**Summary of Proposed Changes to the Bylaws April 2020**

The board is recommending extensive changes to bylaws, making side by side comparison difficult. Most changes are solely to improve clarity and conform to current LWVUS format and content recommendations. Some content that was previously included in our handbook, has been added to the bylaws, put does not represent a change in LWV ABC practices.

The board is recommending a substantive change to the composition of the LWV ABC board of directors. Please review Article V.

**Article I** – Required by LWVUS

**Article II** – Required by LWVUS – DEI policy language required since 2020 National Convention

**Article III – Membership**

3.1 and 3.2 Required by LWVUS, 3.3 to 3.10 are from existing bylaws and practice

**Change** – Changes start of membership year to May 1 to make sure all members are in paid status and thus eligible to vote at the Annual Membership Meeting. Renewal membership dues should continue to be paid in the month of April to maintain current membership

**Article IV** - **Officers** (Previous Article VII)

**Added** – LWVUS recommendations of job duties and election year added – no change to current practice

**Article V – Board** (Previous Article V and VI)

 **Changes**

5.1Reduces size of boardto electedOfficers and Committee Chairs plus 2 appointed Emeritus Directors (previously called Members at Large). Clarifies that if there are elected co-chairs or co-officers, both are board members

5.2 Clarifies Emeritus Directors

5.3 Adds current policy regarding election year. Adds current board policy of allowing committee chairs to have a designee represent them on the board

5.8 Adds requirement to have board agendas available for all members and that all members may attend and participate in board meetings (both are current practice)

5.12 Changes quorum to 2 officers and 3 committee chairs

**Article VI Membership Meetings** (Previous Article IV)

 **Change**

 6.5 Quorum is required to continue to conduct business

**Article VII Elections and Nominations**

 New article based on LWVUS recommendations and clarification of our current practice

**Article VIII Program**

 New article based on LWVUS recommendations and bylaw committee recommendation

**Article IX Financial**

 New article based on LWVUS recommendations

**Article X Parliamentary Authority**

 New article based on LWVUS recommendations

**Article XI Bylaws** (Previous Article VIII)

 **Change**

 Bylaws amendment requires 2/3 vote - based on LWVUS recommendations