

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE      February 19 thru 23, 2007  
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The session will recess later this week as bills that pass now change houses. Committee hearings have ended. February 27<sup>th</sup> is the last day for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of House bills in the House. February 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day for Senate to receive House bills and the last day for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Senate bills in the Senate. There are 80 bills and 2 HJR scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the House and 70 bills scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and 13 scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the Senate. The week of March 5<sup>th</sup> will start the process over again. Unfortunately, not many LWVIN priorities made the list.

LWVIN testified in support of **SB0515**, The Great Lakes compact, implementing the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources compact. No vote was taken in committee. The bill will go to a summer study committee(s). Minnesota is the first state to ratify the compact and pass implementing legislation. Remaining states and provinces are in various phases of the process. This is a very complicated piece of legislation and the process is equally complicated.

**SUCCESS: Full Day Kindergarten passed out of the Senate this week and will go on to the House.** This is not settled, funding is still an issue.

**What you can do:**

**Read Erin Kelly's e-mail of Thursday, February 22nd:**  
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**Support HB1808 - Voting Systems**, this covers the verifiable paper trail with electronic voting systems and Vote by Mail.

***Important**, if a league member does not support the LWV position, a member may oppose the position but **must not** use the LWV name in stating his/her opposition to the position.*

Educational Opportunities:  
**Vote by Mail**

(<http://www.sos.state.or.us/executive/CarterBaker.pdf>)

**Election Turnout and Voter ID**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/02/21/us/21voting.html?ex=1172725200&en=521acd84ba5f1c99&ei=5070&emc=eta1>

