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BILL STATUS REPORT

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This Bill Status Report lists all bills on which the LWVC has taken a position. Leagues are encouraged to take appropriate action on any of them.

**BILL NUMBER,
 AUTHOR,
 POSITION**

DESCRIPTION

ACTION SUMMARY/STATUS

HONORING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

ACR 40
 Lieber
 SUPPORT

Recognizes the origins and accomplishments of the League of Women Voters and memorializes the 85th anniversary of the League.

Bill is in print; has not been assigned to a committee.

HEALTH CARE

SB 840
 Kuehl
 SUPPORT

The California Health Insurance Reliability Act (CHIRA). Establishes the California Health Insurance System, administered by an elected commissioner, to provide comprehensive health care coverage to all California residents through a "single payer" system. Persons would choose their health care providers, who would be reimbursed for their services through a consolidated claims, financing, and administrative system. Requires the commissioner to seek waivers, agreements, etc., to merge various federal, state, and local health care funds into the system.

In Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee; hearing 4-6-05. Also referred to Senate Health Committee.

REPRODUCTIVE CHOICES

Initiative #1067
 OPPOSE

Amends the California Constitution to bar an unemancipated minor from having an abortion until 48 hours after the physician notifies the minor's parent or legal guardian, except in a medical emergency or with a parental waiver. Permits judicial waiver of notice based on clear and convincing evidence of the minor's maturity or the minor's best interests. Requires the physician to report abortions performed on minors and the state to compile statistics.

Petitions are being circulated; deadline for turning in signatures is 4-14-05.

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| <u>REDISTRICTING</u> | | |
| ACAX1 3 McCarthy SUPPORT IF AMENDED TO remove mid-decade redistricting | Amends the California Constitution to require that congressional, state senate, state assembly, and state Board of Equalization district lines be drawn by an independent panel of five retired state or federal judges. To the extent practicable, requires diversity in the pool of judges from which selection is made. Requires an open, transparent redistricting process and establishes prioritized criteria for district boundaries. Requires a mid-decade redistricting—i.e., new district lines would be drawn immediately on passage of the measure by the voters. | Referred to District Representation Committee; no hearing set. Also referred to Constitutional Amendments and Ways and Means Committees. |
| ACAX1 5 Canciamilla and Richman SUPPORT | Similar to SCA 3. | Bill is in print; has not been assigned to a committee. |
| SCA 3 Lowenthal SUPPORT | Amends the California Constitution to require that congressional, state senate, state assembly, and state Board of Equalization district lines be drawn by an independent redistricting commission of five members. Requires four commission members to be appointed by legislative leaders from a pool and a fifth, the chair, to be appointed by the other members. Requires an open, transparent redistricting process and establishes prioritized criteria for district boundaries. | Bill is in print. Referred to Senate Rules Committee for assignment. |
| <u>STATE AND LOCAL FINANCES</u> | | |
| AB 6 Chan SUPPORT | Reinstates the top state personal income tax rates of 10 percent and 11 percent for tax years 2005 through 2009, at inflation-adjusted taxable income levels corresponding to those in effect from 1991 through 1995. | On Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee suspense file. |
| AB 168 Ridley-Thomas SUPPORT | Establishes the California Tax Expenditure Accountability Act. Requires the Department of Finance (DOF) to submit an annual report of estimated losses in excess of \$10 million attributable to tax expenditures, based on a dynamic revenue analysis and on reports provided by the Franchise Tax Board and State Board of Equalization. Requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to make annual recommendations to the legislature as to which tax expenditures should be modified or repealed. | Passed by Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee (5-2). In Assembly Appropriations Committee. |

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VOTING RIGHTS

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| AB 43 Vargas SUPPORT | Requires that a vote for a write-in candidate be counted if the intent of the voter can be determined, even if a voting space ("bubble") provided next to the write-in space has not been marked. Amended to apply only in recounts. | Passed by Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee with amendments (4-1). In Assembly Appropriations Committee. |
| AB 821 Ridley-Thomas SUPPORT | Requires county elections officials to compile a list of inmates not yet convicted (awaiting trial), inmates serving a sentence for traffic offenses or misdemeanors, and persons who have completed a sentence for a felony conviction (and are no longer on parole). The list is to be used for notifying those persons of their right to vote, by providing them a voter registration card and a "Guide to Inmate Voting." | Referred to Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee; no hearing set. |

Note: Bills introduced in the 2005-06 First Extraordinary Session are identified by the presence of "X1" in the bill number, as for example ACAX1 3.