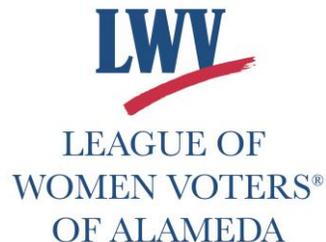


**The primary mission of the League of Women Voters has always been to register and educate citizens in the voting process.**

Low voter registration and turnout among youth has been a particular problem. This spurred research based on the belief that registering seniors before they left high school could improve their voting behavior.

Enlightened Secretaries of State have devised ways to pre-register 17 year-olds who would turn 18 before the next general election. The preliminary registration is automatically transferred to the active file upon the youth's birthday. Once in the active file, the youth gets regular information about elections from the Registrar of Voters. This procedure has been adopted by a dozen states now, and shows an improvement in youth voting in those states.



## LWVA Voter Outreach to Youth

League members will pre-register 17-year olds. We will stage a registration day on each high school campus in Alameda. LWVA will supply volunteers and voter materials. The Registrar of Voters (ROV) will supply "Mock Election" equipment and other materials. The ROV will also solicit students to act as poll workers in 2016.

"Pre-registration" is allowed in many states, and youth who register this way vote at higher rates.

The below report shows AB 30's history.

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS APPAUD APPROVAL OF AB 30.

Los Angeles County Young Democrats (LACYD), one of the state's largest young professional political associations, today applauded Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for signing Assembly Bill 30 into law. AB 30, authored by Senator Curren Price Jr., will increase the number of registered voters in California by allowing 17-year olds to "pre-register" to vote.

"We are thrilled that after two years of hard work by Senator Price's staff and young Democrats across the state, this bill will become law," stated Katherine Hennigan, LACYD president. "LACYD is a proud supporter of efforts such as AB 30, which seek to improve our democracy by increasing the number of registered voters in California."

AB 30 will allow 17-year olds who meet all voter eligibility requirements (other than age) to "pre-register" to vote. When the pre-registered teenagers turn 18, they will be automatically added to the ranks of the registered voters in California. It should be noted, however, that students may claim any party affiliation and that this effort is to register all eligible 17 year olds to vote.

## Youth Voting Project

Spring: The ROV and LWVA will present a workshop for local High School students enrolled in civics class. The purpose is for students to form lifelong habits of voting through learning to access and understand the voting process.

Goal: Develop the ability to become an independent and knowledgeable voter with skills to ensure lifelong voting habits.

### Objectives:

1. Students can access the Secretary of State (SOS) web site to register to vote, and change name, residency, or party status.
2. Students will know about voting law requirements and changes during election cycles by using the SOS site.
3. Students can find their polling place, and the names of and information about local candidates by using the Voter's Edge website.
4. Students can access state and local propositions, and their Pros and Cons during election cycles. This includes finding out who supports or opposes propositions, reading official arguments (for and against), and reviewing any legislative analysis on Voter's Edge.

## Execute the Project

1. Secure approval of the Director of Instruction or Superintendent, and present plan to the Board.
2. Contact the Registrar of Voters (ROV) to coordinate presentation dates.
3. Contact principals of each school and secure the contacts with the civics teachers. Give the goals and objectives to the teacher, and ask for 40-50 minutes or a class period.
4. Location should be a computer lab or classroom with school tablets or student computers. Allow students time to access on-line sites.
5. Divide the presentation into two sessions that last 20-30 minutes.
  - a. Demonstrate the Secretary of State or local ROV website to show how to register online. Explain the registration form, how to fill it out, and why they must re-register upon moving, name change or party affiliation change.
  - b. Access Voter's Edge (California) site and walk through its links to show students how to access info about candidates/ballot measures.

## LWVA in the Classroom



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