

THE INDIANA SUPREME COURT ASSUMES JURISDICTION
OF THE CHALLENGE TO THE VOTER I.D. LAW BY THE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: President of the League of Women Voters of Indiana, Inc., Karen Kay Leonard and President of the League of Women Voters of Indianapolis, Inc., Erin Kelley, issued the following joint statement regarding the grant of transfer today in the League's challenge to the Voter I.D. Law:

"For over a century, the Indiana Supreme Court has stood as a bulwark against attempts to abridge or limit the right to vote, a right firmly enshrined in the Indiana Constitution. Thus, the Court's announcement today that it is assuming jurisdiction over the League's challenge to Indiana's controversial Voter I.D. Law is welcome news both to the League and all who value the fundamental right to vote. We are confident that after Indiana's highest court carefully examines the Voter I.D. Law, it will conclude that the burdens it imposes on otherwise qualified voters who vote in person are not justified by, or reasonably related to, its alleged purpose of preventing fraud. The only recorded cases of voter fraud involve mail-in absentee ballots and these absentee ballot voters do not have to present any kind of proof of identification. It is unjust that in-person voters be required to present government identification if they want their ballot counted. Such a requirement imposes an additional voting qualification not authorized in our state's Constitution."

The League of Women Voters has long supported bi-partisan legislative efforts to assure that Indiana elections are fair and free from fraud or corruption. The League of Women Voters is represented by attorneys Karen Celestino-Horseman and William R. Groth.

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