

League of Women Voters Massachusetts Leagues National Studies on Structure of Democracy *Money in Politics & Constitutional Amendment Process*

Materials and Information to Support Study Participation

- ✓ One-stop website (lwwma.org) including a Quick Link on right of page for “LWVUS Constitutional Amendment Study and Money in Politics Review and Update”
- ✓ Links to LWVUS websites; postings; materials
- ✓ Links to LWVUS webinar on the studies
- ✓ Recommended readings
- ✓ Sample newsletter articles and web postings
- ✓ Sample press releases
- ✓ Calendar of local League study-related forums, information sessions, and consensus meetings
- ✓ Steering Committee for coordination and support (lwwus.studies@lwwma.org)



The studies Steering Committee is composed of League members in Massachusetts Leagues interested in ensuring our Leagues participate in these two studies, to add our voices to the debate, and make sure MA Leagues are well-represented.

Leagues in MA and LWVMA were instrumental in raising the issue of money in politics at the national level at the three prior LWVUS Conventions, and now we have a chance to join others in the country and make our voices heard in true League fashion: through study and consensus.

The Constitutional Amendment Study will consider the process of amending the U.S. Constitution.
Consensus Report Deadline: December 1, 2015

The Money in Politics Review will update of the League’s position on campaign finance. The campaign finance position will be updated through a study and consensus process to consider: (1) the rights of individuals and organizations, under the First Amendment, to express their political views through independent expenditures and the finance of election campaign activities; and (2) how those rights, if any, should be protected and reconciled with the interests set out in the current position.

Consensus Report Deadline: February 1, 2016