NH Voter, the newsletter from the League of Women Voters NH October 2024

Just in case you missed our last special email: Be aware that the newly passed

voter registration law, requiring photo IDs and paper proof of citizenship and

where you live in order to register, will NOT be in effect for the Nov. 5 election.

Town clerks will ask registrants to prove ID, Age, "Domicile" and Citizenship, but we
know life happens. We don't all have such documents at our fingertips. Therefore...

If you know someone who is registering to vote for the first time in NH, suggest
they bring those documents. But if they don't have a birth certificate or passport
available, for example, to prove citizenship, legally they will still be able to register by
signing an affidavit. Should someone get pushback and be denied registration, they
should immediately phone the NH Attorney General at 603-271-3658.

And if you are someone who traditionally does not carry a photo ID when you go to
vote, you will have to rethink that for future elections. Visit our website for more details.

Look for a press release shortly about the lawsuit opposing the loss of affidavits to prove eligiblity, in which the League of Women Voters NH and the LWV-US are plaintiffs, among others.

Presidential election news:

https://lwvnh.org/issues-actions/

Reminder that the vice-presidential candidates will debate on Tuesday evening, 9 pm, aired on CBS (and probably other stations and websites will carry it too). For NH debates and candidate forums, check the League's "candidate forums" website frequently. We update the list when we hear of new debates and forums. In the next few weeks, look for League-hosted events in Peterborough, Laconia, Atkinson, Plaistow, Sandown, and Meredith, among others. *NOTE*: we never post single-party candidate events.

Polling place observers needed for Nov. 5:

We need your help to ensure the upcoming General Election is free, fair, and accessible for everyone. You can make a real difference by observing the process to ensure

everything runs smoothly. It's an easy way to get involved, protect democracy, and have a meaningful impact!

In a time when false narratives are circulating about election safety and integrity, your role as a poll observer is more vital than ever. You can be stationed inside the polls, watching for issues like voter suppression, inconsistent rules, or voter disenfranchisement. By being there, you'll help reassure voters concerned about election integrity.

Through our trainings, you'll learn how to identify and report issues such as voter intimidation, incorrect rules, and other situations that lead to disenfranchising voters. You'll learn everything you need to know, including how to report what you're seeing directly to our team.

Become a Poll Observer!

We are looking for nonpartisan poll observers to be our eyes and ears on the ground during the General Election. Are you interested? If so:

1. **Fill out this <u>form</u> to let us know!** (This is a google docs form. If you can't access it, email or phone Sarah Choinard to volunteer. Her contact info is at the end of this message.)

Next Steps:

2. Join Any One of Our Upcoming Training Sessions:

We have multiple training sessions coming up to prepare you for your role. Pick the one that works best for you. *These are zoom registrations*.

- October 2, 2024, 6:00 PM 7:30 PM
 Register here
- October 9, 2024, 6:00 PM 7:30 PM
 Register here
- October 20, 2024, 4:00 PM 5:30 PM
 Register here

- October 23, 2024, 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
 Register here
- October 27, 2024, 11:00 AM 12:30 PM
 Register here
- November 2, 2024, 12:00 PM 1:30 PM
 Register here

Your participation is vital, and completing this <u>quick form</u> to confirm your interest and availability is an important first step! We look forward to having you as part of our team, making sure the election process is safe and fair for all voters.

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Coming next month, when the election is in the rear view mirror:

Members' news; League studies; a look ahead to the 2025 legislative session.

Long-time League members: Maybe you remember the bumper stickers we used to hand out.

They're still good advice:

Take A Friend To Vote!