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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

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ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

ARTICLE II

Purpose and Policy

Sec. 1. Purpose. The Purpose of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois, shall be to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Sec. 2. Policy. The League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois, may take action on local governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the Principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It shall not support or oppose any political party or candidates.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Sec. 1. How Composed. The Membership of the League of Women Voters of Decatur shall be composed of voting members and associate members. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership

- a) Voting members shall be women citizens of voting age.
- b) Associate members shall be all other members.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, six elected Directors and not more than six appointed Directors. Three of the elected Directors shall be elected by the general membership at each Annual Meeting and shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members shall appoint such additional Directors, not exceeding Six, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed Directors shall be one year and shall expire ~~at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting~~ *the first day of April.*

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless she is a voting member of the League of Women Voters of Decatur.

Sec. 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled, until the next Annual Meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any member without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

Sec. 4. Powers and Duties. The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the organization, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the Program as adopted by the national Convention, the state Convention and the Annual Meeting. The Board shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Meetings. There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The president may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board.

Sec. 5. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V Officers

Sec. 1. Enumeration and Election of Officers. The Officers of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois, shall be a President, a first Vice President, a second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of two years by the general membership at an Annual Meeting and take office immediately. The President, the First Vice President and the Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The second Vice President and the Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. *the first day of April*

Sec. 2. The President. The President shall preside at all Meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. She may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts and notes. She shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Sec. 3. The Vice President. The two Vice Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall, in the event of absence, disability or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office, until such time as the Board of Directors shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy. The Vice Presidents shall perform such other duties as the President and Board may designate.

Sec. 4. The Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of ~~all meetings~~ *the annual meeting + other business meetings of the League and all meetings* of the Board of Directors. ~~Appointed substitutes shall keep minutes of other meetings of the League.~~ The Secretary shall notify all Officers and Directors of their election. She shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to her office.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. She shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the Board. She shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting. The books shall be audited annually by an auditor approved by the Board.

ARTICLE VI Financial Administration

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois, shall commence on the first day of April each year.

Sec. 2. Dues. Annual dues of Five Dollars (5.00) shall be payable April first. Any member who fails to pay her dues within six months after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

Sec. 3. Budget. A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Sec. 4. Budget Committee. A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members *at least one month* before the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairman of the Budget Committee. *such*

ARTICLE VII Meetings

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least three meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held in March, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall

- a) adopt a local Program for the ensuing year
- b) elect officers and directors, members of the Nominating Committee
- c) adopt an adequate budget, and
- d) transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 3. Quorum. Twenty-two members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois.

ARTICLE VIII Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board, shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. The other members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors immediately following the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Suggestions for nominations for Officers and Directors may be sent to this Committee by any voting member.

Sec. 2. Report of Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for Officers, Directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members *at least* ~~one month~~ before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Sec. 3. Elections. The election shall be by ballot, provided that when there is but one nominee for each office, the secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot for every nominee. A majority of those qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IX
Program

Sec. 1. Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the national Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of Program.

Sec. 2. Program. The Program of the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois, shall consist of Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities as hereinafter defined.

- a) The Current Agenda shall consist of such current local governmental issues as the membership shall choose for concerted action
- b) The Continuing Responsibilities shall consist of those positions on local governmental issues to which the League of Women Voters of Decatur has given sustained attention and on which it may continue to act.

Sec. 3. The Annual Meeting shall act upon the Program using the following procedures:

- a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Program.
- b) The Proposed Program shall be sent to all members *at least one week* ~~one month~~ before the Annual Meeting.
- c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of Subjects in the Proposed Program as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.
- d) Recommendations for Program submitted by voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that : (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.
- e) Changes in the Program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that: (1) information concerning the proposed changes has been sent to all members at least two weeks prior to a general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed, and (2) final action by the membership is taken at a succeeding meeting.

