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LWV statement on Waukesha vote-counting problems

MADISON: The vote-counting problems in Waukesha County on April 3 demonstrate, once again, that the problems in Wisconsin elections most often stem from human error and mismanagement. Such problems have the potential to disenfranchise thousands of voters at a time.

Last year, some lawmakers justified the expenditure of millions of tax dollars to implement the unconstitutional voter ID law, based on anecdotes of “voter fraud.” In fact, despite extensive allegations and investigations, there have been no cases found in Wisconsin of voter impersonation – the only type of illegal voting an ID requirement could prevent. The League of Women Voters is proud to have challenged the ID law and will vigorously defend the injunction through the appeals process.

In Wisconsin we believe in fair elections administered by local officials. The League has long believed the best way to support our state’s tradition is to improve the training of local clerks, chief inspectors and poll workers.

The League of Women Voters of the United States has identified four steps for improving elections:

- Professionalize election management with uniform standards, training to the standards and accountability.
- Adopt a “service” focus that places the voter at the center of the election system. The voting process should be convenient, accessible and efficient.
- Establish a wide-ranging research and development effort to improve every aspect of elections and adapt to the ongoing process of change in election management.
- Increase funding to implement these improvements.

The best way to improve our elections is to commit the money it would have cost to implement an unneeded ID law to *positive* reform.

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