

NH Voter, the newsletter of the League of Women Voters NH -- September 2018 edition

Again, please forgive the informality of this brief NHVoter. With the primary coming up on Tuesday, we want to be sure that our members have details on several things, and they should feel free to share this with others.

Please tell family & friends who are not yet registered that they may do so at the polling place on Tuesday. New registrants should bring the best paperwork they can gather to prove identity, age, citizenship, and where they live. Anyone lacking documents for this will still be allowed to register and vote. They will need to sign statements on the registration form, and if they have documents at home showing where they live they will be asked to return copies to the town clerk in the next few weeks. But no one who is eligible to vote in your town can be denied the right to register and vote!

All voters should bring a photo ID if possible, to speed up the process. If you don't have one with you, you will still be able to vote after signing an affidavit.

This is a party primary, so you may only vote in the party you belong to. If you are "undeclared" you will choose a party at the polling place. To return to "undeclared" you may fill out a form right after voting. Look for the "supervisors of the checklist" table.

Voting procedure has been much on the mind of League members as we sat in Superior Court for the past 9 days. Our suit against the state over the "verifiable action of domicile" provisions under the 2017 Senate Bill 3 has been heard by Judge Kenneth Brown. A verdict on our plea for a preliminary injunction will probably be issued Sept. 24. See the NHPR report on the court proceedings, covered by Casey McDermott of NHPR. Not fully updated yet, but I'm sure Casey will get to it.

<http://www.nhpr.org/post/updated-story-inside-hearing-controversial-nh-voting-law-sb3#stream/0>

When you go to vote, and especially if you are a poll worker or observer, please keep your eyes open for any issues arising from the SB3 process. League would love to hear about them! Just email Liz at LWVNewHampshire@gmail.com to set up a phone conversation to get the details. We hope all will work smoothly--everyone wants a good election! But if there are issues, we need to know.

On another note: thank you to all our members who **renewed their membership** already. If you joined before Jan. 2018, you should have received a renewal notice via USMail. Dig thru your pile and send in your form with dues to continue your membership. We appreciate it!

Last item for now--an **invitation to an exciting event planned by Open Democracy**. (LWVNH was a founding member of the Open Democracy Coalition 8 or 10 years ago, sharing our concerns for campaign finance reform.) Here are some details and links to register and buy tickets:

An **Evening with Sam Waterston** – and a conversation with Harvard Law Professor **Lawrence Lessig** – plus audience Q&A – **Tuesday, September 18th** at 6:00 pm at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. **Campaign Finance Reform** is the topic, and the time to take action on this is now! Come learn more from two passionate advocates for reform.

If you are planning to come but haven't gotten your tickets yet, please take a minute to buy them online at <https://www.opendemocracynh.org/sam>