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CONSENSUS REPORT FORM FOR SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICT STUDY

LWV of Decatur

CONSENSUS DUE NOBEMBER 1, 1979

Return to LWV of Illinois
67 E. Madison St.
Chicago, IL 60603

1. Do you favor the present Illinois system of election of House members from multi-member districts with cumulative voting?

 Yes

 X No

Do you favor the election of House members from single-member districts?

 X Yes

 No small minority said "no"

Give reasons for your answers.

- 1- some members are very concerned about losing representation of all kinds of minorities
- 2- eliminate voter confusion
- 3- economics, reduce legislative costs
- 4- more in line with other states
- 5- more efficient legislature
- 6- increase voter communication with ~~with~~ elected officials
- 7- increase accountability

2. If you support election from single-member districts, is your support contingent upon a reduction in the size of the legislature?

 X Yes

 No large minority said "no"

Give reasons for your answers.

see attached sheet

2--The Decatur League strongly urges LWV work for reduction in size of legislature.

Comments

The Decatur league is very disappointed in the consensus questions. For some reason the state league must feel members must be lead where they are wanted to go. If there was one more question concerning the direction local leagues wanted to go , everything would have been much clearer.
for example-

- 1- Do you favor the present Illinois system of election of House members from multi-member districts with cumulative voting?
- 2- as stated
- 3-Do you favor election of House members from multi-member districts?
- 4- Do you support a reduction in the size of the legislature?

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THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN ILLINOIS--CLOSED OR OPEN

1. Should the closed primary election be retained in Illinois?
 - a) No: (1) doesn't protect individual privacy, (2) encourages intimidation, (3) discourages large numbers of people from voting perhaps.
 - b) No
 - c) No

2. If you prefer not to retain the closed primary election in Illinois, which alternative would you prefer?
 - a) Open Primary? Yes. (1) might hear more about platforms and issues, (2) retain strength for parties, (3) privacy, might get more people involved, (4) hopefully, get better qualified candidates
 - b) a minority is in favor of this only if financing problems of candidates can be solved.
 - c) None

THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN ILLINOIS -- CLOSED OR OPEN
CONSENSUS QUESTIONS

1. Should the closed primary election be retained in Illinois?
 - a) In its present form? Why?
 - b) With the addition of pre-primary election day party registration? Why?
 - c) with the addition of post-primary restrictions on party switching? Why?

2. If you prefer not to retain the closed primary election for Illinois, which alternative would you prefer?
 - a) Open Primary? Explain.
 - b) Blanket Primary? Explain.
 - c) Other? Specify.

PLEASE USE OTHER SIDE IF NECESSARY.

RETURN TO STATE OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 15, 1977.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - Attendance

Date January 12, 1976 Time 9:30 Place Westminster
Topic Primary Hostess Winnie Loewen

Members on program:

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|-------------------|----|----|
| 1. Melvid Pitzman | 4. | 7. |
| 2. Elaine Beals | 5. | 8. |
| 3. Shirley Moore | 6. | 9. |

Other members: (address only if changed)

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| 1. Mary Colverly | 13. Lola Smith |
| 2. Winnie Loewen | 14. |
| 3. Beth Oldwiler | 15. |
| 4. Chris Langer | 16. |
| 5. Kathy Sorensen | 17. |
| 6. Grand Muller | 18. |
| 7. Jimmy Farrar | 19. |
| 8. Helen Moon | 20. |
| 9. Laura Verbanac | 21. |
| 10. Karen Jensen | 22. |
| 11. Saul son | 23. |
| 12. Bart Olsen | 24. |

Guests:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Who or what interested you in LWV?</u>
1.	H.C. Gullette	2125 W Main	422-7371	M. Protzman
2.	C. Beck	Omaha, Nebr.		E. Beals
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6.				
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - Attendance

Date Jan 12, 1976 Time 7:30 Place West. Presbyt.
 Topic Election laws - primaries Hostess K. Jensen

Members on program:

