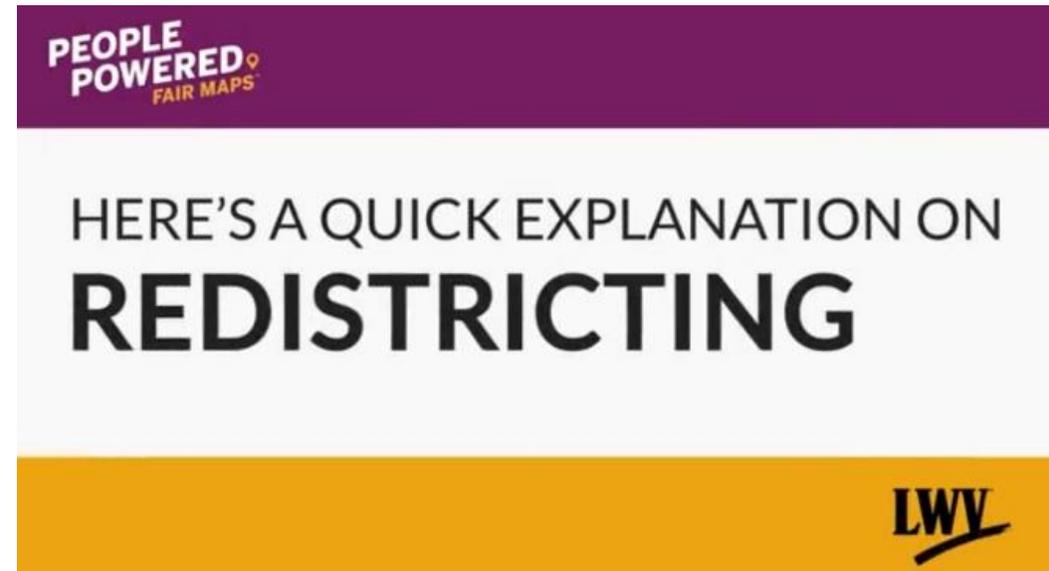
Join the CHARGE Hub + Alabama organizers for a panel about redistricting in Alabama and the future of the VRA. The panel will center three questions: What happened in Alabama's redistricting cycle? What was the impact? and What can be done about it?

JUNE 7TH, 2022
1:00PM EST
RSVP: shorturl.at/jltQT



Resources for Leagues

- CHARGE Hub Mini-Grants
- Training with Maptitude
- Convening w/ Center for Democracy & Technology
- Redistricting Video & Toolkit



PPFM Impact Report

- Leagues' Monthly Reporting
- Final Reports
- Story of PPFM

“Through three years of PPFM, the League engaged more than 1.4 million individuals through in-person and online activities, held 3,669 educational events and trainings, and held 4,699 meetings with key stakeholders to advance redistricting efforts in their communities.” (page 6, PPFM Impact Report)



PEOPLE POWERED FAIR MAPS



2019 – 2022

IMPACT REPORT



PPFM at Convention

- “PPFM & Redistricting Beyond this Cycle”
 - Panel Discussion
 - Christy Greene, Catherine Weller, Paul Huffman
- “The Story and Impact of People Powered Fair Maps”
 - Presentation of 3 years of PPFM
 - Presented the Impact Report



The Future of PPFM

- Earlier launch
- Redistricting Reform Support
- Regional Hubs:
 - Northeast/Mid-Atlantic
 - Southeast/South Central
 - Pacific
 - Midwest
- Continued CHARGE Hub partnership

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FY22 Litigation Recap

- More Local Leagues filing litigation!
- Redistricting cases filed all around the country
- Leagues participating as Plaintiff most often

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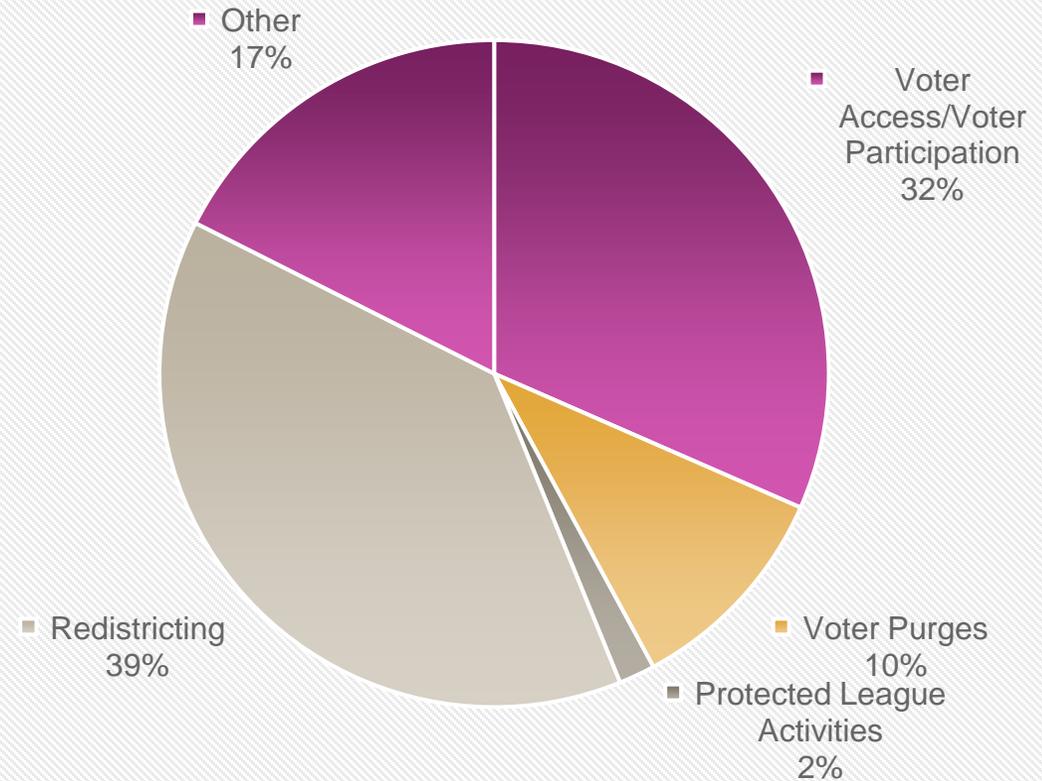
- **57 Cases in FY22**
 - Active: 23 Federal & Redistricting; 5 state
 - Resolved: 24 Federal & Redistricting; 5 state
- **Resolved cases in FY22**
 - 29 total resolved
 - Win: 15 – 51.7%
 - Non-court win: 3 – 10.3%
 - Loss: 11 – 37.9%

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FY22 Litigation Trends

ISSUES



*Other includes cases concerning LGBTQ+ rights, Reproductive Justice, Money in Politics, ERA, DC Statehood, Gun Safety, Climate Change, and Education

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What Does LWVUS Need from You?

- Communication & Coordination!
 - litigation@lwv.org
- [Federal Action Request Form](#)
- [Guidance for Leagues on Litigation](#)

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How Can LWVUS Support You During Legal Action?

- Coordination and support for Federal cases
 - Legal Partners
 - Reviewing documents
 - Communications support
- Support and guidance on state cases
 - Advice on claims, partners, strategy
 - Reviewing documents as capacity allows
 - Communications support as capacity allows



Questions