



League of Women Voters of Ohio

Breaking News: Early Voting Lawsuit Settlement!

Dear Ohio League Members,

We are delighted to share with you today's news that our early voting lawsuit, NAACP v. Husted, has reached a settlement agreement that will guarantee evening and weekend early voting hours through the end of 2018!

You can read the press release from our lawyers at the ACLU [announcing the settlement here](#).

Our lawyers at the ACLU have provided [a summary of today's settlement here](#).

These new hours will take effect after the May 2015 primary, which is already underway.

Background

Last year, the League of Women Voters of Ohio, together with the Ohio NAACP, Bethel AME Church, and ACLU of Ohio [announced the filing of a lawsuit](#) to overturn cuts to early voting made by the Ohio General Assembly and Ohio Secretary of State.

You can read the [full history of the case here](#).

What does this mean for voters? In a word, stability, and opportunity to vote at a convenient time.

For several years now, voters and local election officials have had to wonder what days and hours for early voting would be in place every single election, because they have changed so frequently. Today's settlement means that we know what days and hours early voting will be open for the next few years.

This stability helps election officials plan for staffing needs. It helps groups like the League provide voters with advance information on how and when they can vote. And it ensures voters have a range of days and times to choose from when deciding when to go to early voting.

What else?

LWVO has also successfully lobbied the Ohio General Assembly, Secretary of State, and Governor on matters related to voting. Just this month:

- LWVO and our partners [urged](#) Governor Kasich to veto a provision in the transportation budget - and [he did!](#) - that could have had a detrimental effect on student and military voters.
- [LWVO lobbied](#) the House to include funding in the state budget to continue sending absentee ballot applications statewide in 2016 - and the House Speaker [announced](#) it will be in the House budget.

LWV Ohio will continue to advocate for sensible election rules that work for voters and election officials. We can only do this work thanks to the generous support of members like you. Please make a gift today to help LWVO be your advocate for sensible election policy. [Click here](#) to donate securely online.

Yours in League,

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