

The League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund imPACT e-newsletter.

The purpose of these monthly emails is to provide League members and our partners with information on the most pressing reform issues affecting Ohioans today.

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What An imPACT We've Had Over The Past Year!

Throughout 2009 and thus far in 2010, the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund has provided you with information on the Five imPACT Topics: Accountability, Campaign Finance, Election Reform, Judicial Impartiality, Fairness and Redistricting.

Through your dedicated response and support, we made progress on those issues throughout the year.

Accountability

In the area of accountability, LWVOEF has continued its partnership with civic engagement groups to promote awareness and improvement of Ohio's open records process through Town Hall Meetings and community meetings.

Campaign Finance

Through the imPACT website, we provide information regarding the need for campaign finance reform as well as the distribution on information regarding the influence of money in politics.

Election Administration

LWVOEF began the process of monitoring compliance with the terms of the historic Lawsuit Settlement Agreement on Election Administration. Beginning in November 2009, Local Leagues conducted interviews with 22 County Boards of Elections (BOEs) to monitor compliance with the terms of the lawsuit settlement agreement. Results indicate that County BOEs are generally complying with the terms of the agreement. LWVOEF will continue to develop and implement the monitoring plan to continue election system improvements that will help eligible voters to vote and have their votes counted.

Judicial Impartiality and Fairness

Through the generous support of the Joyce Foundation, we organized *A Forum on Judicial Selection: A Time for Action*, which was held in November 2009. This brought together key stakeholders from the political, business, legal and good government arenas to address judicial selection of Supreme Court justices in Ohio. The LWVOEF is working with stakeholders to develop a Judicial Selection and Retention Election Process that will allow voters to make better informed choices about judges.

Redistricting

LWVOEF successfully partnered with Ohio Citizen Action and the Ohio Secretary of State to implement the Ohio Redistricting Contest. The contest demonstrated ways in which Ohio could improve its redistricting process to draw legislative districts that would be more representative of its citizens.

LWVOEF was invited by legislative decision makers to provide information and participate in policy discussions regarding a redesign of the state apportionment board. Several of the recommendations of LWVOEF have been incorporated into two pieces of legislation currently under consideration by the Ohio General Assembly.

Go to the [In The News](#) area (or paste <http://www.lwvohio.org/site.cfm/In-the-News.cfm> into your browser) of the League website to view a collection of news articles that demonstrate the work on the League on these topics.

Sometimes we need to be reminded that WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE and on behalf of the Trustees of the League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund, thank you for making an imPACT.