Sec. 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X
National Convention, State Convention and Council

Sec. 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the national office shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted by League of Women Voters

of Decatur, Illinois, under the provisions of the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office shall select delegates to that Convention in the number allotted the League of Women Voters of Decatur, Illinois, under the provisions of the By-laws of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

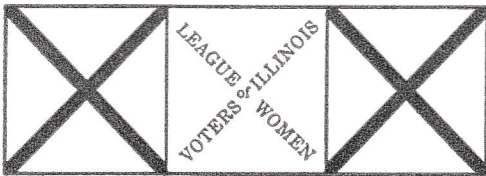
✓ Sec. 3. State Council. The President or her proxy shall be the delegate to the State Council, *under the provision of the by-laws of the League of Women Voters of Illinois*

ARTICLE XI Parliamentary Authority

Sec. 1. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws.

ARTICLE XII Amendments

✓ Sec. 1. Amendments. The By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one *week* month in advance of the meeting.



MRS. EZRA LEVIN

PRESIDENT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ILLINOIS • 67 EAST MADISON STREET • CHICAGO 3, ILLINOIS • CE 6-0315

February 6, 1964

Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst
2095 W. Sunset Avenue
Decatur, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Hurst:

Thank you for writing regarding your considered changes in bylaws. For convenience, I am going to number my answers according to the four paragraphs of your letter, beginning with Annual Meetings.

- 1) If you follow National's request, your fiscal year begins April 1. Technically, your annual meeting should take place before that time. (See further explanation under 4.) Standard Bylaws, copy of which I enclose, call for two dates between which the meeting should be held, the exact date to be determined by the Board. More and more, Leagues are holding their annual meetings in March with a bylaws provision reading "between March 15 and April 15" - thus giving some leeway.
- 2) It is acceptable to divide the annual meeting, having program adoption, bylaws and budget at one meeting and elections at a subsequent meeting, but the timing of the two meetings would be important. (See 4.)
- 3) The important rule to observe re Directors is that the number appointed does not exceed the number elected. At the last State Convention, State bylaws were amended to read seven elected and not more than seven appointed, thus giving us the opportunity of having a larger board and still keeping the numbers equal. In other words, starting in 1965, the State Board will have 6 officers plus 7 elected directors, with any number up to 7 directors appointed, thus making a possible board size of 20 instead of the 18 permitted by 6 elected and 6 appointed before the bylaws change. You could increase the possible size of your Board in the same manner. Remember, there is no obligation to appoint the maximum number if they are not needed. (See Local Leaders Handbook, page 7, Composition of the Board.)
- 4) Several Leagues have asked this same question. It has been pointed out by our Parliamentarian that stridly speaking it is illegal for officers and directors not to take office at the beginning of the fiscal year - in our case, April 1. According to "the book", terms expire at the end of the fiscal year and if newly elected persons do not take office immediately, the board would be functioning improperly. However, on the State Board, those going out of office continue to serve after the election if their portfolios require it. As an example, the Chairman of Legislation always is on the job until the end of the Legislative Session; likewise the Chairman of the State Item (or items). State CRs are often involved, too. There is an advantage to the new chairman in that it can help her to become oriented.

4) Continued.

Again, referring to the State Board, the newly elected officers and directors are introduced to the Convention as soon as the results of the election are known. But they do not necessarily have portfolio assignments at this time. So, technically they are installed and therefore have taken office - but their predecessors carry on until a smooth change-over has been made.

As for directors appointed by a president not yet elected, the pace of the world makes it necessary to line up people early before some other organization does. This is something not only every League, but every other organization faces. Although definite assignments cannot be made, it is generally known where one's talents lie, and the president-elect acts accordingly, in lining up her appointments.

This is a lengthy letter, but bylaws are important and most questions pertaining to them cannot be answered in a word or two. I just hope I have made myself clear, and have not confused you. Please don't hesitate to write if you need clarification or if you have further questions.

