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No New ID Requirements for April 5 Election

MADISON: The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund encourages all eligible citizens to vote in the April 5 election. **The League also reminds voters that current Wisconsin law does not require them to show identification before being allowed to vote.** Although the Legislature is considering bills that would require a state-issued voting ID, no new legislation has been passed to this effect.

“Voters have been calling our office and asking about ID requirements, but the fact is that the law has not been changed. To register to vote – which you can do at the poll on Election Day – you will need some documentation. But if you are already registered at your current address, you will not need an ID to vote,” said Andrea Kaminski, executive director of the League.

If you are not registered at your current address, you will need to re-register. Under current state law, voter registration requires that citizens show an identifying document, which may be a photo ID, to establish proof of residence. Detailed voter registration information can be found on the Government Accountability Board website at: <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/voters/registration-voting>

The April 5 election will have important local contests and a statewide Supreme Court race on the ballot. Some municipalities and districts will have an Appeals Court election, referendum questions and/or special elections. To check your voter registration status, polling place location and a sample ballot, use the GAB’s Voter Public Access website at <https://vpa.wi.gov/>. The League’s Supreme Court voter guide and other election information can be found on the League’s website at: <http://www.lwwwi.org/VotingElections.aspx>

“If there is anything we have learned in Wisconsin in the past few months, it is that elections matter. We need competent, responsive local government officials to deal with budget cutbacks fairly. We need an independent judiciary to interpret the law with openness and impartiality. The voters who turn out for this election will have a voice in how the difficult issues we are dealing with are played out,” Kaminski said.

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that promotes informed and active participation in government. Through member-led research, education and advocacy, the League works to improve public participation in the democratic process and to champion public policy goals that are beneficial to all. There are 16 local Leagues in Wisconsin. More information at www.lwwwi.org.

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