



**Testimony
SB 1948
Criminal Justice Committee
March 31, 2009**

The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWV-TX) supports **SB 1948** that addresses reforms for which the League has advocated in the past and continues to do so today. **SB 1948** is an effort to establish a supervised reentry program for paroled inmates to address behavioral issues which more than likely contributed to their initial incarceration.

A Supervised Reentry Program would identify and address the parolee's negative behavior in an effort to eliminate, modify, or simply control the actions and thus prevent additional prison time. Not only would this benefit the parolee and his/her family, it would also benefit the State of Texas in hopefully reducing the recidivism of the offender.

From an early age, most Texans have been taught both self control and coping skills and have also been witness to positive role models from within our families and the community. For those who have not have been so fortunate, it is incumbent upon the State to establish those same guidelines for parolees and to see to it that these logical, pragmatic steps are followed.

These efforts should pay off both for the parolees, their families, and the State of Texas LWV-TX urges you to vote favorably on SB 1948. Thank you.