Cordially,



Mrs. Marshall B. Schwimmer
State Organization Chairman

P.S. Should you wish more copies of the Standard Bylaws, please order them from the National office.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Decatur, Illinois

January 22, 1963

League of Women Voters of Illinois
67 E. Madison Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

Dear Fellow Leaguers:

The Decatur League is considering some changes in our By-laws. Before going any further we would like to know if they are acceptable to the state and national Leagues.

Is there any specific month in which Annual Meetings should be held? With Candidates Meetings usually the end of March we feel it might be better for us to have our Annual Meeting in April instead of March. Does a specific month have to be mentioned in the By-laws or can the Board decide?

Must the new officers and directors take office right after being elected? We feel it would be better, much more orderly, less frustrating and more logical, for them to take office after the last meeting in May when it is known what the JAs at all levels will be. In order to take over ^{immediately} after being elected, directors are being appointed by President who hasn't been elected and who doesn't know what portfolios there will be until local agenda is selected at same meeting election takes place and will not know what state or national JAs will be until after convention.

Would it be acceptable to have election of officers and the selection of local agenda at separate meetings? From their bulletins we found that Champaign does it that way.

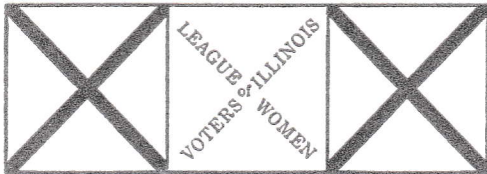
Would it be possible for us to have two more appointed Directors when necessary? Our By-laws now provide there be six elected directors and not more than six appointed directors. That would make eleven elected board members, counting the five officers, and eight appointed board members at times.

We appreciate your advising us on these changes. Do you know of other Leagues having By-laws similar to our proposed changes with whom we could correspond?

Thank you for your help.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst
Second Vice President
2095 W. Sunset Avenue
Decatur, Illinois



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February 6, 1963

Mrs. Thomas L. Hurst
League of Women Voters of Decatur
2095 West Sunset Avenue
Decatur, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Hurst:

We received your letter of January 22 regarding some proposed changes in your bylaws. I am referring your letter to Mrs. Marshall Schwimmer, state organization chairman.

In the meantime, however, you may be interested in seeing the bylaws of the Champaign County League which incorporates some of the changes you suggest. The president of the Champaign County League is Mrs. Nelson Leonard, 606 West Indiana, Urbana, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ezra Levin
President

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Transcribed in Mrs. Levin's absence

BY-LAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Revised April 1960

ARTICLE I

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Membership

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Sec. 2. Types of Membership.

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ARTICLE IV

Board of Directors

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection, and Term of Office. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League, four elected Directors, all members of the local League who are members of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of the United States or the League of Women Voters of Illinois, and chairmen of standing committees. One-half of the elected directors shall be elected by the general membership at the general meeting preceding the Annual Meeting, and shall serve for a term of 2 years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The elected members of the Board shall meet within ten days after the election to appoint such additional directors as are needed to provide chairmen of standing committees. The term of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the next Annual Meeting. Each elected director shall serve as a chairman of a standing committee.

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall consist of the officers of the League and may include the elected directors at the discretion of the President. The Executive Committee may invite two members of the League of Women Voters of Champaign County to serve as honorary Directors. These honorary Directors shall be chosen because of their long League service and understanding of League policies and procedures. They shall serve in an advisory capacity for one year, without portfolio and without vote.

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless she is a

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voting member of the League of Women Voters of Champaign County. No holder of a political office or candidate for a political office, either at the primaries or a regular election, shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of the resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or member may be filled, until the next election, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Three consecutive absences from a Board meeting of any member without a valid reason shall be deemed a resignation.

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Sec. 5. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. She shall be the custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same only upon order

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of the Board. She shall be bonded in the amount to be determined by the Board. She shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Financial Administration

Sec. 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Champaign County shall commence the first day of April in each year.

Sec. 2. Dues. Annual dues of \$5.00 for voting and associate members shall be payable April first. Any member who fails to pay her dues by December 1 of that year shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Dues for new members joining after February 1 shall be credited to the coming year.

