



CAPITOL Action Report

*Empowering all Texans to engage
in a more responsible and responsive democracy*

Texas Actions for the Week!

Things are happening so fast! With our new One Click Politics, we can react quickly to whatever the daily crisis is at the Capitol. Stay alert and take ACTION! **Check in with the [League's FB page](#)** daily for current actions.

1. Women's Health

LWVTEXAS.ORG



Take action to Oppose SB 8 today!

Oppose SB 8

Patients should make their own decisions about medical care

SB 8 not only bans the donation of fetal tissue for research but also forces women to bury or cremate embryonic and fetal tissue.

Click below to email your representative:

[Take Action Now!](#)

2. Public Education

Oppose the CSHB 21 voucher amendment!

While HB 21- as passed in the House - takes a step in the right direction to address the persistent flaws of the Texas public school funding system, the Senate's amendment would take taxpayer dollars from public

education to fund private schools. [Read the Texas Tribune article.](#)



EMAIL OR CALL YOUR
SENATOR & HOUSE
REPRESENTATIVE TODAY!



OPPOSE THE
CSHB 21
VOUCHER
AMENDMENT

Take Action Now!

3. Immigration

Oppose Immigration Centers Being Licensed as Day Care Centers!

There has been no action on SB 1018 - it's still in committee. Act now!

This move allows the state to detain immigrant & refugee women and children indefinitely.

Take Action Now!



OPPOSE
Licensing Detention
Centers as Day Cares!

Social Media Action

You can download or copy the images above to share on Facebook.

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News from The Capitol

By Grace Chimene, Vice President

Many bills are dead and cannot be revived without being added on as an amendment to another bill. Dead bills are ones that did not get heard and voted out of the House committee into the House Calendar committee, heard in the House and voted to be passed on to the Senate.

Do not drop your guard! Zombie bills come back to life as amendments.

For example, a Senate committee attached a voucher amendment onto the school finance bill, HB 21. Now we are fighting Vouchers again instead of fixing school finance. [Read more](#). They were fighting over HB 21 on Friday. Check with the Texas Tribune for up to the minute news!

We hope good bills have a second chance at life as amendments, too.

Descriptions of House bills that died in committee... "languished in committee" according to **Elaine Talarski** ([Drug Issues](#)). **Marlene Lobberecht**, ([Early Childhood](#)), lists them as "Bills opposed and expired".



News!

What no straight party ballot? PS The League of Women Voters does not have a position on straight party voting. [Read the Texas Tribune article](#).

Good News!

Child Abuse: Child Welfare Senate Bill 11 passed! [Read more](#)

Bad news!

How to suppress the vote? Ari Berman did a great interview on NPR's Fresh Air yesterday. He spoke about the Election Integrity Commission, as well as the proof of citizenship requirement in Kansas and the impact it has had on LWV work. [Listen online now](#).

How does Texas already suppress the vote? Don't educate voters about Voter IDs! Read about problems created by the poor roll out of the new photo ID rules for the 2016 election: "[No way to run an election](#)"

More Bad News!

Why Texas may use the most ridiculous reason to call a special session? PS it has to do with potties and state control of county taxes. [Read more](#)

League Issues

House bills were flying around last week. Many we supported and opposed died last Thursday. Please allow the Issue Chairs time to update their pages.

[Voter Rights and Election Laws in Texas](#)

[Women's Health and Reproductive Choice](#)

[Public Education](#)

[LWV-TX Advocacy webpage with other League issues.](#)

Hey, Texas Political Nerds!



The Texas Tribune is offering League members a special discount for the Texas Tribune Festival, September 22-24!

Regular ticket is \$300. Right now it is only \$200 for League members if you register by 9/5/17. Then the discounted ticket is \$250 until the Festival.

Click on the image above to register.

A true Political Nerd would read this! [How a bill become a law by the House Research Organization](#)

Political nerds who love money should read this: [Writing the State Budget](#)

Watch and share our weekly LWV-TX: [One Minute Capitol Action YouTube videos!](#)

How do I watch all the drama at the Capitol? [The House live broadcasts](#) & [Senate live broadcasts](#).

Where can I read about all the political drama? [Texas Tribune](#) or the [Texas Standard](#).

Capitol Calendar

June 2 - **National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

- Austin, Saturday June 3rd at [Scholz Garten](#) at 11:30am.
- Dallas, Saturday June 3rd at [The Lot Eatery](#) at 10am.
- Houston, Saturday June 3rd at [Levy Park](#) at 10am.
- San Antonio, Saturday June 3rd at [The Pearl Brewery Amphitheater](#) at 6pm.
- New Braunfels, Saturday June 3rd at the [Downtown Plaza](#) at 10am.
- Fort Worth, Saturday June 3rd at [Tommy's Hamburgers](#) at 3pm.

June 11 - **LGBTQ March**

June 28 - **7th Annual Stonewall Celebration and Rally**

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