

## The League of Women Voters of Ohio E-News

Summer 2011

We hope you are enjoying summertime with family and friends! At LWV Ohio, we are reflecting on the achievements of the past few months and looking forward to an exciting second half of the year. We are pleased to welcome Jennifer Williams as Executive Director, beginning August 1st. Please read on to learn more about Jennifer and the ways you can participate in the work of the League.

### Join Us for Regional Meetings in August on Election Changes in Ohio



All League members are invited to attend a Regional Meeting in August. [Click here](#) to review the schedule, determine your location, and RSVP. Board co-presidents Nancy Brown and Meg Flack will facilitate discussions on changes to election law in Ohio and how they impact voter service. These meetings are also a chance to get to know League members from your area and share best practices about voter services and outreach. Please RSVP by August 1.

### Election Bills: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

Ohio lawmakers have considered many election-related bills over the last few months. We are pleased that the legislation requiring a photo ID requirement for voting has been put on hold. Special thanks to all League members who made their voice heard in objection to the photo ID requirement.

We are currently reviewing the changes enacted by the election legislation. Some of

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#### Ohio VOTER

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The spring/summer issue features a wrap-up of [Statehouse Day](#) and [Convention!](#)

#### 2011 Advocacy Agenda

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the changes LWV Ohio opposed, such as reduced options for absentee voting and no longer requiring pollworkers to direct voters to the current precinct. LWV Ohio supports other changes such as those that make it easier for Ohioans who are overseas to vote and is happy to see a return to use of a 4-digit social security number rather than a 9-digit social security number when needed as back-up identification.

To learn more, please join us at a regional meeting in August or visit our website for [news](#) and legislative [information](#).

## 2011 Redistricting Competition Launched



This week, the public was invited to draw maps for Ohio's congressional and state legislative districts and demonstrate that an open, objective, fair and nonpartisan redistricting process is possible. [Click here](#) to learn more about the

competition and how to enter. Participants use the same software and population and voting data as public officials will use to draw the maps.

LWV Ohio Education Fund is sponsoring the competition and engaging the public in this important reform topic. [Click here](#) to learn more about how you and your League can get involved in the competition.

Also, beginning this week, the General Assembly committees overseeing congressional redistricting will begin holding public meetings.

Check the dates [here](#) for your chance to speak up as an Ohioan in support of redistricting reform that serves the public or to find out what others are saying.

## Jennifer Williams To Lead LWV

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## Ohio

The League of Women Voters of Ohio/Education Fund welcomes Jennifer Williams as Executive Director beginning August 1.



Jennifer brings extensive non-profit leadership experience to the position having served for the past seven years as Executive Director of the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations (OANO). In that role, she increased OANO's membership and funding and implemented a successful strategic planning process. Jennifer has a passion for public policy and created OANO's first public policy program, advocating on behalf of Ohio's 45,000 nonprofit organizations.

Please join us in welcoming Jennifer!

**Celebrate Women's Equality Day  
with a contribution to LWV Ohio**

As we reflect on the words and actions of the League's founders --suffragettes who fought for women's right to vote for over 70 years -- we realize that we stand on their shoulders. We realize that our efforts to make democracy work are not unlike theirs and their commitment to register, education and advocate for all voters. We also realize that 91 years later, our work continues to be relevant and critical -- as our advocacy opposing the photo ID bill proves.

**Please support our work by making a [contribution](#) to the League of Women Voters of Ohio in honor of Women's Equality Day on August 26th.** Thank you!

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