

APPROVED LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 2017-2018

In the League of Women Voters, program planning is the process of generating study ideas at the grass roots level and results in one or more studies or actions to be adopted at a League convention or annual meeting.

The following program items were approved at the May 20, 2017, annual meeting:

SECURITY OF ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS IN COLLIN COUNTY

(Continuation of study adopted in May 2016 with a refined title, focus and scope as described below)

Focus: A study to examine how electronic voting systems work, the integrity of the system, and safeguards against tampering or altering vote-counting mechanisms.

Scope: Speak to Elections Administrator and the Ballot Board. Briefly describe how each voting system works and what security measures are taken. Some issues to consider for electronic voting:

- Who writes programs
- Background checks on staff
- Whether more than one person is involved in each step
- Independent testing of system
- Storage of system when not in use; integrity in transporting system
- Intrusion deterrent and detection

CURBSIDE VOTING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN COLLIN COUNTY

(New study)

Focus: A study of issues related to curbside voting for individuals with disabilities in Collin County.

Scope: Utilizing the mandates of the Americans with Disabilities Act and other federal laws, examine adherence throughout the polling centers in Collin County. The study will include assessments of the following:

- ADA compliant curbside parking spaces at each voting center
- Methods to notify the judges in the polling place that a voter needs curbside assistance
- The system for efficiently reporting and resolving issues encountered by curbside voters
- Poll workers' responsibilities and training to ensure effective curbside voting.