Sec. 3. Budget. A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole. A copy of the proposed budget shall be sent to each member at least ten days before the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 4. Budget Committee. A budget committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairman of the Budget Committee.

Sec. 5. Auditing Committee. An auditing committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least one month before the Annual Meeting. This committee shall audit the books of the Treasurer and report to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Sec. 1. Membership Meetings. There shall be at least seven meetings of the General Membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting shall be held between April 1 and May 30, the exact date to be determined by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting shall

- (a) Adopt a Local Program for the ensuing year.
- (b) Adopt an adequate budget.
- (c) Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 3. Quorum. Ten per cent of the General Membership shall constitute a quorum at all general meetings of the League of Women Voters of Champaign County.

ARTICLE VIII

Nominations and Elections

Sec. 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and two members, who shall not be members of the Board during their term of office, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the general meeting preceding the Annual Meeting and shall serve for one year. The other two members of the Nominating Committee, who shall be members of the Board of Directors at the time of their appointments and during their term of office, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors not later than six months following

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the Annual Meeting and shall serve until they make their report at the general meeting preceding the Annual Meeting. Any vacancy on the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The chairman of the Nominating Committee, while not a member of the Board of Directors, shall be expected to attend board meetings as an observer. Suggestions for nominations for officers, directors, and members of the nominating committee may be sent to the Nominating Committee by any member.

Sec. 2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Nominations from the Floor. The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and the members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members at least ten days before the date of the general meeting preceding the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented at the general meeting preceding the Annual Meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

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Program

Sec. 1. Authorization. The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of the Program.

Sec. 2. Program. The Program consists of the local governmental measures and policies on which the League of Women Voters of Champaign County may take action. The Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities as hereinafter defined constitute the Program.

Sec. 3. Current Agenda. The Current Agenda shall be limited to such local governmental issues as the membership shall choose for action in the following manner:

(a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent in by the members one month prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Current Agenda.

(b) The Proposed Current Agenda shall be sent to all members ten days before the Annual Meeting.

(c) A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the Proposed Current Agenda as presented to the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.

(d) Recommendations for Current Agenda submitted by members one month prior to the Annual Meeting but not recommended by the Board of Directors may be considered by the Annual Meeting provided that: (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.

(e) Changes in the Current Agenda, in the case of altered conditions, may be made provided that: (1) information about each proposed change has been sent to all members at least ten days prior to the general membership meeting at which the change is to be discussed, and (2) it is approved at a

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succeeding meeting by two-thirds of the members voting on the item. At the discretion of the Board, signed, mailed ballots may be counted with those cast at the meeting.

Sec. 4. Continuing Responsibilities. Continuing Responsibilities shall be those positions on local governmental issues to which the League of Women Voters of Champaign County has given sustained attention, and on which it may continue to act.

(a) The Continuing Responsibilities may be amended by a majority vote of any Annual Meeting provided notice of the proposed changes shall have been sent by the Board of Directors to all members ten days before the Annual Meeting.

(b) The Annual Meeting may act upon any change proposed by a member if such change has been sent to the Board of Directors two months prior to the Annual Meeting but has not been recommended by the Board of Directors, provided that: (1) the Annual Meeting shall order consideration by a majority vote, and (2) the Annual Meeting shall adopt the item by a two-thirds vote.

(c) Every six years the Board shall review the Continuing Responsibilities and submit to the members its recommendations for keeping the Continuing Responsibilities current, using the regular procedure for amendment outlined in (a) and (b) of this section.

Sec. 5. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the proper Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

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Sec. 1. National Convention. The Board of Directors at least one month before the Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States shall elect delegates to that convention in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of Champaign County under the provisions of ARTICLE X, Sec. 4 of the By-Laws of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Sec. 2. State Convention. The Board of Directors at least one month preceding the state convention shall elect delegates to that convention in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of Champaign County under the provisions of the by-laws of the League of Women Voters of Illinois.

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Amendments

Sec. 1. Amendments. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least ten days in advance of the meeting.