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## **League of Women Voters Launch Election Laws Study**

### **SBE Secretary speaks about Election laws**

*League of Women Voters of Virginia Launches Election Laws Study*

Lynchburg, VA – State Board of Elections Secretary Nancy Rodrigues was on hand as the League of Women Voters of Virginia marked another year of service to the Commonwealth at the LWV-VA Council hosted by the Lynchburg LWV on Saturday, May 1, at the Holiday Inn in downtown Lynchburg. Representatives of local Leagues from across Virginia attended the one-day event.

LWV-VA President Olga Hernandez explained that the local Leagues were briefed on the first phase of the two-years study of election laws. She said, “Secretary Rodrigues provided valuable insights during the briefing process. In addition, Secretary Rodrigues’ remarks at the luncheon provided perspective we could get in no other way.” The Secretary noted that during her interview for this appointment, “No one ever mentioned the words ‘battleground state’ ” Her tenure as SBE Secretary ends in 2011..

In addition to celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League of Women Voters this year, the League of Women Voters of Virginia has been celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the women’s suffrage movement in Virginia. Known widely for their voter education efforts, this non-partisan civic group has left its footprint on American history. “We take seriously our legacy of providing trustworthy and balanced resources to citizens and lawmakers,” League President Hernandez said. “We look forward to continuing this work over the next hundred years.” The Lynchburg LWV provided a 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake for the event.

Membership in the League is open to men and women of all ages. According to President Hernandez, “We have members that have been League activists for over 50 years and members who have just joined. What we hear consistently is: an issue brought me to the League and the wonderful people in it keep me coming back for more.”

**For information on the League of Women Voters and upcoming events, or to learn how to become a member of the League of Women Voters, [www.lwv-va.org](http://www.lwv-va.org) or [www.lwv-va.org](http://www.lwv-va.org).**

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