



# CAPITOL Action Report

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

## *Take Action!*



We worked on this Capitol Action Report on Friday, 5/26 - lots will have happened at the Texas Legislature over the weekend.

Check the [League's FB page](#) for current news.

If you have not sent a letter to thank our Representatives who stood firm against the Voucher Bill and Voucher Amendment, **do it NOW!**

The last day of the Legislative Session is today!

Congratulations to all our members, supporters and to the hard working elected officials and their staff! Enjoy the summer!

## **Public Education**

**Let's all thank our representatives for opposing vouchers and supporting Texas Public Schools.**

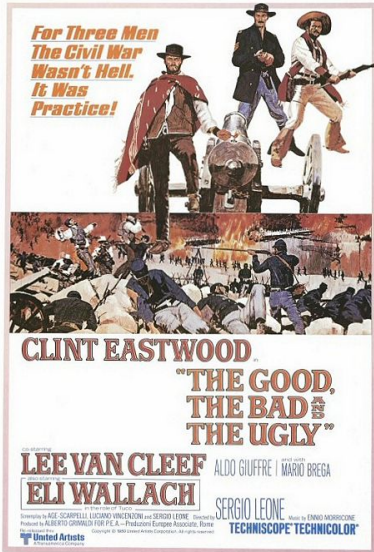
101 heroic House Representatives voted to oppose the voucher amendment. Help the League of Women Voters of Texas say thank you!



Take Action Now!

## News from The Capitol

By Grace Chimene, Vice President



### **The Good The Bad and The Ugly at the Capitol.**

School finance is one of the fundamental jobs of the Texas legislature. [Watch Rep. Huberty](#) talk about all the hard work that went into HB 21. The goal was to provide more for all Texas students. This video provides an excellent history of funding public education in Texas. The Senate version contained NO method of finance and attached a voucher amendment that removed money from public schools to provide revenue for private, religious and home schoolers. The House, which has been clear all session that it would not steer any tax dollars to private schools, voted against the voucher amendment. The Senate refused to join a

conference committee and the Public School Finance bill died. Our Texas children are the losers in this battle.

### **News!**

Who is hoping for a nice vacation instead of a special session? We hope Governor Abbott. We're sure most representatives and senators are hoping for a nice relaxing vacation. Apparently not all! Some are talking about a special session covering redistricting [Read more](#) Others still have "potties" on their minds. Guess who! [Read more](#)

### **Good News!**

Why are voting advocates happy with the supreme court? PS it has to do with redistricting. [Read more](#) Listen to the LWVUS discuss redistricting [Listen here](#)

### **More Good News!**

Why do 101 House Representatives deserve a Texas Public School Hero Award? Last Wednesday House Representatives voted overwhelmingly to oppose the Senate voucher amendment attached to the HB 21 Public School Finance (Huberty) and support Texas Public Schools. [Read more](#)

### **Bad news!**

Why are parents of children with disabilities upset with the Texas Legislature? It has to do with the money removed last session from early childhood intervention and therapy services. [Read more](#)

### **More Bad News!**

How does the [HB 5 Voter ID law](#) suppress voting for minorities and poor Texans? The LWV-TX president Elaine Wiant explains. [Read more](#)

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## *Texas League Issues*

League Issue Chairs are busy determining which bills are dead and which will head off to the Governor! We will have more information in June! Check out the [LWV-TX Advocacy webpage](#) for information on issues that you are following.

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## *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 or here register.](#)

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

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## *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, Sat., 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 6 [Generation Justice Launch Party](#) for the [Texas Civil Rights Project](#)

June 11 - [LGBTQ March](#)

June 28 - [7th Annual Stonewall Celebration and Rally](#).

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