

## **League of Women Voters Takes Position Against Voter ID in Wyoming**

CASPER – The League of Women Voters of Wyoming approved a resolution opposing any requirement for voters to present birth certificate or photo ID at the polls in order to cast their votes, characterizing such legislation as “an expensive solution in search of a problem.”

Delegates to the LWV state convention in Casper voted on Sunday to approve the “Preservation of Voters’ Rights,” brought to the convention by the Casper League. Delegates represented the state board and the local Leagues in Casper, Cheyenne, Laramie and Campbell County.

The resolution cites the lack of substantiated incidents where someone impersonated a registered voter at the polls, while the requirement to acquire the supporting documentation for a photo ID imposes a cost and hardship on registered voters who do not normally require a birth certificate or photo ID in their daily lives.

State and federal election laws require a form of identification to register to vote but do not require an ID at the polls.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League neither supports nor opposes political parties or individual candidates, but does advocate on issues. LWV of Wyoming employs a full-time lobbyist for the Wyoming Legislature.

In 2012, LWV-WY approved a resolution asking legislators and members of other policy- and law-making bodies to disclose the origins of proposals they sponsor, so the public will be aware of efforts by organizations to guide the proposal or passage of legislation in Wyoming.