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|------------------|----|----|
| 1. Shirley Moore | 4. | 7. |
| 2. Elaine Beals | 5. | 8. |
| 3. Karen Jensen | 6. | 9. |

Other members: (address only if changed)

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Jane White | 13. |
| 2. Elise Hurst | 14. |
| 3. Karen Jensen | 15. |
| 4. Judy Batson (joined in spot) | 16. |
| 5. | 17. |
| 6. | 18. |
| 7. | 19. |
| 8. | 20. |
| 9. | 21. |
| 10. | 22. |
| 11. | 23. |
| 12. | 24. |

Guests:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Who or what interested you in LWV?</u>
1.	Judy Batson	221 Delmar	922-8319	I am a transferred member - A friend
2.	Karen Gerber	1384 W. Riverview	423-7008	
3.				
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8.				
9.				

1.

(3) discourages large no. of people from voting perhaps
(2) encourages intimidation

- a. No — holds voters accountable to employers, et.
- b. No (1) doesn't protect individual privacy
might promote
- c. No

2. Which alternative

- 1. Open
 - (1) might hear more about platforms + issues
 - (2) retain strength for parties
 - (3) privacy, get more involved
 - (4) ^{hopefully} better qualified candidates

Vocal Minority

2. Blanket

Pro blanket, if we can only overcome financing problems

18 present

2 guests

Committee: 2

Jan. '76

disc. leader: Millie

Recorder: Karen

B. Membership. Ellen Cantoni reported two new members:

Barbara Brown (Executive Director)
IWCA, 436 North Main Street 62523

Dolores Walsh (Mrs. Thomas)
4767 Baker Woods Lane 62521

Members dropping: Arends, Back, Kivell, Forbes, Ivens, Linerick, McMillen, Stanhope, Tick, Tingle.

C. Units and Organization: Election Laws Committee Units are set for January 12 at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Chairwoman, Shirley Moore, will prepare material for the January Voter and the consensus questions will be included. Elaine Beals is the other member of the committee.

D. Publications: Margaret Campbell reported that she had received a new ERA booklet, In Pursuit of Equal Rights; an 89 pamphlet, Municipal Sludge; and Indian Country.

Program Committees

The school, UN and Energy Committees will schedule meetings for January. Dates will be published in the January Voter.

Karen Jensen reported that she had attended a meeting in Chicago with regard to the Court Watching mini-project. Decatur has been accepted, and we have an attorney volunteer who will serve as advisor. Volunteers are needed, and need not be League members. Richland College will participate. Karen will contact James Bottorf of the Millikin University Political Science Department and inform him of the project.

Hard Questions. Barb Brown read through the questionnaire from INW/ILL. The questions were discussed and answered by the board.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th, 9:30 a.m., Decatur Community Church. Call Barb Brown, 429-7439 IF UNABLE TO ATTEND.

Dee Moyerson
Secretary protem

a.m. meeting: 16 present, 2 guests

1.a. No: (1) doesn't protect individual privacy, (2) encourages intimidation, (3) discourages large no. of people of voting perhaps.

b. No

c. No

2. Which method:

Majority wanted:

Open: (1) might hear more about platforms and issues

(2) retain strenght for parties

a - (3) privacy, get more involved ~~hopefully~~

(4) ~~hopefully~~, get better qualified candidates

Blanket: Vocal minority wants this.

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"Pro blanket if we can only overcome financing of candidates problems."

a - no

p.m. meeting; 6 present, 1is guest, 3 committee already having voted, only 3 able to vote:

a. 1. a. Yes, say 2 people because: (1) keep it within party,
b. no (2) want party designation of candidates
c. no *Closed*

b ~~2.~~ *a.* Yes by 1 person, no by other two for BLANKET

a No votes for Open! 2 for CLOSED, 1 for BLANKET

recorder: Karen Jensen

1. 1 yes / no

a. 2 Present system, 1 blanket

b. No

c. No

why for blanket:

(a) Keep ^{it} ~~the~~ ^{wichin the party} ~~party~~ ^{people} ~~interested in party~~

(b) want party designation
of candidates

2.

freeness of voting for
whomever