

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WESTPORT
PROPOSED 2007 BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Complete text of changes is available on our website at lwvwestportct.org and will be available at Annual Meeting. Please contact either Eileen or Laura for a hard copy of the proposed changes if you do not have internet access.

The proposed revised bylaws make the following changes:

Article II: The first three articles of our bylaws must be consistent with National's bylaws. The proposed changes to Article II make our bylaws consistent by removing the reference to "citizen" participation. A few non-substantive clarifying changes are also proposed.

Article III: To conform this Article to National's, this Article is changed by removing the residency requirement for membership and changing the designation of 50-year life members to "honorary" life members. They remain full voting members.

Article IV: This Article is changed to eliminate the requirement that the board appoint at least 3 additional directors, and therefore gives the board the flexibility to appoint fewer directors. In recent years, having Co-Presidents and Co-Vice Presidents has increased the size of the board and may eliminate the desirability of increasing the size beyond the officers and the three elected directors. For consistency, the proposal also specifies in 1.A. that there shall be "at least" three elected Directors, which is already stated in 1.B. of this Article. This Article is also changed to update the bylaws to expressly permit the League to have Co-Presidents and Co-Vice Presidents with alternating two-year terms, which has been the practice for several years.

Article V: This article carries over the same changes described above under Article IV.

Article VII: This Article retains the requirement that members at Annual Meeting adopt a budget, but removes the vague requirement that such budget be "adequate." The Article is changed to reduce the quorum requirement for Annual Meetings to 20% from 25% and to clarify the name of the membership meetings.

Article IX: This Article is rewritten to state that our Action Committee determines priorities for League action, taking into account input by League members expressed at Annual Meeting in adopting program, and expressed at Local Program Planning meetings, Board of Director meetings and Action Committee meetings. It also clarifies what is meant by the "study" portion of program and clarifies the procedure for adopting and changing program. A few non-substantive typos and clarifying changes are also made.