



## The Updated Bottle Bill Needs YOU!

The campaign to update the Massachusetts' Bottle Bill is going to the ballot! On August 7, LWVMA, in conjunction with members of the Coalition to Update the Mass Bottle Bill, submitted an initiative petition to the Office of the Attorney General. The [petition](#) closely follows a [bill](#) filed earlier this year by Rep. Hecht and Sen. Creem and co-signed by over 90 legislators, which expands the current deposit on single-serve beverage containers to non-carbonated beverages.

Updating the Bottle Bill is supported by the Governor, over 300 cities and towns across the Commonwealth and over 70% of the electorate. In spite of the extensive support and the proven success of the original Bottle Bill, the legislature has failed for over 10 years to pass this bill.

Once this petition is certified and prepared by the office of the Secretary of State, expected early in September, LWVMA has pledged to collect 10,000 of the 100,000 signatures needed by mid-November to ensure it is placed on the November 2014 ballot.

We need as many League members as possible to step up and join the effort in your cities and towns. The League collected signatures for the first Bottle Bill petition more than three decades ago, and we're back! LWVMA and local Leagues have been working hard preparing for this opportunity, and it is time for action. If you would like to take an active role, click [here](#) or email us at [updatedbottlebill@lwmma.org](mailto:updatedbottlebill@lwmma.org) with your name, local League, address, phone number, and email address.

A Steering Committee has been formed to organize and assist local Leagues in their efforts to meet and potentially exceed our commitment.

**Every year that we delay action, 1.5 BILLION containers litter our parks and our streets, or get trucked to our landfills-more than enough to overflow Fenway Park. It's time for this to end!**

*This message was sent to all LWVMA members.*



*LWVMA member Lynn Wolbarst (right) helps hold the sign outside the Attorney General's office where the petition was filed on Wednesday, August*