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### **AVOID ELECTORAL DYSFUNCTION: BE READY TO VOTE WITH HELP OF THE LEAGUE'S NEW WEBSITE**

Tallahassee, FL -- High interest in this year's election may well be a mismatch with sweeping changes in election law that have tightened voter address rules and reduced early voting days. Changing precinct lines and a ballot of unprecedented length worsen the situation, and the League of Women Voters of Florida sees potential problems ahead on Election Day.

To make sure that every vote counts, the League is urging voters to take action now to ensure that they are eligible and prepared to vote. A new website, [www.BeReadyToVote.org](http://www.BeReadyToVote.org), makes the process easy.

The site is a one-stop shop that allows Floridians to check and update their voter status, register to vote, find their precinct, request an absentee ballot, check on important election dates and deadlines, and be informed about the candidates and issues on the November 6 ballot.

"Voters can prevent Election Day delays and frustration--what we call 'electoral dysfunction'--by being prepared," says League President Deirdre Macnab. "With the high level of enthusiasm and interest we're seeing in this year's election, sharp reductions in early voting days, and a very lengthy ballot, we want to ensure a successful experience for every Florida voter. Even if you're registered, you still should contact your local Supervisor of Elections to check your voter status and update your record if necessary."

Local Supervisors' offices throughout Florida are ready to help citizens prepare to vote.

Macnab adds, "Being confronted by this year's pages-long ballot filled with dense legal amendment language and often-misleading titles can also cause problems for unprepared voters and the voters behind them in line. People really need to know the issues and be ready."

Also available through [www.BeReadyToVote.org](http://www.BeReadyToVote.org) is the League of Women Voters of Florida Education Fund's 2012 Florida Election & Voter Guide, which contains nonpartisan information on the presidential and statewide candidates, constitutional amendments, and Supreme Court justices that will appear on the November 6 ballot.

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