

Voting Resolution Adopted at the June 2006 League of Women Voters U.S. Convention

Whereas: Some LWVs¹ have had difficulty applying the SARA Resolution (Secure, Accurate, Recountable and Accessible) passed at the last Convention, and

Whereas: Paperless electronic voting systems are not inherently secure, can malfunction, and do not provide a recountable audit trail,

Therefore be it resolved that:

The position on the Citizens' Right to Vote be interpreted to affirm that The League of Women Voters of the United States supports only voting systems that are designed so that:

1. they employ a voter-verifiable paper ballot or other paper record, said paper being the official record of the voter's intent; and
2. the voter can verify, either by eye or with the aid of suitable devices for those who have impaired vision, that the paper ballot/record accurately reflects his or her intent; and
3. such verification takes place while the voter is still in the process of voting; and
4. the paper ballot/record is used for audits and recounts; and
5. the vote totals can be verified by an independent hand count of the paper ballot/record; and
6. routine audits of the paper ballot/record in randomly selected precincts can be conducted in every election, and the results published by the jurisdiction.

Motion #555, by LWV of Minnesota.

Motion APPROVED by Card Vote: Yes 439, No 269, Illegal 4.

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¹ Explanatory footnote: "LWVs" is a common abbreviation for the state and local units of the League. "LWVUS" is the League of Women Voters of the United States.