



June 2015 Update

LWVMA and Coalition Partners Help Bring Online Voter Registration to Massachusetts



MA Secretary of State William Galvin announces online voter registration.

On June 23, Massachusetts became the 21st state to implement online voter registration, bringing to fruition a reform that the League and its partners in the Election Modernization Coalition have worked toward for years. Online registration will remove a major impediment to voting, improve registration accuracy, and will likely result in cost savings for Massachusetts.

The launch of online voter registration is one of the first steps in implementing the Comprehensive Election Modernization Act, passed in 2014 by the Massachusetts legislature and championed by the Election Modernization Coalition. The law established online voter registration, early voting, pre-registration of teens, audits of election equipment and more. [Read the Coalition's press release here.](#)

The League Is Busy on Beacon Hill

Since the start of the new legislative session in January, members of LWVMA's Legislative Action Committee have been frequent visitors to the State House, presenting and submitting testimony on eight different bills--on topics ranging from the earned income tax credit to the state public records law to mandatory minimum sentences related to drug offenses.

The League will be back on Beacon Hill on July 21 to testify in support of the Pay Equity Bill that will help close the gap between men's and women's wages here in Massachusetts.

To find our 2015 Legislative and Advocacy Agenda, our list of supported/opposed legislation, and our testimony, [click here](#).

LWVMA Honors MA High School Students for Top Videos in 2015 Contest



Rep. Kate Hogan and Sen. Jamie Eldridge recognize the contest's top winners

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts celebrated the winners of its "There Oughta Be a Law" Student Video Contest at a State House award ceremony on June 8.

Applauded by friends, family, and teachers, the winning students -- from Maynard, Longmeadow, Newton, and Fall River -- received prizes from the League's Citizen Education Fund and official citations from state legislators representing the students' home districts. Senator Jamie Eldridge, who represents Maynard, addressed the students, encouraging them to remain actively engaged in civic life. [Read more...](#)

LWVMA Celebrates 95th Birthday with Massachusetts Transportation Secretary Pollack

On May 27, the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts celebrated its 95th anniversary--marking 95 years that the League has been at the forefront of *Making Democracy Work!*

We were honored that Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollack joined us for our birthday celebration on Sunday, May 3 to share her vision for the Commonwealth's transportation system.

And thank you to Governor Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito for [recognizing this important occasion](#) as well. [Read more...](#)



**Secretary of Transportation
Stephanie Pollack**

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