



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update for April 11, 2009

►► ***From Democracy NC we have the following announcements:***

Action Alert: Support Fair Elections for Congressional Races

Please contact your U.S. House Representative and ask him or her to co-sponsor HR-1826.

While Democracy NC focuses on expanding public campaign financing options here in North Carolina, there is currently a unique opportunity to advocate for change at the federal level.

North Carolina's own Congressman Walter Jones (R-District 3) is a lead co-sponsor on the U.S. House of Representative bill HR-1826 to provide Congressional public financing options. We need other members of the U.S. Congress to help carry the torch, as well.

Please send a quick e-mail to your Congressman or Congresswoman asking him or her to sign on as a co-sponsor of HR-1826. It only takes two minutes and all the info you need is provided. You can start the process by copying and pasting this link in your Internet browser.

<http://capwiz.com/democracync/issues/alert/?alertid=1311141&type=CO>

Good News on the Local Front:

HB 120 passed an initial vote in the N.C. House on Wednesday, April 8th on a 60-52 vote.

HB-120 would authorize municipal governments to create a local public financing program for their town elections.

Lobby Day Save The Date: June 17th!

On Wednesday, June 17th, Democracy North Carolina and North Carolina Voters for Clean Elections will sponsor a 2009 Lobby Day at the General Assembly in Raleigh. Join us to meet members of both houses and to discuss fair elections and more. Time and other details to follow.

►► ***From LWVNC:***

The N.C. Senate passed a state budget on Wednesday, April 8th that doesn't say where \$500 million in revenue would come from, would add 2 students to the average public school classroom and would lay off 700 state employees.

Senators approved the \$20 billion spending plan and significant changes are expected in the House.

For additional information on The League of Women Voters of North Carolina and our policies and partners, please visit www.lwvnc.org.

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