

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE February 5 thru 9, 2007
FROM **Paulette Vandegriff, Legislative Action Network**

The Issue Advocates continue to review and comment on bills in their respective areas. Again, thank you to this network of league members willing to assist with reading bills and providing feedback.

On Wednesday, February 7th LWV gave testimony in support on **SB 567-Full-day kindergarten** in the Education and Career Development Committee chaired by Senator Teresa Lubbers. We went prepared to testify in support of **HB 1808-Voting Systems**, Elections & Apportionment Committee, in regard to a verifiable paper trail with electronic voting systems, but was informed prior to the committee meeting that the bill would be stripped with the exception of one sentence related to verifiable paper trail. The bill will be amended to include Ballot by Mail. Thank you to Tami Barreto, LWV of Montgomery County, for her quick response to my request for information about Ballot by Mail. This bill will be heard again on Monday, February 12th.

SB292-Various Election Matters and **SB 293**-Voter Registration are through second hearings and committee reports have passed and are posted.

SB-0194 and **SB-0135** will be heard in the Health & Provider Services Committee on Tuesday, February 14th as will **HB-0138**-Absentee Voting in, Elections & Apportionment Committee.

SJR-0016-Elimination of authority to impose property taxes will be heard on Tuesday, February 13th in Tax & Fiscal Policy.

The General Assembly web site now lists bills alphabetically by subject, by legislator, and House or Senate. The committee schedules are posted.

What you can do:

Let your legislators know LWVIN is in the State House.

Discuss LWVIN legislative priorities with them, especially as bills of interest are being heard and particularly if they are set on a committee hearing our bills.

Report your discussions to the LAN coordinator.

