



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update for January 30, 2009

The 2009-2010 session of the North Carolina General Assembly convened on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Given that the Constitution of the State of North Carolina provides that the General Assembly will convene every other year, the odd year sessions are considered to be the “Regular Sessions.” In a Regular Session of the Assembly, a majority of all members must be present in the Senate and the House. Each body meets in their respective chambers on Monday evenings and during the day on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The members return to their homes and are available to their constituents during the weekend. Also during the week, committee meetings are held. There will be a dozen or more committees for each body and every legislator will serve on several committees. These committees are extremely important as every bill that is introduced will be studied by at least one committee in the House and in the Senate. This Regular Session is set to be very active and interesting for all parties involved.

The League of Women Voters of North Carolina will have four focuses during this Regular Session of the Assembly. They are:

1. Campaign and Election Reform
2. Access to Government
3. Environment
4. Tax & Budget Fairness

The League will be sending legislative updates and calls to action during the 2009-2010 Session. This is the first update of the session.

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