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## ELECTION ADMINISTRATION STUDY SCOPE

The study seems to divide itself into study and monitoring issues with several items falling into both categories. In some cases the monitoring issues can take the form of questionnaires for local Leagues to use in interviewing local clerks. The interview reports may develop into areas for study as well as building relationships with clerks (and possibly attracting members.)

### SCOPE

Based on current Voting Rights state and national positions, the study should address:

- A review of criteria for recommending any changes in our Wisconsin election system
- Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) including implementation and maintenance, database matching issues, voter access, special deputy registrar training and regulations. Primarily a monitoring item.
- Voting machine security and accuracy including requirements for pre- and post-election testing and audits and the physical security of voting machines. Study and monitoring.
- Poll worker training and recruitment – use LWVUS materials and the results of the LWVWI and LWV Appleton projects. Local League participation
- Funding of election administration, specifically of the new requirements imposed by HAVA and other reform legislation. Study.
- Expanded voting hours/early voting/mail-in voting/on-line voting including other state experiences and comparisons to WI system. Study
- Instant runoff voting – study with a particular eye to local implementation. Use LWV Minnesota and Arizona study materials.
- Poll watchers – just monitor enforcement of current regulations.

The committee took on assignments for most of these areas. It also felt that Electoral College vote distribution didn't need study since our current national position opposing the Electoral College would allow the legislative committee to act on any Wisconsin proposals.

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