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2016 LWVTN LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY ISSUES

ELECTIONS: SUPPORT FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

- Increase access to voting.
- Lessen the discriminatory effects of the Photo ID law and support its repeal.
- Support an independent redistricting process.

OPEN GOVERNMENT: ENSURE CITIZEN ACCESS

- Support open government through access to public records, open meetings, public notice by printed and electronic means, and general government transparency.
- Oppose fees for viewing public records.
- Support transparency and accountability of privatization through feasibility studies and follow up evaluations to ensure clear savings and comparable service.

RESPONSIBLE BUDGET: SUPPORT ADEQUATE FUNDING OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- Support safety net services, such as mental health, child protection, disability and food services.
- Support funding for state parks and all other state lands.
- Oppose privatization of core government services that ensure the common good or protect basic needs.

REVENUES: PROVIDE REVENUES FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Oppose reduction of revenue sources without replacing them with other sources of revenue.
- Support multi-source long term funding for maintenance and expansion of transportation including regional mass transit.
- Support vigorous collection of out-of-state sales and other taxes, improving equity for consumers and businesses.

EDUCATION: PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION

- Support policies that raise standards, improve achievement, meet needs of diverse learners, and preserve health and safety.
- Support funding for quality public education, including voluntary pre-kindergarten programs.
- Oppose public funding of for-profit charter schools or their management by for-profit companies.
- Oppose public funding of private school vouchers.

HEALTH CARE REFORM: IMPLEMENT FULLY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

- Support Insure Tennessee and other strategies to extend health coverage to Tennesseans in the gap.
- Facilitate timely enrollment of TennCare and ACA eligible populations.

ENVIRONMENT: SUPPORT FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE AIR, LAND, AND WATER QUALITY

- Restrict mining of natural resources that harms the human and natural environments.
- Restrict discharge of toxic substances into the air, land, or waters.
- Support development of infrastructure for renewable, sustainable energy.

JUDICIAL SELECTION: SUPPORT MERIT-BASED SELECTION AND RETENTION

- Support a process that includes a nonpartisan body of citizens and members of the bar in the selection and evaluation of appellate judges to ensure an independent, qualified appellate bench in Tennessee, free of undue partisanship and political influence.

IMMIGRATION: ENSURE THAT IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES ARE TREATED FAIRLY

- Support policy changes that allow Tennessee immigrant youth fair access to higher education.