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**LWV *VOTERS GUIDE* EXPLAINS NOV. 8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT AND
VOTER PHOTO ID SCHEDULED TO TAKE EFFECT IN 2012**

[Austin, TX]

Taxes, support for the Permanent School Fund, bonds for water projects, pardons, and terms of office for elected officials are among the important issues that Texans will address in November 8 Constitutional Amendment Election. LWV-Texas urges all registered voters to cast an informed ballot in this important election. Early voting extends from October 24 to November 4; Election Day is November 8.

To help voters cast an informed ballot on all proposed amendments, the nonpartisan LWV-TX Voters Guide is available at www.lwvtexas.org. The LWV Voters Guide provides straightforward and balanced information including the official ballot language, an explanation, and unbiased arguments “for” and “against” each of the ten proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Information on voter photo ID requirements scheduled to take effect in 2012 is also contained in the Voters Guide. Everyone who plans to vote in the Texas March primary elections should become familiar with the limited photo IDs that will be accepted at the polls. Under the Texas law, student IDs are not among the photo IDs qualified for purposes of voting beginning in 2012.

Students who will be away from the Texas county in which they are registered to vote during early voting and on election day may request to vote early by mail. The application for a ballot by mail can be obtained from county elections offices or under “Early Voting” on the Secretary of State’s website, www.votexas.org. The application to vote by mail must be received by the appropriate elections office no later than November 1, and the completed mail ballot must be received by the appropriate elections office no later than November 8. Additional information is available from LWV-Texas (lwvtexas@lwvtexas.org, 512-472-1100), county election officials, and the Secretary of State’s website, www.votexas.org.

LWV-Texas encourages campus newspapers and organization to provide links to the Voters Guide on campus Websites. The Voters Guide is available in both English and Spanish; audio versions are also available. The Voters Guide can be reprinted in its entirety with permission; please contact the League state office for details.

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