

## **CONCURRENCE POLICY**

### **Definition**

Agreeing with or concurring with a position. The LWVWV may concur with:

- \* the recommendation statement of a resource committee,
- \* decision statements formulated by League boards,
- \* positions reached by another League or Leagues.

### **Uses of Concurrence**

The LWVWV may handle studies by concurrence when:

1. A local League, through the established program-making process, recommends state concurrence with a local position.
2. The State Board determines that the study item is very short, clear, and/or limited in scope.
3. The study involves updating of existing positions.
4. The State Board determines it has received insufficient local League response to a particular consensus study. It may then compile a consensus statement based upon responses received and offer Leagues which did not participate, an opportunity to concur with that statement.

### **Procedure**

For a study handled by concurrence, a state resource committee should be formed. A workable method is to present all pertinent background information in a typed 2-3 page article, concluding with the concurrence statement. The committee should: (a) prepare a sample article, including pros & cons, history, fact sheets, and any pertinent laws; and (b) develop a suggested concurrence position statement.

The State Board will review and approve the article and concurrence statements before they are presented to local Leagues. Local Leagues will receive background material prepared by the resource committee and will present the material as they choose.

### **Determination of Concurrence**

The State Board will determine whether concurrence has occurred using as its guideline: participation by at least a majority of the Leagues. If fewer than a majority of Leagues participate, the State Board will decide whether it is possible to obtain the necessary numbers for a valid concurrence by other means. Concurrence is reached if a majority of the participating Leagues and members support the concurrence statement.