



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Action Alert from LWVNC for July 10, 2009

Democracy NC, a coalition partner of LWVNC, has sent this call to action.



Democracy North Carolina

Fulfilling the Promise of One Person, One Vote

Please Contact Your State Reps in Support of VOE!

Dear Advocate,

Exciting developments in the General Assembly this week mean we now have a great opportunity to expand Voted-Owned Elections for Council of State offices. Unfortunately, right-wing conservatives are flooding legislators with emails against Voter-Owned Elections.

We must win this fight, not with well-paid lobbyists and slick ads, but with grassroots supporters like *you* and lots of hard work. That's how we won before and it's why we need your help now!

Even if you have never acted on an Action Alert before, we need you to let lawmakers know that the people of North Carolina want better government through Voter-Owned Elections.

[Please click here to TAKE ACTION NOW.](#)

Our House and Senate allies agreed this week to focus on passing S-966, "Expand Voter-Owned Elections for Council of State." But top leaders and *your* legislators need to know you want this bill to pass.

We must stop special-interest control of government. Right now, candidates who lead regulatory agencies (like the state Treasurer and Commissioner of Labor) get most of their campaign money from the very businesses their agencies contract with or regulate. That's like a baseball umpire having his

salary paid by pitchers and catchers. Plus it leads to insider deals and corruption that harms you.

Voter-Owned Elections gives candidates an alternative: They can qualify for public campaign financing by first collecting lots of small donations from registered voters. VOE is working now for the Insurance Commissioner and two other Council of State offices, as well as for state judges. We must expand the program.

Our proposal DOES NOT RAISE TAXES and does not depend on money from the General Fund. The VOE public fund is financed by a small fee on the regulated businesses -- basically, a user fee to enhance the integrity of the relevant state agency.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION NOW to send a message to your legislators and Senate leaders. **Let them know that Voter-Owned Elections provide a path to good government and are supported by their constituents!**

Sincerely,

Your Democracy North Carolina Team

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