

AAUW-Appleton Public Policy

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION!

“AAUW is committed to open and fair elections that are broadly accessible to all voters, nonpartisan voter education efforts that will promote equitable political participation and representation in appointed and elected office, and expanding voting rights.”

This statement is clearly outlined in AAUW national policy. And it continues:

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“Our democracy works when everyone can fully participate. Elected officials routinely make decisions about issues that directly impact all of us. From our paychecks to paid leave, access to reproductive health care and access to education, our lives are on the line – and our vote is our voice. To create real change, we must be part of the conversation, and the most powerful way for us to have our say is at the polls. Yet the right to vote has a long and tumultuous history. Protecting that right – the one that many fought long and hard for – continues today as ongoing efforts to suppress the right negates what it means to be a free democracy.”



With this in mind, a **NO VOTE** is being recommended by the League of Women Voter (our Women’s Action Coalition partner) and AAUW-WI on the referendum question on the NOVEMBER BALLOT. This nonpartisan issue has a direct effect on all and literally puts voting rights on the ballot. From the LWV study: **“The change from “every” to “only” is a downgrade to all of our voting rights. The language changes our constitutionally protected voting rights from a guarantee for all citizens to a limitation that could be used to erode our voting rights. In fact lawmakers have already discussed this being a step on the path to further limit our right to vote, including by implementing a proof of citizenship requirement despite knowing that 1 in 10 US citizens don’t have the documents to prove their citizenship.”** (Would we all need to bring birth certificates to the polls? Voters are busy...will they vote if they have to go to their safety deposit boxes and produce this document?)

For further information:

[https://ballotpedia.org/Wisconsin_Citizenship_Voting_Requirement_Amendment_\(2024\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Wisconsin_Citizenship_Voting_Requirement_Amendment_(2024))

<https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/november-2024-constitutional-amendment>

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