

## **LWVWV LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2021**

The League of Women Voters of West Virginia has adopted the following issues as its legislative priorities for the 2021 session of the WV Legislature.

### ***The League of Women Voters of West Virginia:***

- ***Supports reforms of the West Virginia tax system that are broadly based, rely on diverse revenue sources, provide adequate, stable yield sufficient to provide essential services, and treat taxpayers fairly.***
- ***Supports measures that ensure health care for all West Virginians in light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, including maintaining expanded Medicaid coverage, providing subsidies for those who cannot afford coverage under the ACA, ensuring coverage for pre-existing conditions, and addressing the disparity in health care availability and outcomes faced by Black West Virginians and other minority communities.***
- ***Supports measures that will continue to expand reliable broadband service to all parts of the state to increase educational and business opportunities in underserved areas.***
- ***Supports measures to eliminate discrimination and to ensure equality of opportunity for education, employment, and housing for all West Virginians regardless of their race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability.***
- ***Supports measures that modernize the elections process, allow more efficient procedures for election officials, and give voters easier access to voting such as making permanent the expanded voting options that were available during the pandemic in 2020.***
- ***Supports measures for redistricting for representatives to the US House of Representatives and the WV Legislature on a nonpartisan basis that allow West Virginia voters to choose their officials rather than officials to choose their voters.***
- ***Supports updating water quality standards to strengthen protections for human health, as well as measures that will give more West Virginians access to water service that meets these standards.***

The League of Women Voters of West Virginia urges the Legislature to work with the Governor to delegate Cares Acts funds to addressing housing insecurity and utility assistance for West Virginians who face loss of their homes due to the economic effects of the Covid 19 pandemic.