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League of Women Voters of Florida Applauds Governor Scott's Election Reform Recommendations *Looks forward to "getting to work" on these issues as the Session approaches*

Tallahassee, Florida -- **Deirdre Macnab, President of the League of Women Voters of Florida, issued this statement in response to the Governor's release of recommendations for election reform:**

The League of Women Voters of Florida applauds Governor Scott's recent recommendations for election reform. From increasing the number of days for early voting from 8 to 14, allowing local Supervisors of Elections more flexibility in determining early voting locations, and restoring shorter ballot language for voters, these steps are essential to helping us put Florida's elections fiascoes behind us once and for all. It is imperative to not only restore citizens' confidence in our electoral process, but also to show America that Florida can be synonymous with excellence in elections. We applaud the Governor for taking a critical first step, and we now look to the Florida Legislature to do their part to protect our state's democracy.

Prior to the Governor's announcement, the League hosted a call-in news conference at which Professor Daniel A. Smith from the University of Florida presented new research regarding the impact of HB 1355 on the 2012 General Election. Additionally, the League outlined its election reform recommendations and Lee Rowland of NYU's Brennan Center for Justice provided a national perspective on election law and pertinent litigation across the U.S. **To listen to a recording of that call, please dial (605) 475-4895 and use the access code 643895#. When prompted for a reference number, simply dial #.**

Use this link to access an executive summary of Dr. Smith's research, co-authored by Michael C. Herron: [Florida's 2012 General Election Under HB 1355: Early Voting, Provisional Ballots, and Absentee Ballots.](#)

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